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Session 1: Word List

counteract

v. to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it

synonym: balance, offset, compensate

(1) **counteract** the effect of poison, (2) **counteract** global warming

Our body's immune system produces antibodies to **counteract** disease.

topple

v. to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing

synonym: overturn, capsize, upset

(1) **topple** communist rule, (2) **topple** off a ledge

The statue was old and unstable, so it easily **toppled** over.

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

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**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. cou_____ct global warming | v. to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it |
| 2. walk on_____e | <i>adv.</i> onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience |
| 3. cou_____ct the effect of poison | v. to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it |
| 4. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization | <i>n.</i> a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface |
| 5. fo_____nts in the snow | <i>n.</i> a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface |
| 6. appeared on_____e | <i>adv.</i> onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience |
| 7. to___e communist rule | v. to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing |
| 8. to___e off a ledge | v. to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing |

ANSWERS: 1. counteract, 2. onstage, 3. counteract, 4. footprint, 5. footprint, 6. onstage, 7. topple, 8. topple

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He performed his magic trick _____ leaving the audience in awe.
adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
2. Our body's immune system produces antibodies to _____ disease.
v. to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
3. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
4. The statue was old and unstable, so it easily _____ over.
v. to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing

ANSWERS: 1. onstage, 2. counteract, 3. footprint, 4. toppled