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Session 1: Word List

conjugation

n. the variation of the form of a verb about the subject, tense, mood, or aspect, typically used to indicate the person and number of the subject or the time of the action; (of biology) a process wherein two organisms exchange genetic material, particularly in the context of bacteria and some algae and fungi

synonym: junction, inflection, blending

(1) irregular **conjugation**, (2) **conjugation** pattern

Learning verb **conjugation** can be challenging, but speaking a foreign language fluently is necessary.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym: amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

casualty

n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

synonym: victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym : open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

commonplace

adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

synonym : ordinary, routine, mundane

(1) become a **commonplace** sight, (2) **commonplace** event

Forgetting someone's name is a **commonplace** occurrence.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. irregular con_____on
n. the variation of the form of a verb about the subject, tense, mood, or aspect, typically used to indicate the person and number of the subject or the time of the action; (of biology) a process wherein two organisms exchange genetic material, particularly in the context of bacteria and some algae and fungi
2. con_____on pattern
n. the variation of the form of a verb about the subject, tense, mood, or aspect, typically used to indicate the person and number of the subject or the time of the action; (of biology) a process wherein two organisms exchange genetic material, particularly in the context of bacteria and some algae and fungi
3. low-r_v engine
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
4. com_____ce event
adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
5. un___d the story
v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
6. military ca_____ty
n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

ANSWERS: 1. conjugation, 2. conjugation, 3. rev, 4. commonplace, 5. unfold, 6. casualty

7. civilian ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
8. un____d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
9. become a com_____ce sight *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
10. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
11. in_____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
12. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

ANSWERS: 7. casualty, 8. unfold, 9. commonplace, 10. rev, 11. intensify, 12. intensify

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Unfortunately, the driver was the only _____ in the car accident.
n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

2. Forgetting someone's name is a _____ occurrence.
adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

3. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.
v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

4. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

5. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.
v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

6. Learning verb _____ can be challenging, but speaking a foreign language fluently is necessary.
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ANSWERS: 1. casualty, 2. commonplace, 3. unfolded, 4. rev, 5. intensify, 6. conjugation