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Session 1: Word List

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

solar

adj. of, from, or relating to the sun

(1) the **solar** system, (2) a **solar** eclipse

Solar panels have greatly improved not only in performance but also in durability.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work

late into the night.

start-up

n. a newly established company or business

(1) **start-up** business, (2) early-stage **start-up**

Our company's services are targeted at **start-up** executives.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

crowdsourcing

n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

(1) **crowdsourcing** apps, (2) **crowdsourcing** in climate policy

The company used this **crowdsourcing** platform to gather ideas for its next product.

skip

v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

synonym: bounce, spring, neglect

(1) **skip** across the country, (2) **skip** breakfast

We **skipped** the topic because it was too complicated.

Session 2: Spelling

1. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
2. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
3. cro_____ing in climate policy *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
4. the so__r system *adj.* of, from, or relating to the sun
5. s__p across the country *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
6. a so__r eclipse *adj.* of, from, or relating to the sun
7. s__p breakfast *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
8. st_____up business *n.* a newly established company or business
9. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

ANSWERS: 1. environment, 2. environment, 3. crowdsourcing, 4. solar, 5. skip, 6. solar, 7. skip, 8. start-up, 9. unexpected

10. early-stage st_____up *n.* a newly established company or business
11. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
12. cro_____ing apps *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
13. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
14. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
15. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
16. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

ANSWERS: 10. start-up, 11. industrious, 12. crowdsourcing, 13. discovery, 14. discovery, 15. industrious, 16. unexpected

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ panels have greatly improved not only in performance but also in durability.
adj. of, from, or relating to the sun
2. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
3. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
4. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
5. We _____ the topic because it was too complicated.
v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
6. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.
adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
7. The company used this _____ platform to gather ideas for its next product.
n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

ANSWERS: 1. Solar, 2. environment, 3. industrious, 4. discovery, 5. skipped, 6. unexpected, 7. crowdsourcing

8. Our company's services are targeted at _____ executives.

n. a newly established company or business

ANSWERS: 8. start-up