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Session 1: Word List

hallelujah

n. an exclamation of praise or thanksgiving, particularly in religious contexts; a song or composition expressing such praise or worship

synonym: praise, worship, exultation

(1) **hallelujah** chorus, (2) **hallelujah** moment

The choir ended the performance with a powerful **hallelujah**.

tanker

n. a large vessel used for transporting liquids or gases, typically petroleum or natural gas, over long distances

synonym: oil tanker, freighter, vessel

(1) LNG **tanker**, (2) chemical **tanker**

The oil **tanker** ran aground, causing a devastating environmental disaster.

collide

v. to hit something violently when moving

synonym: clash, slam, contradict

(1) **collide** head-on, (2) **collide** in midair

The interests of the two countries **collide**.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural

balance.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

banjo

n. a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound

(1) famous **banjo** player, (2) **banjo** music

The musician played the five-string **banjo** as part of his folk ensemble.

hunch

v. to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof

synonym: crouch, guess, speculate

(1) **hunch** against the rain, (2) **hunch** up the shoulders

I **hunch** over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.

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.

hydrology

n. the scientific study of water, including its properties, distribution, and movement on and beneath the Earth's surface, and its interaction with the environment

synonym: limnology, hydrography, hydrogeology

(1) forest **hydrology**, (2) **hydrology** expert

The study of **hydrology** is important for understanding water resources and management.

matriculate

v. to enroll or register as a student at a college or university; to admit or be admitted into a formal organization or group

synonym : enroll, register, enter

(1) **matriculate** in the fall, (2) **matriculate** into a university
I am excited to **matriculate** at the prestigious university next fall.

profess

v. to declare openly, often publicly or formally, that one has a particular skill, belief, or feeling; to admit or affirm

synonym : declare, claim, confess

(1) **profess** innocence, (2) **profess** law

He **professes** his love for her every day, showering her with gifts and affection.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

coastline

n. the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea

synonym : shoreline, seashore, beach

(1) **coastline** erosion, (2) deeply indented **coastline**

The new resort was built along the **coastline**, offering stunning ocean views from every room.

almighty

adj. having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent

synonym : omnipotent, all-powerful, supreme

(1) **almighty** power, (2) **almighty** dollar

The **almighty** ruler of the kingdom held ultimate power over his subjects.

Session 2: Spelling

1. famous ba__o player
n. a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound
2. the cr____or's claims
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
3. hy_____gy expert
n. the scientific study of water, including its properties, distribution, and movement on and beneath the Earth's surface, and its interaction with the environment
4. al____ty dollar
adj. having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent
5. di____b the peace
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
6. mat_____te into a university
v. to enroll or register as a student at a college or university; to admit or be admitted into a formal organization or group
7. co_____ne erosion
n. the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
8. forest hy_____gy
n. the scientific study of water, including its properties, distribution, and movement on and beneath the Earth's surface, and its interaction with the environment

ANSWERS: 1. banjo, 2. creditor, 3. hydrology, 4. almighty, 5. disturb, 6. matriculate, 7. coastline, 8. hydrology

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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