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Session 1: Word List

elector

n. a person who has the right to vote in an election

synonym : voter, constituent, citizen

(1) presidential **elector**, (2) qualified for an **elector**

The **elector** cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym : allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym : legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

republican

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

synonym: conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

surpass

v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

synonym: excel, outdo, outperform

(1) **surpass** imagination, (2) **surpass** \$20 billion in sales

The athlete's record-breaking performance **surpassed** all expectations.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

teeter

v. to move or balance unsteadily, often in a way that suggests instability or danger; to waver or vacillate between two positions, opinions, or attitudes

synonym: wobble, totter, sway

(1) **teeter** on the edge, (2) **teeter** on the brink

The drunk man tried to **teeter** along the narrow bridge, almost falling into the river.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. qualified for an el_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who has the right to vote in an election |
| 2. a n__b mind | <i>adj.</i> unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity |
| 3. en_____e him to a pension | <i>v.</i> to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something |
| 4. n__b with cold | <i>adj.</i> unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity |
| 5. en_____e the company to use the logo | <i>v.</i> to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something |
| 6. te___r on the edge | <i>v.</i> to move or balance unsteadily, often in a way that suggests instability or danger; to waver or vacillate between two positions, opinions, or attitudes |
| 7. su_____s imagination | <i>v.</i> to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something |
| 8. presidential el_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who has the right to vote in an election |
| 9. te___r on the brink | <i>v.</i> to move or balance unsteadily, often in a way that suggests instability or danger; to waver or vacillate between two positions, opinions, or attitudes |

ANSWERS: 1. elector, 2. numb, 3. entitle, 4. numb, 5. entitle, 6. teeter, 7. surpass, 8. elector, 9. teeter

10. su____s \$20 billion in sales *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
11. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
12. se____r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
13. junior se____r *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
14. Rep_____an party *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
15. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
16. rep_____an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

ANSWERS: 10. surpass, 11. sect, 12. senator, 13. senator, 14. republican, 15. sect, 16. republican

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

2. The athlete's record-breaking performance _____ all expectations.
v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

3. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

4. The _____ cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.
n. a person who has the right to vote in an election

5. The hawkish _____ gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.
n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

6. The drunk man tried to _____ along the narrow bridge, almost falling into the river.
v. to move or balance unsteadily, often in a way that suggests instability or danger; to waver or vacillate between two positions, opinions, or attitudes

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ANSWERS: 1. sect, 2. surpassed, 3. entitled, 4. elector, 5. senator, 6. teeter, 7. republican

8. My left arm became _____.

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 8. numb