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Session 1: Word List

mala

n. a set of prayer beads used in Hinduism and Buddhism; (adjective, also mala fide) illegal or dishonest

synonym: necklace, rosary, garland

(1) **mala** meditation, (2) a **mala** fide abuse

She wore a beautiful **mala** necklace made of jasper and rose quartz.

windmill

n. a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity

synonym: wind turbine, aerogenerator

(1) **windmill** blades, (2) **windmill** energy

The countryside was dotted with picturesque **windmills**.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

pulley

n. a wheel or set of wheels with a grooved rim around which a cord or rope runs, used to change the direction or point of application of a force, especially to lift heavy objects

synonym : block and tackle, hoist, lift

(1) **pulley** system, (2) movable **pulley**

The construction worker used a fixed **pulley** to lift the heavy equipment to the top floor.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

Session 2: Spelling

1. r_t with age v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
2. co___r honor v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
3. m__a meditation n. a set of prayer beads used in Hinduism and Buddhism; (adjective, also mala fide) illegal or dishonest
4. pu___y system n. a wheel or set of wheels with a grooved rim around which a cord or rope runs, used to change the direction or point of application of a force, especially to lift heavy objects
5. el_____fy the audience v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
6. movable pu___y n. a wheel or set of wheels with a grooved rim around which a cord or rope runs, used to change the direction or point of application of a force, especially to lift heavy objects
7. wi_____ll blades n. a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity
8. a_t view adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 1. rot, 2. confer, 3. mala, 4. pulley, 5. electrify, 6. pulley, 7. windmill, 8. aft

9. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
10. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
11. a m__a fide abuse *n.* a set of prayer beads used in Hinduism and Buddhism; (adjective, also mala fide) illegal or dishonest
12. wi_____ll energy *n.* a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity
13. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
14. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 9. aft, 10. rot, 11. mala, 12. windmill, 13. electrify, 14. confer

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
 - v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

2. The ____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
 - adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

3. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
 - v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

4. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.
 - v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

5. The construction worker used a fixed _____ to lift the heavy equipment to the top floor.
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 - n. a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity

ANSWERS: 1. confer, 2. aft, 3. electrify, 4. rot, 5. pulley, 6. mala, 7. windmills

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