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Session 1: Word List

tether

- v.* to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (noun) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog

synonym : tie, fasten, secure

(1) **tether** a horse, (2) **tether** strap

The hiker **tethered** their dog to a tree while they camped for the night.

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.

sphinx

- n.* a mythical creature with the head of a human and the body of a lion, known for its riddle-posing and guarding ancient treasures

(1) **sphinx** statue, (2) **sphinx** riddle

The Great **Sphinx** is a famous statue with a human's head and a lion's body.

panorama

n. an unobstructed and wide view of an area or surrounding, typically seen from a high point or distance; a comprehensive or panoramic survey or presentation of a subject or topic

synonym: view, vista, landscape

(1) 360-degree **panorama**, (2) stunning **panorama**

The top of the hill offered a breathtaking **panorama** of the city below.

insignificant

adj. of little importance, influence, or power

synonym: unimportant, trivial, irrelevant

(1) **insignificant** amount, (2) an **insignificant** mistake

He made me feel small and **insignificant**.

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.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

defuse

v. to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved

synonym: calm, reduce, deactivate

(1) **defuse** a crisis, (2) **defuse** a bomb

The negotiator skillfully **defused** the tense situation with calm words and gestures.

quadcopter

n. a type of drone that is driven by four rotors, which enable vertical takeoff and landing, hovering, and agile movement in multiple directions

synonym: drone, multicopter, aerial vehicle

(1) **quadcopter** camera, (2) DIY **quadcopter** kit

The **quadcopter** drone can take aerial photographs from a great height.

leash

n. a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions

synonym: tether, lead, restraint

(1) dog **leash**, (2) walk on a **leash**

Make sure to put the **leash** on your dog before walking.

Session 2: Spelling

1. the mo__o for safe traffic
n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
2. hu___e race
n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
3. de___e a bomb
v. to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved
4. sp___x statue
n. a mythical creature with the head of a human and the body of a lion, known for its riddle-posing and guarding ancient treasures
5. sp___x riddle
n. a mythical creature with the head of a human and the body of a lion, known for its riddle-posing and guarding ancient treasures
6. ins_____ant amount
adj. of little importance, influence, or power
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8. DIY qua_____er kit
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ANSWERS: 1. motto, 2. hurdle, 3. defuse, 4. sphinx, 5. sphinx, 6. insignificant, 7. defuse, 8. quadcopter

9. stunning pa____ma *n.* an unobstructed and wide view of an area or surrounding, typically seen from a high point or distance; a comprehensive or panoramic survey or presentation of a subject or topic
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12. dr__e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
13. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
14. overcome hu___es *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
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ANSWERS: 9. panorama, 10. motto, 11. insignificant, 12. drone, 13. smartphone, 14. hurdle, 15. leash, 16. panorama, 17. tether

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21. dog le__h *n.* a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions
22. the speaker's dr__e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

ANSWERS: 18. smartphone, 19. quadcopter, 20. tether, 21. leash, 22. drone

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 1. defused, 2. insignificant, 3. quadcopter, 4. hurdles, 5. drone, 6. panorama, 7. leash

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11. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
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ANSWERS: 8. smartphones, 9. Sphinx, 10. tethered, 11. motto