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Session 1: Word List

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

groundwater

n. water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock

synonym : aquifer, well water, underground water

(1) **groundwater** supply, (2) contaminated **groundwater**

The town's main source of water is natural **groundwater**.

effortless

adj. requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish

synonym : easy, simple, uncomplicated

(1) **effortless** victory, (2) **effortless** beauty

The dancer made her performance look **effortless** and graceful.

acumen

n. the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters

synonym : keenness, insight, sagacity

(1) critical **acumen**, (2) financial **acumen**

His business **acumen** helped him make intelligent investments and grow his portfolio quickly.

deforest

v. to clear an area of forest or trees

synonym: clear-cut, strip, denude

(1) **deforest** a mountain, (2) **deforest** millions of acres

The company planned to **deforest** a large rainforest area to make way for a new plantation.

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.

multilayer

n. something that consists of multiple layers or levels

synonym: lamination, layering, strata

(1) **multilayer** alloy, (2) **multilayer** film

A cake with a **multilayer** filling is a delicious treat.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

husk

n. the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel

synonym: shell, covering, outer layer

(1) **husk** removal, (2) seed **husk**

The **husk** of the coconut was removed to reveal the fruit inside.

evaporate

v. to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually

synonym : vaporize, disappear, vanish

(1) **evaporate** the water, (2) **evaporate** almost overnight
The sun will **evaporate** the mist.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**
He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

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**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. sma_____ne app developer | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |
| 2. contaminated gro_____er | <i>n.</i> water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock |
| 3. de____st a mountain | <i>v.</i> to clear an area of forest or trees |
| 4. critical ac____n | <i>n.</i> the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters |
| 5. mul_____er film | <i>n.</i> something that consists of multiple layers or levels |
| 6. ind_____us student | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 7. ind_____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 8. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization | <i>n.</i> a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface |
| 9. financial ac____n | <i>n.</i> the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters |
| 10. ev_____te almost overnight | <i>v.</i> to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually |
| 11. h__k removal | <i>n.</i> the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel |

ANSWERS: 1. smartphone, 2. groundwater, 3. deforest, 4. acumen, 5. multilayer, 6. industrious, 7. industrious, 8. footprint, 9. acumen, 10. evaporate, 11. husk

12. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
13. eff_____ss beauty *adj.* requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
14. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
15. seed h__k *n.* the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel
16. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
17. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
18. de_____st millions of acres *v.* to clear an area of forest or trees
19. eff_____ss victory *adj.* requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
20. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
21. gro_____er supply *n.* water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock
22. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
23. mul_____er alloy *n.* something that consists of multiple layers or levels
24. ev_____te the water *v.* to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually

ANSWERS: 12. fascinate, 13. effortless, 14. footprint, 15. husk, 16. improvisation, 17. smartphone, 18. deforest, 19. effortless, 20. improvisation, 21. groundwater, 22. fascinate, 23. multilayer, 24. evaporate

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The magic tricks _____ the children.
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8. The dancer made her performance look _____ and graceful.
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9. The _____ of the coconut was removed to reveal the fruit inside.
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ANSWERS: 1. fascinated, 2. industrious, 3. improvisation, 4. multilayer, 5. evaporate, 6. footprint, 7. groundwater, 8. effortless, 9. husk

10. The company planned to _____ a large rainforest area to make way for a new plantation.
- v.* to clear an area of forest or trees
11. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
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12. His business _____ helped him make intelligent investments and grow his portfolio quickly.
- n.* the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters

ANSWERS: 10. deforest, 11. smartphones, 12. acumen