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Session 1: Word List

subordinate

adj. of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else

synonym: inferior, secondary, subservient

(1) **subordinate** position, (2) **subordinate** role

The CEO's **subordinate** employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.

nimble

adj. quick and light in movement or action

synonym: agile, quick, flexible

(1) **nimble** handling, (2) **nimble-minded** person

His **nimble** movements allowed him to navigate the crowded streets with ease.

acronym

n. a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

synonym: abbreviation, initialism, shortcut

(1) **acronym** definition, (2) use an **acronym**

RADAR is an **acronym** for radio detection and ranging.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
synonym : unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym : rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

roam

v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

synonym : wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

appall

v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay

synonym : shock, disgust, dismay

(1) **appall** the tourists, (2) **appall** me

The news of the massacre **appalled** the entire nation.

heroine

n. a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film

synonym : protagonist

(1) medieval **heroine**, (2) tragic **heroine**

The brave **heroine** rescued the prince from the dragon's lair.

waitlist

n. a list of people who have requested or applied for something, such as admission to a school or a reservation at a restaurant, but are not yet able to be accommodated or granted access due to limited capacity or availability

synonym : waiting list, standby list, reservation

(1) **waitlist** for a restaurant, (2) medical **waitlist**

There is a long **waitlist** for popular classes at the gym.

militant

n. willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal

synonym : combative, aggressive, bellicose

(1) **militant** nations, (2) a **militant** reformer

The **militant** group launched a series of attacks on government buildings.

vigilant

adj. keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

synonym : watchful, attentive, alert

(1) **vigilant** watch, (2) **vigilant** about hand-washing

The guards had to remain **vigilant** to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ac____m definition
n. a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
2. un____l opportunity
adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
3. r__m freely
v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
4. ni___e-minded person
adj. quick and light in movement or action
5. wa_____st for a restaurant
n. a list of people who have requested or applied for something, such as admission to a school or a reservation at a restaurant, but are not yet able to be accommodated or granted access due to limited capacity or availability
6. a mi_____nt reformer
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7. use an ac____m
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8. vi_____nt watch
adj. keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
9. tragic he_____e
n. a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film

ANSWERS: 1. acronym, 2. unequal, 3. roam, 4. nimble, 5. waitlist, 6. militant, 7. acronym, 8. vigilant, 9. heroine

10. ap___l me *v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
11. un____l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
12. ap___l the tourists *v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
13. r__m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
14. sub_____te position *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
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18. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
19. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
20. vi_____nt about hand-washing *adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

ANSWERS: 10. appall, 11. unequal, 12. appall, 13. roam, 14. subordinate, 15. militant, 16. waitlist, 17. heroine, 18. prioritize, 19. prioritize, 20. vigilant

21. ni___e handling

adj. quick and light in movement or action

22. sub_____te role

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ANSWERS: 21. nimble, 22. subordinate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 1. nimble, 2. vigilant, 3. acronym, 4. heroine, 5. appalled, 6. subordinate, 7. waitlist

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ANSWERS: 8. roam, 9. militant, 10. unequal, 11. prioritized