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Session 1: Word List

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.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

disbeliever

n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

synonym: non-believer, skeptic, doubter

(1) persuade a **disbeliever**, (2) stubborn **disbeliever**
Despite the evidence, she remained a **disbeliever** in the theory of evolution.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

deprive

v. to take away something from someone

synonym: deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status
He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

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.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life
They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

mortar

n. a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances

synonym: howitzer, cement mixer, masonry tool

(1) **mortar** joints, (2) apply **mortar**
The bricklayer started on the second course of bricks, laying them in fresh **mortar**.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

chancellor

n. a senior official or administrator, particularly in a university or government; the person who is the head of the government in some European countries, such as Germany

synonym: official, administrator, head

(1) **Chancellor** of the Exchequer, (2) associate **chancellor**

The **chancellor** of the university made an important announcement regarding the budget.

pedagogy

n. the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession

synonym: teaching, instruction, education

(1) modern **pedagogy**, (2) student-centered **pedagogy**

The teacher's innovative **pedagogy** helped her students learn in fun and engaging way.

moreover

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

synonym: furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

accredit

v. to give official recognition or approval to an individual, organization, or educational institution; to attribute something to a particular source or cause

synonym : authorize, endorse, validate

(1) **accredit** certification organizations, (2) **accredit** a course

The university will **accredit** the new college if it meets its standards.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ac____it certification organizations | v. | to give official recognition or approval to an individual, organization, or educational institution; to attribute something to a particular source or cause |
| 2. company mo__o | n. | a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal |
| 3. have a si____g quarrel | n. | a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents |
| 4. act of gen____ty | n. | the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely |
| 5. an op____ne remark | adj. | suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 6. conduct fi____nd research | adv. | from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source |
| 7. the mo__o for safe traffic | n. | a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal |
| 8. in____ct a computer | v. | to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something |
| 9. in____ct a student | v. | to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something |
| 10. de____e others of profit | v. | to take away something from someone |

ANSWERS: 1. accredit, 2. motto, 3. sibling, 4. generosity, 5. opportune, 6. firsthand, 7. motto, 8. instruct, 9. instruct, 10. deprive

11. 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
12. de_____e him of his status *v.* to take away something from someone
13. mo_____er, she decided to go *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
14. boundless gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
15. Cha_____or of the Exchequer *n.* a senior official or administrator, particularly in a university or government; the person who is the head of the government in some European countries, such as Germany
16. 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
17. stubborn dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
18. persuade a dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
19. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
20. apply mo____r *n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances

ANSWERS: 11. disrupt, 12. deprive, 13. moreover, 14. generosity, 15. chancellor, 16. disrupt, 17. disbeliever, 18. disbeliever, 19. reinvent, 20. mortar

21. associate cha_____or
n. a senior official or administrator, particularly in a university or government; the person who is the head of the government in some European countries, such as Germany
22. ac_____it a course
v. to give official recognition or approval to an individual, organization, or educational institution; to attribute something to a particular source or cause
23. re_____nt our life
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
24. hear customer's voices fi_____nd
adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
25. play with my si_____gs
n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
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27. but mo_____er, they work well together
adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
28. student-centered pe_____gy
n. the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession
29. modern pe_____gy
n. the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession

ANSWERS: 21. chancellor, 22. accredit, 23. reinvent, 24. firsthand, 25. sibling, 26. mortar, 27. moreover, 28. pedagogy, 29. pedagogy

30. op_____ne occasion

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 30. opportune

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Despite the evidence, she remained a _____ in the theory of evolution.
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n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
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4. He is remembered for his _____ and civilization.
n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
5. The company is environmentally conscious, and _____ it uses sustainable materials in its products.
adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
6. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
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7. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
8. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
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ANSWERS: 9. reinvent, 10. chancellor, 11. pedagogy, 12. deprived, 13. instructed, 14. accredit, 15. mortar

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