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Session 1: Word List

cuddle

v. to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something

synonym: embrace, snuggle, hug

(1) **cuddle** buddy, (2) **cuddle** up with a book

I love to **cuddle** with my dog on the couch after a long day.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

fuddle

v. to confuse, muddle, or perplex; to impair or disturb one's mental clarity or coordination, usually through the influence of alcohol or drugs

synonym: befuddle, confuse, puzzle

(1) **fuddle** the details, (2) **fuddle** the recipe

The alcohol caused him to **fuddle** his speech and stumble around.

incubator

n. an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and

equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

synonym : hatchery, brooder, nursery

(1) infant **incubator**, (2) business **incubator** program

The eggs were placed in an artificial **incubator** to ensure proper hatching conditions.

hatch

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

synonym : incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

fuse

n. a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat

synonym : (verb) melt, (verb) blend

(1) **fuse** blows, (2) **fuse** with one another

He has a short **fuse**.

shopkeeper

n. a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business

synonym : merchant, storekeeper, retailer

(1) local **shopkeeper**, (2) general **shopkeeper**

The elderly **shopkeeper** greeted customers and helped them find what they sought.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cu___e up with a book
v. to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
2. f__e with one another
n. a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat
3. fu___e the details
v. to confuse, muddle, or perplex; to impair or disturb one's mental clarity or coordination, usually through the influence of alcohol or drugs
4. business in____or program
n. an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
5. ter____ng events
adj. very frightening or intimidating
6. cu___e buddy
v. to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
7. infant in____or
n. an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

ANSWERS: 1. cuddle, 2. fuse, 3. fuddle, 4. incubator, 5. terrifying, 6. cuddle, 7. incubator

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He has a short _____.
n. a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat
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n. an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
3. The alcohol caused him to _____ his speech and stumble around.
v. to confuse, muddle, or perplex; to impair or disturb one's mental clarity or coordination, usually through the influence of alcohol or drugs
4. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
adj. very frightening or intimidating
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ANSWERS: 1. fuse, 2. incubator, 3. fuddle, 4. terrifying, 5. cuddle, 6. shopkeeper, 7. hatch,

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