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Session 1: Word List

bottleneck

n. a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry

synonym : blockage, obstacle, barrier

(1) performance **bottleneck**, (2) **bottleneck** in production

Memory bandwidth is a significant **bottleneck** in this computational simulation.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure

stags.

hurdle

n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

synonym : obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome **hurdles**, (2) **hurdle** race

The company faced several **hurdles** in the development of its new product.

payoff

n. the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk

synonym : reward, compensation, return

(1) financial **payoff**, (2) emotional **payoff**

The **payoff** for all my hard work was finally getting a promotion.

backlog

n. a buildup of tasks or work that has accumulated over time and needs to be completed; a reserve of goods or materials that have not been processed or distributed yet

synonym : accumulation, pile-up, logjam

(1) **backlog** of work, (2) data **backlog**

The company needed help to keep up with the **backlog** of orders.

preclinical

adj. of or relating to the early phases of a disease when an accurate diagnosis is not possible because symptoms of the disease have not yet appeared; of or relating to the first stage of a medical education

(1) **preclinical** diagnosis, (2) **preclinical** safety evaluation

The doctor suspected that the patient was in the **preclinical** stage of Alzheimer's disease.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work

late into the night.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**
Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

liquidate

v. to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely

synonym: sell off, close down, dispose of

(1) **liquidate** debt, (2) **liquidate** a company

The company had to **liquidate** its assets due to bankruptcy.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ba____g of work *n.* a buildup of tasks or work that has accumulated over time and needs to be completed; a reserve of goods or materials that have not been processed or distributed yet
2. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
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4. ind____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
5. financial pa____f *n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk
6. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
7. environmental det____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
8. ind____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
9. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 1. backlog, 2. motto, 3. confer, 4. industrious, 5. payoff, 6. doe, 7. determinant, 8. industrious, 9. creditor

10. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
11. li_____te a company *v.* to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely
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ANSWERS: 10. motto, 11. liquidate, 12. philanthropy, 13. liquidate, 14. hurdle, 15. hurdle, 16. backlog, 17. philanthropy, 18. payoff, 19. confer, 20. bottleneck

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ANSWERS: 21. creditor, 22. doe, 23. determinant, 24. preclinical, 25. bottleneck, 26. preclinical

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 8. payoff, 9. liquidate, 10. preclinical, 11. creditor, 12. confer, 13. philanthropy