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Session 1: Word List

- 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.
- decipher** *v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
synonym: interpret, decode, translate
(1) **decipher** code, (2) **decipher** message
He spent hours trying to **decipher** the ancient text.
- 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.
- dedicate** *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

unoccupied

adj. not lived in or used; empty; without anyone in it

synonym : empty, vacant, unused

(1) an **unoccupied** seat, (2) **unoccupied** hours

The house was **unoccupied** and had been for months.

overstep

v. to go beyond the limits or boundaries of what is considered acceptable or appropriate; to exceed or transgress a set boundary or restriction

synonym : exceed, surpass, transgress

(1) **overstep** authority, (2) **overstep** moral boundaries

The teacher warned the student not to **overstep** the limits of acceptable classroom behavior.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym : boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

coworker

n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization

synonym: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. buck and d_e | <i>n.</i> a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit |
| 2. de____er code | <i>v.</i> to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way |
| 3. in-s__u control | <i>adj.</i> short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance |
| 4. co____er relationship | <i>n.</i> a person who works with another in the same company or organization |
| 5. witty p_n | <i>n.</i> a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay |
| 6. de____er message | <i>v.</i> to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way |
| 7. fl____sh worldwide | <i>v.</i> to grow or develop vigorously or successfully |
| 8. co____e the listener | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 9. silly p_n | <i>n.</i> a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay |

ANSWERS: 1. doe, 2. decipher, 3. situ, 4. coworker, 5. pun, 6. decipher, 7. flourish, 8. confuse, 9. pun

10. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
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18. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
19. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
20. ov_____ep moral boundaries *v.* to go beyond the limits or boundaries of what is considered acceptable or appropriate; to exceed or transgress a set boundary or restriction

ANSWERS: 10. dedicate, 11. unoccupied, 12. coworker, 13. overstep, 14. unoccupied, 15. excite, 16. situ, 17. confuse, 18. flourish, 19. doe, 20. overstep

21. ex___e rebellion

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

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v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 21. excite, 22. dedicate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 9. dedicated, 10. overstep, 11. doe