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Session 1: Word List

- raft** *n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
synonym: flatboat, boat, barge
(1) a **raft** for carrying horses, (2) a life **raft**
The rubber **raft** was swept out to sea.
- electrify** *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
synonym: wire, amaze, astonish
(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process
The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.
- eject** *v.* to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position
synonym: discharge, expel, emit
(1) **eject** a player from a game, (2) **eject** huge amounts of pollutant
Our immune system can **eject** disease germs from the body.

grate

n. a metal frame or screen with parallel bars used to cover an opening or to hold fuel for a fire; a surface with parallel ridges or grooves used for grating food or other materials

synonym : frame, shredder, rasp

(1) cheese **grate**, (2) fireplace **grate**

The hiker's boots caught on the **grate**, causing him to stumble.

duel

n. formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge

synonym : contest, fight, competition

(1) sword **duel**, (2) **duel** for honor

The **duel** between the two rival knights was a spectacle to see.

destine

v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

synonym : ordain, doom, predestine

(1) **destine** us to meet again, (2) be **destined** to become a great artist

Some people believe that we are all **destined** for greatness.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

avert

v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

synonym :

discourage, prevent, deter

(1) **avert** disaster, (2) **avert** a strike

The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to **avert** flooding during the rainy season

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. cheese gr__e | <i>n.</i> a metal frame or screen with parallel bars used to cover an opening or to hold fuel for a fire; a surface with parallel ridges or grooves used for grating food or other materials |
| 2. a det_____nt of crop yields | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 3. a r__t for carrying horses | <i>n.</i> a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer |
| 4. d__l for honor | <i>n.</i> formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge |
| 5. a life r__t | <i>n.</i> a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer |
| 6. el_____fy a manufacturing process | <i>v.</i> to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something |
| 7. ej__t huge amounts of pollutant | <i>v.</i> to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position |
| 8. ej__t a player from a game | <i>v.</i> to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position |

ANSWERS: 1. grate, 2. determinant, 3. raft, 4. duel, 5. raft, 6. electrify, 7. eject, 8. eject

9. sword d__l *n.* formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge
10. av__t a strike *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
11. av__t disaster *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
12. be de_____ed to become a great artist *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
13. de_____e us to meet again *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
14. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
15. fireplace gr__e *n.* a metal frame or screen with parallel bars used to cover an opening or to hold fuel for a fire; a surface with parallel ridges or grooves used for grating food or other materials
16. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 9. duel, 10. avert, 11. avert, 12. destine, 13. destine, 14. determinant, 15. grate, 16. electrify

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ between the two rival knights was a spectacle to see.
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 - v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

3. Some people believe that we are all _____ for greatness.
 - v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

4. Our immune system can _____ disease germs from the body.
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7. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
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ANSWERS: 1. duel, 2. avert, 3. destined, 4. eject, 5. determinant, 6. grate, 7. electrify

8. The rubber _____ was swept out to sea.

- n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer

ANSWERS: 8. raft