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Session 1: Word List

coo

n. a low, soft, murmuring sound made by a dove, pigeon, or other bird; an expression of tenderness or affection; (stands for Chief Operating Officer) a senior executive position in an organization responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations and managing various departments and functions within the company

synonym : murmur, cooing, whisper

(1) baby **coo**, (2) the **COO** of the company

The baby let out a gentle **coo** as she was rocked to sleep.

peek-a-boo

n. a game played with young children in which the player covers their face then uncovers it quickly while saying "peek-a-boo!" as a surprise for the child; a situation where something is briefly hidden from view and then suddenly revealed

synonym : hide-and-peek, game, child's play

(1) **peek-a-boo** game, (2) **peek-a-boo** shows

My baby loves playing **peek-a-boo** with me.

giggle

v. to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way

synonym : titter, chuckle, snicker

(1) **giggle** like a child, (2) **giggle** uncontrollably

When we saw the animals at the zoo playfully chasing each other, we all started to **giggle**.

wright

n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

synonym: builder, constructor, craftsman

(1) a car- **wright**, (2) aircraft **wright**

She was a skilled **wright**, able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

copycat

n. a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand

synonym: imitator, mimic, copyist

(1) **copycat** behavior, (2) **copycat** website

The company accused their competitor of being a **copycat** and stealing its design.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

hardwired

adj. built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics

synonym: innate, ingrained, automatic

(1) **hardwired** behavior, (2) **hardwired** connection

The instinct to protect one's offspring is **hardwired** into many animal species.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pee_____oo shows
n. a game played with young children in which the player covers their face then uncovers it quickly while saying "peek-a-boo!" as a surprise for the child; a situation where something is briefly hidden from view and then suddenly revealed
2. full of em_____y
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
3. a car-wr____t
n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
4. aircraft wr____t
n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
5. gi____e like a child
v. to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way
6. ha_____ed connection
adj. built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics
7. gi____e uncontrollably
v. to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way
8. em_____y for patients
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 1. peek-a-boo, 2. empathy, 3. wright, 4. wright, 5. giggle, 6. hardwired, 7. giggle, 8. empathy

9. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
10. co_____t website *n.* a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand
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12. the C_O of the company *n.* a low, soft, murmuring sound made by a dove, pigeon, or other bird; an expression of tenderness or affection; (stands for Chief Operating Officer) a senior executive position in an organization responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations and managing various departments and functions within the company
13. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
14. baby c_o *n.* a low, soft, murmuring sound made by a dove, pigeon, or other bird; an expression of tenderness or affection; (stands for Chief Operating Officer) a senior executive position in an organization responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations and managing various departments and functions within the company

ANSWERS: 9. opportune, 10. copycat, 11. peek-a-boo, 12. coo, 13. opportune, 14.

COO

15. ha_____ed behavior

adj. built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics

16. co_____t behavior

n. a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand

ANSWERS: 15. hardwired, 16. copycat

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. My baby loves playing _____ with me.
 - n.* a game played with young children in which the player covers their face then uncovers it quickly while saying "peek-a-boo!" as a surprise for the child; a situation where something is briefly hidden from view and then suddenly revealed

2. The instinct to protect one's offspring is _____ into many animal species.
 - adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics

3. She was a skilled _____ able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.
 - n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

4. The company accused their competitor of being a _____ and stealing its design.
 - n.* a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand

5. The baby let out a gentle ____ as she was rocked to sleep.
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6. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
 - n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 1. peek-a-boo, 2. hardwired, 3. wright, 4. copycat, 5. coo, 6. Empathy

7. When we saw the animals at the zoo playfully chasing each other, we all started to _____.

v. to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way

8. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

ANSWERS: 7. giggle, 8. opportune