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Session 1: Word List

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

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.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

drastic

adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

synonym: extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at

present.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

racket

n. a loud and unpleasant noise that is often repeated or sustained over a period of time; a tool or implement used in various leisure activities or sports, such as tennis or badminton

synonym: dissonance, noise, paddle

(1) make a **racket**, (2) badminton **racket**

The sound of shelves crashing to the floor created a terrible **racket** in the grocery store.

whiteboard

n. a smooth, hard writing surface, typically white, that can be written on with dry-erase markers and easily erased

(1) **whiteboard** marker, (2) **whiteboard** animation

Let's brainstorm ideas on the **whiteboard** for the new project.

shack

n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

synonym: shanty, cabin, hut

(1) humble **shack**, (2) beach **shack**

The fisherman lived in a small **shack** by the lake.

photoshop

v. to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools

synonym: edit, retouch, manipulate

(1) **photoshop** a picture, (2) **photoshop** the background of the image

The photographer **photoshopped** the image to enhance the lighting and contrast.

startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym: alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

Session 2: Spelling

1. beach sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
2. whi_____rd marker *n.* a smooth, hard writing surface, typically white, that can be written on with dry-erase markers and easily erased
3. make dr_____c revision *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
4. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
5. em___y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
6. whi_____rd animation *n.* a smooth, hard writing surface, typically white, that can be written on with dry-erase markers and easily erased
7. humble sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
8. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
9. make a ra___t *n.* a loud and unpleasant noise that is often repeated or sustained over a period of time; a tool or implement used in various leisure activities or sports, such as tennis or badminton
10. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. shack, 2. whiteboard, 3. drastic, 4. motto, 5. embody, 6. whiteboard, 7. shack, 8. excite, 9. racket, 10. opportune

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| 11. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 12. ph_____op the background of the image | <i>v.</i> to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools |
| 13. ph_____op a picture | <i>v.</i> to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools |
| 14. st_____ng earthquake shocks | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying |
| 15. the mo__o for safe traffic | <i>n.</i> a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal |
| 16. st_____ng discovery | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying |
| 17. dr_____c measures | <i>adj.</i> radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact |
| 18. em___y a spirit of charity | <i>v.</i> to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea |
| 19. ex___e rebellion | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 20. badminton ra___t | <i>n.</i> a loud and unpleasant noise that is often repeated or sustained over a period of time; a tool or implement used in various leisure activities or sports, such as tennis or badminton |

ANSWERS: 11. opportune, 12. photoshop, 13. photoshop, 14. startling, 15. motto, 16. startling, 17. drastic, 18. embody, 19. excite, 20. racket

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
2. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
3. The company's new products _____ the values of innovation and sustainability.
v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
4. He describes the story with _____ reality.
adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
5. The photographer _____ the image to enhance the lighting and contrast.
v. to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools
6. Let's brainstorm ideas on the _____ for the new project.
n. a smooth, hard writing surface, typically white, that can be written on with dry-erase markers and easily erased
7. The sound of shelves crashing to the floor created a terrible _____ in the grocery store.
n. a loud and unpleasant noise that is often repeated or sustained over a period of time; a tool or implement used in various leisure activities or sports, such as tennis or badminton

ANSWERS: 1. motto, 2. excited, 3. embody, 4. startling, 5. photoshopped, 6. whiteboard, 7. racket

8. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

9. The fisherman lived in a small _____ by the lake.

n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

10. The global community is undergoing _____ changes at present.

adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

ANSWERS: 8. opportune, 9. shack, 10. drastic