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Session 1: Word List

banjo

n. a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound

(1) famous **banjo** player, (2) **banjo** music

The musician played the five-string **banjo** as part of his folk ensemble.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym : sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

darling

n. a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear

synonym : sweetheart, beloved, dear

(1) have a **darling** baby, (2) medium **darling**

My **darling** child, I love you so much.

chestnut

n. a tree or its nut, with a smooth brown shell and a sweet edible kernel

synonym : tree, nut, seed

(1) **chestnut** hair, (2) **chestnut** shell

The **chestnut** tree is known for its edible nuts and beautiful fall foliage.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. si__e the edges of a fabric | <i>v.</i> to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake |
| 2. famous ba__o player | <i>n.</i> a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound |
| 3. ch____ut hair | <i>n.</i> a tree or its nut, with a smooth brown shell and a sweet edible kernel |
| 4. medium da____g | <i>n.</i> a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear |
| 5. si__e off the hair over the flames | <i>v.</i> to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake |
| 6. have a da____g baby | <i>n.</i> a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear |
| 7. ch____ut shell | <i>n.</i> a tree or its nut, with a smooth brown shell and a sweet edible kernel |
| 8. ba__o music | <i>n.</i> a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound |

ANSWERS: 1. singe, 2. banjo, 3. chestnut, 4. darling, 5. singe, 6. darling, 7. chestnut, 8. banjo

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.
v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
2. The musician played the five-string _____ as part of his folk ensemble.
n. a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound
3. My _____ child, I love you so much.
n. a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
4. The _____ tree is known for its edible nuts and beautiful fall foliage.
n. a tree or its nut, with a smooth brown shell and a sweet edible kernel

ANSWERS: 1. singed, 2. banjo, 3. darling, 4. chestnut