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Session 1: Word List

- elm** *n.* a type of deciduous tree with broad, often serrated leaves and a tall, straight trunk
synonym: elmwood, hardwood, deciduous
(1) **elm** bark beetle, (2) ancient **elm**
The majestic **elm** tree provided shade and beauty in the park.
- confuse** *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
synonym: confound, obscure, disorient
(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
Her remarks **confused** the debate.
- disappoint** *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate
(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me
She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's 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**.

downbeat

adj. having a negative or pessimistic attitude or outlook; lacking in enthusiasm or optimism; (noun, of music) the first beat, often emphasized more than the other beats

synonym : negative, pessimistic, gloomy

(1) **downbeat** mood, (2) **downbeat** figure

Her **downbeat** attitude made it difficult for others to feel optimistic.

Session 2: Spelling

1. dis_____nt the audience
v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
2. do_____at figure
adj. having a negative or pessimistic attitude or outlook; lacking in enthusiasm or optimism; (noun, of music) the first beat, often emphasized more than the other beats
3. co_____e the listener
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
4. n__b with cold
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
5. don't dis_____nt me
v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
6. a n__b mind
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
7. e_m bark beetle
n. a type of deciduous tree with broad, often serrated leaves and a tall, straight trunk
8. do_____at mood
adj. having a negative or pessimistic attitude or outlook; lacking in enthusiasm or optimism; (noun, of music) the first beat, often emphasized more than the other beats

ANSWERS: 1. disappoint, 2. downbeat, 3. confuse, 4. numb, 5. disappoint, 6. numb, 7. elm, 8. downbeat

9. ancient e_m

n. a type of deciduous tree with broad, often serrated leaves and a tall, straight trunk

10. co_____e fantasy with reality

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 9. elm, 10. confuse

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. My left arm became _____.

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

2. Her _____ attitude made it difficult for others to feel optimistic.

adj. having a negative or pessimistic attitude or outlook; lacking in enthusiasm or optimism; (noun, of music) the first beat, often emphasized more than the other beats

3. The majestic ____ tree provided shade and beauty in the park.

n. a type of deciduous tree with broad, often serrated leaves and a tall, straight trunk

4. Her remarks _____ the debate.

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

5. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

ANSWERS: 1. numb, 2. downbeat, 3. elm, 4. confused, 5. disappoint