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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.

signalize

v. to attract attention to or celebrate something through the use of signals or gestures; to make something stand out or distinguish it from its surroundings; to commemorate or mark an event or achievement

synonym: highlight, emphasize, underscore

(1) **signalize** a breakthrough, (2) **signalize** a milestone

The fireworks **signalized** the start of the celebration.

roundabout

n. a circuitous or indirect route or path; a traffic circle or rotary used to regulate the flow of traffic

synonym: detour, circuitous route, indirect path

(1) **roundabout** junction, (2) traffic **roundabout**

Because of the road closure, we had to take a **roundabout** route to reach the destination.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym: situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control
Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

shrub

n. a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil

synonym: bush, hedge, fern

(1) tree and **shrubs**, (2) small **shrub**

These are **shrubs** with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.

primacy

n. the state or quality of being first or foremost in importance, rank, or authority

synonym: supremacy, dominance, leadership

(1) military **primacy**, (2) **primacy** of economics

New competitors threatened the company's **primacy** in the market.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. in-s__u control | <i>adj.</i> short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance |
| 2. small sh__b | <i>n.</i> a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil |
| 3. tree and sh__bs | <i>n.</i> a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil |
| 4. pr____y of economics | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being first or foremost in importance, rank, or authority |
| 5. military pr____y | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being first or foremost in importance, rank, or authority |
| 6. si_____ze a milestone | <i>v.</i> to attract attention to or celebrate something through the use of signals or gestures; to make something stand out or distinguish it from its surroundings; to commemorate or mark an event or achievement |
| 7. computer mul_____ing | <i>n.</i> the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time |
| 8. traffic rou_____ut | <i>n.</i> a circuitous or indirect route or path; a traffic circle or rotary used to regulate the flow of traffic |

ANSWERS: 1. situ, 2. shrub, 3. shrub, 4. primacy, 5. primacy, 6. signalize, 7. multitasking, 8. roundabout

9. rou_____ut junction *n.* a circuitous or indirect route or path; a traffic circle or rotary used to regulate the flow of traffic
10. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
11. 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
12. si_____ze a breakthrough *v.* to attract attention to or celebrate something through the use of signals or gestures; to make something stand out or distinguish it from its surroundings; to commemorate or mark an event or achievement

ANSWERS: 9. roundabout, 10. situ, 11. multitasking, 12. signalize

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. These are _____ with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.
n. a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
2. New competitors threatened the company's _____ in the market.
n. the state or quality of being first or foremost in importance, rank, or authority
3. The fireworks _____ the start of the celebration.
v. to attract attention to or celebrate something through the use of signals or gestures; to make something stand out or distinguish it from its surroundings; to commemorate or mark an event or achievement
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. Melanoma in _____ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
6. Because of the road closure, we had to take a _____ route to reach the destination.
n. a circuitous or indirect route or path; a traffic circle or rotary used to regulate the flow of traffic

ANSWERS: 1. shrubs, 2. primacy, 3. signaled, 4. multitasking, 5. situ, 6. roundabout