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Session 1: Word List

abolish

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to
synonym: cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship

The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

fiat

n. a formal authorization or order, typically given by a government, institution, or other authority figures; a decree or edict

synonym: decree, order, command

(1) **fiat** currency, (2) **fiat** agreement

The car manufacturer announced a new **fiat** model that will be released next year.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym: upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

treasury

n. the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

synonym : coffer, exchequer, bank

(1) **treasury** bonds, (2) **treasury** money

The protracted war nearly depleted the country's **treasury**.

vicissitude

n. a change or variation in circumstances or fortune, often characterized by ups and downs, fluctuations, or unexpected shifts; a succession of changing or alternating events or conditions

synonym : change, fluctuation, variation

(1) navigate the **vicissitudes**, (2) overcome **vicissitudes**

After many **vicissitudes**, she finally achieved her dream of becoming a successful author.

deflation

n. a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something

synonym : contraction, recession, shrinkage

(1) anti- **deflation** policies, (2) **deflation** of the lung

The economy is experiencing severe **deflation**.

overconsumption

n. the act of consuming too much of something, or the condition of consuming more than is necessary or advisable

(1) age of **overconsumption**, (2) **overconsumption** of alcohol

Overconsumption of sugar can contribute to obesity.

hoard

v. to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly;
(noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use

synonym : stockpile, accumulation, stash

(1) **hoard** my possessions, (2) plutonium **hoard**

They **hoarded** a common secret instead of sharing it.

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.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

Session 2: Spelling

1. navigate the vic_____des *n.* a change or variation in circumstances or fortune, often characterized by ups and downs, fluctuations, or unexpected shifts; a succession of changing or alternating events or conditions
2. ove_____ion of alcohol *n.* the act of consuming too much of something, or the condition of consuming more than is necessary or advisable
3. plutonium ho__d *v.* to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use
4. overcome vic_____des *n.* a change or variation in circumstances or fortune, often characterized by ups and downs, fluctuations, or unexpected shifts; a succession of changing or alternating events or conditions
5. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
6. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
7. ho__d my possessions *v.* to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use

ANSWERS: 1. vicissitude, 2. overconsumption, 3. hoard, 4. vicissitude, 5. disrupt, 6. disrupt, 7. hoard

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| 8. ab____h slavery | <i>v.</i> | to do away with completely; to put an end to |
| 9. tr____ry money | <i>n.</i> | the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual |
| 10. Se____e Finance Committee | <i>n.</i> | a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament |
| 11. de_____on of the lung | <i>n.</i> | a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something |
| 12. f__t agreement | <i>n.</i> | a formal authorization or order, typically given by a government, institution, or other authority figures; a decree or edict |
| 13. age of ove_____ion | <i>n.</i> | the act of consuming too much of something, or the condition of consuming more than is necessary or advisable |
| 14. Se____e hearing | <i>n.</i> | a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament |
| 15. a det_____nt of crop yields | <i>n.</i> | a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 16. ab____h censorship | <i>v.</i> | to do away with completely; to put an end to |
| 17. tr____ry bonds | <i>n.</i> | the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual |
| 18. f__t currency | <i>n.</i> | a formal authorization or order, typically given by a government, institution, or other authority figures; a decree or edict |

ANSWERS: 8. abolish, 9. treasury, 10. Senate, 11. deflation, 12. fiat, 13. overconsumption, 14. Senate, 15. determinant, 16. abolish, 17. treasury, 18. fiat

19. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
20. anti-de_____on policies *n.* a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something

ANSWERS: 19. determinant, 20. deflation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The economy is experiencing severe _____.
n. a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something

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3. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
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4. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
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5. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
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6. After many _____ she finally achieved her dream of becoming a successful author.
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7. The protracted war nearly depleted the country's _____.
n. the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

ANSWERS: 1. deflation, 2. hoarded, 3. disrupt, 4. determinant, 5. Senate, 6. vicissitudes, 7. treasury

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ANSWERS: 8. fiat, 9. abolish, 10. Overconsumption