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Session 1: Word List

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.

decidedly

adv. in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
synonym : definitely, absolutely, positively
(1) **decidedly** unfriendly, (2) **decidedly** different
She was **decidedly** unimpressed with his latest attempt at a joke.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
synonym : wire, amaze, astonish
(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process
The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

blackout

n. a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness

synonym: outage, failure, knockout

(1) media **blackout**, (2) memory **blackout**

The nationwide **blackout** caused widespread power outages and disrupted daily life.

inconvenient

adj. causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

synonym: troublesome, difficult, awkward

(1) face an **inconvenient** truth, (2) **inconvenient** for shopping

It was **inconvenient** for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

suasion

n. the act of persuading or influencing someone to do something, usually through argument, reasoning, or appeal

synonym: persuasion, influence, coercion

(1) religious **suasion**, (2) **suasion** of influence

The politician used her powers of **suasion** to convince the committee to approve her proposal.

thermostat

n. a device that automatically regulates temperature by controlling the heating or cooling system based on the temperature in a room or building

synonym: thermoregulator, climate control

(1) **thermostat** settings, (2) smart **thermostat**

The digital **thermostat** has a programmable feature, and it can be controlled through your smartphone.

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.

wheelbarrow

n. a hand-operated cart with a single wheel in front and two supporting legs behind, used for carrying small loads over short distances

synonym : cart, handcart, trolley

(1) empty the **wheelbarrow**, (2) **wheelbarrow** tire

I loaded up the **wheelbarrow** with dirt and hauled it to the backyard.

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.

inefficient

adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

synonym : ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

dashboard

n. a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview

synonym : control panel

(1) auto **dashboard**, (2) business **dashboard**

He noticed that the oil warning light on the **dashboard** of his car had turned on.

tickle

v. to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh

synonym : titillate, make laugh

(1) **tickle** his ribs, (2) **tickle** her vanity

These models explain why you can't **tickle** yourself.

Session 2: Spelling

1. empty the whe_____ow
n. a hand-operated cart with a single wheel in front and two supporting legs behind, used for carrying small loads over short distances
2. religious su_____n
n. the act of persuading or influencing someone to do something, usually through argument, reasoning, or appeal
3. the wel_____ng of a nation
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
4. ov_____ok a street
v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
5. memory bl_____ut
n. a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness
6. ti_____e her vanity
v. to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
7. the_____at settings
n. a device that automatically regulates temperature by controlling the heating or cooling system based on the temperature in a room or building
8. ine_____nt management
adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
9. ind_____us student
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 1. wheelbarrow, 2. suasion, 3. well-being, 4. overlook, 5. blackout, 6. tickle, 7. thermostat, 8. inefficient, 9. industrious

10. smart the_____at *n.* a device that automatically regulates temperature by controlling the heating or cooling system based on the temperature in a room or building
11. de_____ly different *adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
12. media bl_____ut *n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness
13. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
14. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
15. business da_____rd *n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
16. inc_____ent for shopping *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
17. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
18. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 10. thermostat, 11. decidedly, 12. blackout, 13. motto, 14. electrify, 15. dashboard, 16. inconvenient, 17. well-being, 18. creditor

19. face an inc_____ent truth *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
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26. ti___e his ribs *v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
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28. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 19. inconvenient, 20. suasion, 21. dashboard, 22. creditor, 23. motto, 24. inefficient, 25. decidedly, 26. tickle, 27. overlook, 28. industrious

29. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
30. whe_____ow tire *n.* a hand-operated cart with a single wheel in front and two supporting legs behind, used for carrying small loads over short distances

ANSWERS: 29. electrify, 30. wheelbarrow

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
 - v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

2. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
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3. The nationwide _____ caused widespread power outages and disrupted daily life.
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4. These models explain why you can't _____ yourself.
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6. The system is still so _____ that it is useless.
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8. The digital _____ has a programmable feature, and it can be controlled through your smartphone.
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