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All Words

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Session 1: Word List

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels
Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

synonym : crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily
He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym : below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

vertical

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

synonym : perpendicular, upright, plumb

(1) **vertical** takeoff, (2) **vertical** axis

The ladder leaned against the **vertical** surface of the building.

peel

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

synonym: pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

scotch

v. to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom

synonym: halt, stop, block

(1) **scotch** any further debate, (2) **scotch** the deal

I need to **scotch** these rumors before they spread any further.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

crooked

adj. not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

synonym: bent, curved, twisted

(1) **crooked** smile, (2) **crooked** line

The table leg was **crooked**, causing all the cups to slide to

one side.

crease

n. a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding

synonym : fold, wrinkle, ridge

(1) **crease** in fabric, (2) deep **crease**

The shirt had a noticeable **crease** along the sleeve from being folded.

hibiscus

n. a flowering plant with large, colorful flowers that are often used in the production of tea and jam

(1) **hibiscus** extract, (2) **hibiscus** tea

The bright red **hibiscus** flowers added a pop of color to the garden.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym : luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym : interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ve____al axis | <i>adj.</i> upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line |
| 2. students at all gr__e levels | <i>n.</i> a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc. |
| 3. boys in the twelfth gr__e | <i>n.</i> a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc. |
| 4. t_p keyboard with an index finger | <i>v.</i> to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc. |
| 5. t_p a new market | <i>v.</i> to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc. |
| 6. hi____us tea | <i>n.</i> a flowering plant with large, colorful flowers that are often used in the production of tea and jam |
| 7. un____d the stroller | <i>v.</i> to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown |
| 8. the average life s__n | <i>n.</i> the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers |
| 9. p__l a fruit | <i>v.</i> to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables |

ANSWERS: 1. vertical, 2. grade, 3. grade, 4. tap, 5. tap, 6. hibiscus, 7. unfold, 8. span, 9. peel

10. sc___h any further debate *v.* to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom
11. cr____d smile *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form
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13. hi____us extract *n.* a flowering plant with large, colorful flowers that are often used in the production of tea and jam
14. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
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ANSWERS: 10. scotch, 11. crooked, 12. crooked, 13. hibiscus, 14. mad, 15. peel, 16. scotch

17. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
18. cr___e in fabric *n.* a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding
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20. un___d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
21. ve_____al takeoff *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
22. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
23. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
24. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
25. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
26. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else

ANSWERS: 17. underneath, 18. crease, 19. crease, 20. unfold, 21. vertical, 22. brilliant, 23. span, 24. mad, 25. brilliant, 26. underneath

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The penny fell _____ the piano.
adv. under or below something else
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3. To expand the company, we must _____ new human resources.
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ANSWERS: 9. span, 10. mad, 11. crease, 12. scotch, 13. brilliant