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Session 1: Word List

deport

v. to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime

synonym: expel, banish, repatriate

(1) **deport** a refugee, (2) **deport** dissidents from the party

The government has decided to **deport** illegal immigrants back to their home countries.

yak

v. to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool

synonym: chatter, cackle

(1) domestic **yak**, (2) sit and **yak** about life

The friends met at the local pub every Friday to **yak** about their week.

hitchhike

v. to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle

synonym: thumb a ride, bum a ride

(1) **hitchhike** a ride, (2) **hitchhike** across the country

She had to **hitchhike** to the nearest gas station when her car broke down.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym: interlink, complect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

mystic

adj. having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension

synonym: secret, mystical, supernatural

(1) **mystic** teaching, (2) medieval **mystic**

He is interested in the **mystic** rites of that religion.

mosque

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

nomad

n. a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode

synonym : wanderer, traveler, rover

(1) **nomad** worker, (2) **nomad** culture

The **nomad** tribe moved from place to place with its herd of sheep.

prostitute

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym : hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**

She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

burqa

n. a loose, enveloping outer garment worn by some Muslim women, particularly in Afghanistan and other conservative societies, covering the entire body, including the face, with a mesh screen for the eyes

synonym : veil, niqab, chador

(1) traditional **burqa**, (2) Islamic **burqa**

The woman in the bright blue **burqa** stood out in the crowd.

scorpion

n. a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting

synonym : arachnid, stinger

(1) **scorpion** fish, (2) poisonous **scorpion**

The **scorpion's** venom can be lethal to humans.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. hi_____ke a ride | <i>v.</i> to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle |
| 2. me_____al chemistry | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |
| 3. baseless pre_____on | <i>n.</i> the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition |
| 4. Islamic bu__a | <i>n.</i> a loose, enveloping outer garment worn by some Muslim women, particularly in Afghanistan and other conservative societies, covering the entire body, including the face, with a mesh screen for the eyes |
| 5. directly int_____ect with those systems | <i>v.</i> to connect similar things |
| 6. pro_____te street | <i>n.</i> a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment |
| 7. no__d culture | <i>n.</i> a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode |
| 8. the sacred mo____e | <i>n.</i> a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies) |

ANSWERS: 1. hitchhike, 2. medicinal, 3. pretension, 4. burqa, 5. interconnect, 6. prostitute, 7. nomad, 8. mosque

9. medieval my___c *adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension
10. no__d worker *n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
11. domed mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
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14. de___t dissidents from the party *v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
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17. a male pro_____te *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
18. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 8. yak, 9. burqa, 10. medicinal, 11. Mosque, 12. mystic