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Session 1: Word List

conceptualization

n. the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations

synonym: conception, formulation, thought

(1) **conceptualization** of a problem, (2) the **conceptualization** of the sculpture

The **conceptualization** of the project took several weeks to complete.

preposterous

adj. absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense

synonym: ridiculous, absurd, nonsensical

(1) **preposterous** claim, (2) **preposterous** price

The idea that aliens built the pyramids is **preposterous**.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

someplace

adv. somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location

synonym : somewhere, anywhere, wherever

(1) from **someplace** deep inside, (2) **someplace** quiet
Let's go **someplace** new and try something we have not done before.

wrench

v. to pull or twist something suddenly or violently

synonym : twist, turn, bend

(1) **wrench** off the lock, (2) **wrench** my back

A deep sigh was **wrenched** from his chest.

landslide

n. a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope

synonym : avalanche, mudslide, rockfall

(1) **landslide** victory, (2) prevent a **landslide**

The massive **landslide** buried the small village under a thick layer of rock and dirt.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym : agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

uninhabited

adj. not able to be lived in by humans or animals; devoid of human or animal life

synonym : deserted, abandoned, vacant

(1) **uninhabited** region, (2) **uninhabited** house

The remote island is **uninhabited** and has no permanent residents.

applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym: clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra

I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

politely

adv. in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others

synonym: courteously, respectfully, graciously

(1) **politely** ask, (2) nodded **politely**

She **politely** declined the invitation to the party, saying she had other plans.

distrust

n. a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something

synonym: suspicion, doubt, misgiving

(1) **distrust** in politics, (2) growing **distrust**

The employee's consistent tardiness and lack of accountability made her coworkers develop **distrust** in her abilities.

reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym: reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

Session 2: Spelling

1. po____ly ask
adv. in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
2. wr____h my back
v. to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
3. di____b his sleep
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
4. prevent a la____de
n. a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope
5. so____ce quiet
adv. somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
6. nodded po____ly
adv. in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
7. wr____h off the lock
v. to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
8. growing di____st
n. a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
9. di____b the peace
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
10. ap____d his courage
v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
11. pre____ous claim
adj. absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense
12. di____st in politics
n. a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something

ANSWERS: 1. politely, 2. wrench, 3. disturb, 4. landslide, 5. someplace, 6. politely, 7. wrench, 8. distrust, 9. disturb, 10. applaud, 11. preposterous, 12. distrust

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| 13. di_____ct attention from the real issue | <i>v.</i> | to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do |
| 14. co____r honor | <i>v.</i> | to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something |
| 15. la_____de victory | <i>n.</i> | a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope |
| 16. from so_____ce deep inside | <i>adv.</i> | somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location |
| 17. di_____ct public opinion | <i>v.</i> | to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do |
| 18. uni_____ed region | <i>adj.</i> | not able to be lived in by humans or animals; devoid of human or animal life |
| 19. con_____ion of a problem | <i>n.</i> | the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations |
| 20. re_____e after five years | <i>v.</i> | to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation |
| 21. co____r degree | <i>v.</i> | to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something |
| 22. the con_____ion of the sculpture | <i>n.</i> | the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations |
| 23. uni_____ed house | <i>adj.</i> | not able to be lived in by humans or animals; devoid of human or animal life |

ANSWERS: 13. distract, 14. confer, 15. landslide, 16. someplace, 17. distract, 18. uninhabited, 19. conceptualization, 20. reunite, 21. confer, 22. conceptualization, 23. uninhabited

24. pre_____ous price

adj. absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense

25. re_____e with my friend

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

26. ap_____d the orchestra

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

ANSWERS: 24. preposterous, 25. reunite, 26. applaud

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The band will _____ only for this show.
v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
2. I enthusiastically _____ my rival's achievement.
v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
3. She _____ declined the invitation to the party, saying she had other plans.
adv. in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
4. The _____ of the project took several weeks to complete.
n. the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations
5. The employee's consistent tardiness and lack of accountability made her coworkers develop _____ in her abilities.
n. a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
6. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
7. The idea that aliens built the pyramids is _____.
adj. absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense
8. Let's go _____ new and try something we have not done before.
adv. somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location

ANSWERS: 1. reunite, 2. applaud, 3. politely, 4. conceptualization, 5. distrust, 6. distract, 7. preposterous, 8. someplace

9. The remote island is _____ and has no permanent residents.
adj. not able to be lived in by humans or animals; devoid of human or animal life
10. A deep sigh was _____ from his chest.
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11. The massive _____ buried the small village under a thick layer of rock and dirt.
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12. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
13. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

ANSWERS: 9. uninhabited, 10. wrenched, 11. landslide, 12. confer, 13. disturb