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Session 1: Word List

gymnast

n. a person who performs physical exercises or feats of agility, strength, balance, and coordination, often for sport or entertainment

synonym: acrobat, tumbler, contortionist

(1) talented **gymnast**, (2) female **gymnast**

The Olympic **gymnast** performed a flawless routine on the balance beam and received a perfect ten score.

revamp

v. to give something a new and improved form or appearance; to renovate or modernize

synonym: renovate, update, modernize

(1) **revamp** my home decor, (2) **revamp** strategy

The company decided to **revamp** its website to attract more customers.

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**.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

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.

tripod

n. a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment

synonym : three-legged stand, three-legged base, three-legged support

(1) **tripod** mic stand, (2) **tripod** mount

The photographer set up his camera on a **tripod** to take the shot.

perch

v. to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

synonym : sit, roost, squat

(1) **perch** on a ledge, (2) **perch** of a bird of prey

The bird **perched** on the branch, watching the world below.

peek

n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

synonym : glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

facet

n. one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something

synonym : aspect, side, angle

(1) **facet** to a question, (2) important **facet**

The different **facets** of his personality make him a complex individual.

exemplify

v. to serve as a typical example of something

synonym : illustrate, show, demonstrate

(1) **exemplify** the importance, (2) **exemplify** the solution

The example of a successful startup serves to **exemplify** the potential of the industry.

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.

phenomenal

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

synonym : extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ex_____fy the solution | <i>v.</i> to serve as a typical example of something |
| 2. modern pe_____gy | <i>n.</i> the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession |
| 3. d_e rabbit | <i>n.</i> a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit |
| 4. ex___e the crowd | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 5. p__k at others' misfortune | <i>n.</i> a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something |
| 6. ex_____fy the importance | <i>v.</i> to serve as a typical example of something |
| 7. re___p strategy | <i>v.</i> to give something a new and improved form or appearance; to renovate or modernize |
| 8. important fa__t | <i>n.</i> one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something |
| 9. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 10. environmental det_____nt | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |

ANSWERS: 1. exemplify, 2. pedagogy, 3. doe, 4. excite, 5. peek, 6. exemplify, 7. revamp, 8. facet, 9. opportune, 10. determinant

11. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
12. female gy____t *n.* a person who performs physical exercises or feats of agility, strength, balance, and coordination, often for sport or entertainment
13. tr___d mount *n.* a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment
14. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
15. student-centered pe____gy *n.* the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession
16. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
17. phe_____al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
18. re___p my home decor *v.* to give something a new and improved form or appearance; to renovate or modernize
19. pe__h of a bird of prey *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

ANSWERS: 11. excite, 12. gymnast, 13. tripod, 14. doe, 15. pedagogy, 16. improvisation, 17. phenomenal, 18. revamp, 19. perch

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ANSWERS: 20. facet, 21. determinant, 22. improvisation, 23. opportune, 24. phenomenal, 25. peek, 26. tripod, 27. gymnast, 28. perch

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 1. phenomenal, 2. peek, 3. doe, 4. gymnast, 5. determinant, 6. facets, 7. tripod

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ANSWERS: 8. perched, 9. revamp, 10. improvisation, 11. exemplify, 12. opportune, 13. excited, 14. pedagogy

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