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Session 1: Word List

multitasking

n. the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

synonym: juggling, multihandling, parallelism

(1) computer **multitasking**, (2) **multitasking** ability

She could finish all her work on time because of her **multitasking** skills.

monotone

n. a sound or voice that does not vary in pitch or tone; a sequence of words or phrases that are delivered without variation in pitch or tone, often resulting in a dull or boring quality

synonym: sameness, monotony, uniformity

(1) **monotone** rhythm, (2) speak in a **monotone**

The professor spoke for hours in a **monotone**, putting his students to sleep.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym: legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

barbecue

n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

synonym: grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) **barbecue** sauce, (2) **barbecue** grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

downgrade

v. to reduce in importance, rank, or status; to decrease the quality or value of something; to lower a score or rating; (noun) a negative change in the rating of a security, a company's stock, or a country's sovereign debt by a rating agency

synonym: demote, lower, reduce

(1) economic **downgrade**, (2) **downgrade** expectations

The company had to **downgrade** its earnings forecast for the quarter.

rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

synonym: recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

Session 2: Spelling

1. speak in a mo____ne
n. a sound or voice that does not vary in pitch or tone; a sequence of words or phrases that are delivered without variation in pitch or tone, often resulting in a dull or boring quality
2. ba____ue sauce
n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
3. a w__t of summons
n. a written legal order or command
4. ba____ue grill
n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
5. red____er a value
v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
6. red____er an old truth
v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
7. economic do____de
v. to reduce in importance, rank, or status; to decrease the quality or value of something; to lower a score or rating; (noun) a negative change in the rating of a security, a company's stock, or a country's sovereign debt by a rating agency

ANSWERS: 1. monotone, 2. barbecue, 3. writ, 4. barbecue, 5. rediscover, 6. rediscover, 7. downgrade

8. do_____de expectations *v.* to reduce in importance, rank, or status; to decrease the quality or value of something; to lower a score or rating; (noun) a negative change in the rating of a security, a company's stock, or a country's sovereign debt by a rating agency
9. mul_____ing ability *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
10. mo_____ne rhythm *n.* a sound or voice that does not vary in pitch or tone; a sequence of words or phrases that are delivered without variation in pitch or tone, often resulting in a dull or boring quality
11. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
12. computer mul_____ing *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

ANSWERS: 8. downgrade, 9. multitasking, 10. monotone, 11. writ, 12. multitasking

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
 - n.* a written legal order or command

2. The company had to _____ its earnings forecast for the quarter.
 - v.* to reduce in importance, rank, or status; to decrease the quality or value of something; to lower a score or rating; (noun) a negative change in the rating of a security, a company's stock, or a country's sovereign debt by a rating agency

3. The professor spoke for hours in a _____ putting his students to sleep.
 - n.* a sound or voice that does not vary in pitch or tone; a sequence of words or phrases that are delivered without variation in pitch or tone, often resulting in a dull or boring quality

4. She could finish all her work on time because of her _____ skills.
 - n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

5. The _____ at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.
 - n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

6. The painting was _____ in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.
 - v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

ANSWERS: 1. writ, 2. downgrade, 3. monotone, 4. multitasking, 5. barbecue, 6. rediscovered