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Session 1: Word List

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

ludicrous

adj. so ridiculous, unreasonable, or out of place as to be amusing; absurd

synonym : absurd, ridiculous, farcical

(1) **ludicrous** idea, (2) **ludicrous** behavior

It's **ludicrous** to blame the teachers for the education system's failures.

orient

v. to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

synonym : position, align, adjust

(1) **orient** my thinking, (2) the exotic flavor of the **Orient**

She took a moment to **orient** herself in the unfamiliar city.

transverse

adj. lying or extending across something or from side to side

synonym : crosswise, perpendicular, lateral

(1) **transverse** section, (2) **transverse** wave

The **transverse** beam provided additional support for the

structure.

untie

v. to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound

synonym: untangle, unfasten, undo

(1) **untie** the ribbon, (2) **untie** shoelaces

I needed to **untie** the knots in my shoelaces before I could put my shoes on.

someplace

adv. somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location

synonym: somewhere, anywhere, wherever

(1) from **someplace** deep inside, (2) **someplace** quiet

Let's go **someplace** new and try something we have not done before.

prosper

v. to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish

synonym: thrive, flourish, succeed

(1) **prosper** in the long run, (2) **prosper** as a trading hub

With careful planning and hard work, she was able to **prosper** in her new business venture.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. enrich my in_____ct | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |
| 2. tra_____se section | <i>adj.</i> lying or extending across something or from side to side |
| 3. un__e shoelaces | <i>v.</i> to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound |
| 4. pr_____r in the long run | <i>v.</i> to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish |
| 5. lu_____us idea | <i>adj.</i> so ridiculous, unreasonable, or out of place as to be amusing; absurd |
| 6. so_____ce quiet | <i>adv.</i> somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location |
| 7. un__e the ribbon | <i>v.</i> to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound |
| 8. the exotic flavor of the Or____t | <i>v.</i> to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose;
(noun) the countries of Asia |
| 9. from so_____ce deep inside | <i>adv.</i> somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location |
| 10. or____t my thinking | <i>v.</i> to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose;
(noun) the countries of Asia |

ANSWERS: 1. intellect, 2. transverse, 3. untie, 4. prosper, 5. ludicrous, 6. someplace, 7. untie, 8. orient, 9. someplace, 10. orient

11. pr____r as a trading hub *v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish
12. tra_____se wave *adj.* lying or extending across something or from side to side
13. lu_____us behavior *adj.* so ridiculous, unreasonable, or out of place as to be amusing; absurd
14. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 11. prosper, 12. transverse, 13. ludicrous, 14. intellect

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ beam provided additional support for the structure.
adj. lying or extending across something or from side to side
2. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
3. With careful planning and hard work, she was able to _____ in her new business venture.
v. to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish
4. Let's go _____ new and try something we have not done before.
adv. somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
5. She took a moment to _____ herself in the unfamiliar city.
v. to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
6. It's _____ to blame the teachers for the education system's failures.
adj. so ridiculous, unreasonable, or out of place as to be amusing; absurd
7. I needed to _____ the knots in my shoelaces before I could put my shoes on.
v. to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound

ANSWERS: 1. transverse, 2. intellect, 3. prosper, 4. someplace, 5. orient, 6. ludicrous, 7. untie