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Session 1: Word List

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym : admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

secondhand

adj. having been previously owned or used by someone else

synonym : used, pre-owned, recycled

(1) **secondhand** car, (2) **secondhand** information

He was excited to find a vintage suit at the **secondhand** shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.

flea

n. a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds

synonym : pulex, siphonaptera, biter

(1) local **flea** market, (2) **flea** infestation

The **flea-borne** disease caused a severe outbreak in the city.

thrifty

adj. careful and diligent in the use of resources or the spending of money

synonym : economical, frugal, prudent

(1) a **thrifty** person, (2) have a **thrifty** business

My wife is addicted to making **thrifty** purchases.

wardrobe

n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

synonym : clothing, attire, closet

(1) walk-in **wardrobe**, (2) minimalist **wardrobe**

Her **wardrobe** selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

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.

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.

sequin

n. a decorative item consisting of a small, shiny disc or bead typically sewn onto clothing for added embellishment

synonym : bead, spangle, paillette

(1) **sequin** dress, (2) gold **sequin**

Her dress was covered in shimmering **sequins** that caught the light.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. have a th____y business | <i>adj.</i> careful and diligent in the use of resources or the spending of money |
| 2. local f__a market | <i>n.</i> a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds |
| 3. he is ob___sed with the fear | <i>v.</i> to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else |
| 4. a con_____on of guilt | <i>n.</i> a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal |
| 5. phe_____al growth | <i>adj.</i> extremely good or impressive; outstanding |
| 6. buck and d_e | <i>n.</i> a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit |
| 7. se___n dress | <i>n.</i> a decorative item consisting of a small, shiny disc or bead typically sewn onto clothing for added embellishment |
| 8. a th____y person | <i>adj.</i> careful and diligent in the use of resources or the spending of money |
| 9. walk-in wa_____be | <i>n.</i> a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings |
| 10. 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 |

ANSWERS: 1. thrifty, 2. flea, 3. obsess, 4. confession, 5. phenomenal, 6. doe, 7. sequin, 8. thrifty, 9. wardrobe, 10. doe

11. minimalist wa_____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
12. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
13. ob____s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
14. sec_____nd information *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
15. f__a infestation *n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
16. gold se____n *n.* a decorative item consisting of a small, shiny disc or bead typically sewn onto clothing for added embellishment
17. sec_____nd car *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
18. phe_____al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding

ANSWERS: 11. wardrobe, 12. confession, 13. obsess, 14. secondhand, 15. flea, 16. sequin, 17. secondhand, 18. phenomenal

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

- Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
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ANSWERS: 1. doe, 2. thrifty, 3. phenomenal, 4. flea-borne, 5. secondhand, 6. obsessed, 7. sequins, 8. confession

9. Her _____ selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.
- n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

ANSWERS: 9. wardrobe