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Session 1: Word List

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry
synonym : motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs
He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

overdue

adj. past the expected or scheduled time; not completed or paid on time; delayed, tardy, or postponed

synonym : late, delinquent, outstanding

(1) **overdue** bill, (2) **overdue** task

Her library books were **overdue**, so she had to pay a fine to check out more.

taxonomy

n. the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area

synonym : classification, categorization, hierarchy

(1) **taxonomy** system, (2) biological **taxonomy**

The **taxonomy** of insects is incredibly complex due to the huge number of species.

staggering

adj. so shocking as to stun or overwhelm

synonym : astounding, astonishing, stunning

(1) **staggering** number, (2) a **staggering** defeat

The amount of money required was **staggering**.

motorbike

n. a lightweight, two-wheeled vehicle with an engine designed for use on roads; also known as a motorcycle

synonym : motorcycle, bike, two-wheeler

(1) **motorbike** ride, (2) stolen **motorbike**

She identified the **motorbike** thief using the CCTV footage.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym : immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every

year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

penicillin

n. an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections

synonym : antibiotic, bacitracin

(1) **penicillin** allergy, (2) **penicillin** sensitivity testing

The doctor prescribed **penicillin** to treat the bacterial infection.

optimist

n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

synonym : positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

pessimism

n. a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right

synonym : negativity, defeatism, cynicism

(1) deep **pessimism**, (2) sense of **pessimism**

The CEO's constant **pessimism** about the company's future affected employee morale.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. deep pe_____sm | <i>n.</i> a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right |
| 2. the mi_____t in an education system | <i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone |
| 3. ov_____e task | <i>adj.</i> past the expected or scheduled time; not completed or paid on time; delayed, tardy, or postponed |
| 4. no asp_____on for fame | <i>n.</i> a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath |
| 5. flexible mi_____t | <i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone |
| 6. pen_____in allergy | <i>n.</i> an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections |
| 7. jazz imp_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation |
| 8. sense of pe_____sm | <i>n.</i> a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right |
| 9. excessive op_____st | <i>n.</i> a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future |

ANSWERS: 1. pessimism, 2. mindset, 3. overdue, 4. aspiration, 5. mindset, 6. penicillin, 7. improvisation, 8. pessimism, 9. optimist

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| 10. va_____te every year | <i>v.</i> | to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease |
| 11. ind_____ized textile production | <i>v.</i> | to organize the production of something into an industry |
| 12. mo_____ke ride | <i>n.</i> | a lightweight, two-wheeled vehicle with an engine designed for use on roads; also known as a motorcycle |
| 13. op_____st by nature | <i>n.</i> | a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future |
| 14. stolen mo_____ke | <i>n.</i> | a lightweight, two-wheeled vehicle with an engine designed for use on roads; also known as a motorcycle |
| 15. sta_____ng number | <i>adj.</i> | so shocking as to stun or overwhelm |
| 16. imp_____ion on stage | <i>n.</i> | the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation |
| 17. biological ta_____my | <i>n.</i> | the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area |
| 18. pen_____in sensitivity testing | <i>n.</i> | an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections |
| 19. va_____te against scarlet fever | <i>v.</i> | to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease |

ANSWERS: 10. vaccinate, 11. industrialize, 12. motorbike, 13. optimist, 14. motorbike, 15. staggering, 16. improvisation, 17. taxonomy, 18. penicillin, 19. vaccinate

20. a sta_____ng defeat *adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
21. ta_____my system *n.* the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area
22. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
23. ov_____e bill *adj.* past the expected or scheduled time; not completed or paid on time; delayed, tardy, or postponed
24. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry

ANSWERS: 20. staggering, 21. taxonomy, 22. aspiration, 23. overdue, 24. industrialize

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The amount of money required was _____.
adj. so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
2. She identified the _____ thief using the CCTV footage.
n. a lightweight, two-wheeled vehicle with an engine designed for use on roads; also known as a motorcycle
3. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
4. The CEO's constant _____ about the company's future affected employee morale.
n. a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right
5. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
6. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.
v. to organize the production of something into an industry
7. She is a confident _____ who always looks on the bright side.
n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

ANSWERS: 1. staggering, 2. motorbike, 3. aspiration, 4. pessimism, 5. mindset, 6. industrialize, 7. optimist

8. The _____ of insects is incredibly complex due to the huge number of species.
- n.* the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area
9. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
10. The doctor prescribed _____ to treat the bacterial infection.
- n.* an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections
11. The nurse _____ the children in the school.
- v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
12. Her library books were _____ so she had to pay a fine to check out more.
- adj.* past the expected or scheduled time; not completed or paid on time; delayed, tardy, or postponed

ANSWERS: 8. taxonomy, 9. improvisation, 10. penicillin, 11. vaccinated, 12. overdue,