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All Words

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Session 1: Word List

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

elope

v. to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends

synonym: run away, abscond, escape

(1) **elope** secretly, (2) **elope** together

The young couple decided to **elope** instead of having a traditional wedding ceremony.

grief

n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

synonym: anguish, desperation, dismay

(1) have **grief** and sorrow, (2) a lot of **grief**

Each person has a unique **grief** experience.

curl

v. to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles

synonym: coil, curve, spiral

(1) **curl** around street corners, (2) a **curl** of smoke

The cat **curled** into a ball and went to sleep.

asleep

adj. in a state of sleep

synonym : sleeping, fallen, at rest

(1) **asleep** at the wheel, (2) dead **asleep**

He lay down and fell **asleep** immediately.

thankless

adj. referring to a situation or activity that brings no gratitude or recognition from others; not receiving thanks or appreciation for one's efforts or actions

synonym : ungrateful, ungratifying, unappreciative

(1) **thankless** job, (2) **thankless** duty

Being a stay-at-home parent can be a **thankless** job, but it's also extremely rewarding.

blade

n. the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting

synonym : knife, sword, cutter

(1) a **blade** of grass, (2) the **blade** of a turbine

The **blade** of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.

flesh

n. the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures

synonym : meat, muscle, tissue

(1) grow in **flesh**, (2) **flesh** eating

The **flesh** of the fruit is sweet and juicy.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. di_____ar after a week | v. | to cease to exist or be visible |
| 2. el__e together | v. | to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends |
| 3. th_____ss duty | adj. | referring to a situation or activity that brings no gratitude or recognition from others; not receiving thanks or appreciation for one's efforts or actions |
| 4. the bl__e of a turbine | n. | the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting |
| 5. di_____ar without a trace | v. | to cease to exist or be visible |
| 6. el__e secretly | v. | to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends |
| 7. c__l around street corners | v. | to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles |
| 8. grow in fl__h | n. | the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures |
| 9. a c__l of smoke | v. | to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles |

ANSWERS: 1. disappear, 2. elope, 3. thankless, 4. blade, 5. disappear, 6. elope, 7. curl, 8. flesh, 9. curl

10. have gr__f and sorrow *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
11. th_____ss job *adj.* referring to a situation or activity that brings no gratitude or recognition from others; not receiving thanks or appreciation for one's efforts or actions
12. dead as___p *adj.* in a state of sleep
13. fl__h eating *n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures
14. a lot of gr__f *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
15. a bl__e of grass *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
16. as___p at the wheel *adj.* in a state of sleep

ANSWERS: 10. grief, 11. thankless, 12. asleep, 13. flesh, 14. grief, 15. blade, 16. asleep

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The young couple decided to _____ instead of having a traditional wedding ceremony.
 - v. to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends

2. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
 - v. to cease to exist or be visible

3. The _____ of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.
 - n. the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting

4. Being a stay-at-home parent can be a _____ job, but it's also extremely rewarding.
 - adj. referring to a situation or activity that brings no gratitude or recognition from others; not receiving thanks or appreciation for one's efforts or actions

5. He lay down and fell _____ immediately.
 - adj. in a state of sleep

6. The cat _____ into a ball and went to sleep.
 - v. to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles

7. Each person has a unique _____ experience.
 - n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

ANSWERS: 1. elope, 2. disappear, 3. blade, 4. thankless, 5. asleep, 6. curled, 7. grief

8. The _____ of the fruit is sweet and juicy.

- n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures

ANSWERS: 8. flesh