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2nd Hour

Speech

Vocabulary Exercise 9

Part 1

Aleatory (adjective) – Dependent on luck or chance

Synonym: Accidental

Antonym: Purposely

Asperity (noun) – Roughness or hardness

Synonym: Bitterness

Antonym: Happiness

Unimpeachable (adjective) – Unquestionable; beyond doubt

Synonym: Faultless

Antonym: Blameworthy

Allay (verb) – To relieve; to alleviate

Synonym: Ease

Antonym: Irritate

Exegesis (noun) – An explanation of a text; a critical interpretation

Synonym: Analysis

Antonym: Misunderstanding

Penultimate (adjective) – Next to last

Synonym: Second to last

Antonym: First

Pervasive (adjective) – Permeating; spreading throughout

Synonym: Extensive

Antonym: Scarce

Provocative (adjective) – Tending to excite or stimulate

Synonym: Alluring

Antonym: Boring

Soporific (adjective) – Tending to induce sleep

Synonym: Calming

Antonym: Upsetting

Hortatory (adjective) – Encouraging; inciting

Synonym: Inspiring

Antonym: Unpromising

Part 2 (Sentences)

1. They were intrigued and learned something new about Mozart and **aleatory** music.
2. When I asked if he had ever wanted to go back to South Africa, he responded with some **asperity**.
3. Respectable ad agencies, of course, will insist that their own ethical standards are **unimpeachable**.
4. The primary focus was on immediate actions that could **allay** fears of a nervous public.
5. The authors themselves provide lengthy and thoughtful **exegesis** of the texts they reproduce.
6. The pair placed third fastest time on the **penultimate** stage of the rally and moved into second place.
7. There is a sort of **pervasive** melancholy, but also an unfocused hope for the future.
8. The **provocative** swimwear became a symbol of a Coast offering sun, surf, warmth, and excitement.
9. And, while coffee prompted psychosis and sleeplessness, cocktails were **soporific**.
10. These articles are not binding commitments and are essentially **hortatory**.