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Session 1: Word List

dissect

v. to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail

synonym : analyze, examine, study

(1) **dissect** the data, (2) **dissect** a personality

The scientist **dissected** the frog to study its internal organs.

gutsy

adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

synonym : courageous, brave, daring

(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance

It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.

ridicule

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

synonym : derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

plural

n. the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person

synonym: multiple, numerous, several

(1) **plural** form, (2) **plural** culture

We use **plural** nouns when there is more than one of something

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

emulate

v. to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else

synonym: impersonate, mimic, imitate

(1) **emulate** a successful business model, (2) **emulate** his watercolors

They intend to **emulate** the footsteps of successful software companies.

recap

v. to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.

synonym: outline, summarize, abstract

(1) **recap** key points, (2) **recap** briefly

Let me quickly **recap** these results.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

glorify

v. to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt

something or someone to a higher status or position

synonym : exalt, celebrate, honor

(1) **glorify** god, (2) **glorify** violence

Religious leaders often **glorify** their messengers to encourage people to follow their teachings.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

Session 2: Spelling

1. gl____y violence
v. to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position
2. bankrupt cr____or
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
3. di____t the data
v. to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
4. ri____le at his expense
n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (*v.*) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
5. di____t a personality
v. to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
6. em____e his watercolors
v. to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
7. gu__y performance
adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
8. re__p briefly
v. to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. glorify, 2. creditor, 3. dissect, 4. ridicule, 5. dissect, 6. emulate, 7. gutsy, 8. recap

9. und_____ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
10. em_____e a successful business model *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
11. gu__y move *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
12. gl_____y god *v.* to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position
13. pl____l form *n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person
14. nu_____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
15. und_____ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
16. re__p key points *v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
17. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
18. pl____l culture *n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person

ANSWERS: 9. underestimate, 10. emulate, 11. gutsy, 12. glorify, 13. plural, 14. nurture, 15. underestimate, 16. recap, 17. nurture, 18. plural

19. the cr____or's claims

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

20. public ri____le

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

ANSWERS: 19. creditor, 20. ridicule

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.
v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
2. We use _____ nouns when there is more than one of something
n. the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person
3. Religious leaders often _____ their messengers to encourage people to follow their teachings.
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4. It was _____ to quit her job and start her own business.
adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
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n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
6. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
7. They intend to _____ the footsteps of successful software companies.
v. to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else

ANSWERS: 1. underestimated, 2. plural, 3. glorify, 4. gutsy, 5. ridicule, 6. nurture, 7. emulate

8. Let me quickly _____ these results.

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9. The scientist _____ the frog to study its internal organs.

v. to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail

10. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 8. recap, 9. dissected, 10. creditor