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Session 1: Word List

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.

rollercoaster

n. a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages

synonym: turbulence, upheaval

(1) emotional **rollercoaster**, (2) wooden **rollercoaster**

We finally divorced after experiencing a **rollercoaster** marriage.

carousel

n. a rotating platform, often used for amusement or entertainment, adorned with horses or other animals or vehicles for people to ride; a slideshow or display of images or information that cycles or repeats

synonym: merry-go-round, roundabout, whirligig

(1) baggage claim **carousel**, (2) children's **carousel**

The **carousel** operator made sure each child was safely seated before starting the ride

dime

n. an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar

(1) **dime** store, (2) behind a **dime**

He never received a **dime**, even from the company of a close friend.

cynical

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

synonym: skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. behind a d__e | <i>n.</i> an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar |
| 2. si__e the edges of a fabric | <i>v.</i> to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake |
| 3. cy____l remarks | <i>adj.</i> believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity |
| 4. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 5. emotional rol_____ter | <i>n.</i> a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages |
| 6. si__e off the hair over the flames | <i>v.</i> to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake |
| 7. children's ca____el | <i>n.</i> a rotating platform, often used for amusement or entertainment, adorned with horses or other animals or vehicles for people to ride; a slideshow or display of images or information that cycles or repeats |
| 8. baggage claim ca____el | <i>n.</i> a rotating platform, often used for amusement or entertainment, adorned with horses or other animals or vehicles for people to ride; a slideshow or display of images or information that cycles or repeats |

ANSWERS: 1. dime, 2. singe, 3. cynical, 4. opportune, 5. rollercoaster, 6. singe, 7. carousel, 8. carousel

9. d__e store *n.* an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar
10. cy____l worldview *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
11. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
12. wooden rol_____ter *n.* a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages

ANSWERS: 9. dime, 10. cynical, 11. opportune, 12. rollercoaster

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

2. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.

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

3. We finally divorced after experiencing a _____ marriage.

n. a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages

4. He was very _____ and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

5. The _____ operator made sure each child was safely seated before starting the ride

n. a rotating platform, often used for amusement or entertainment, adorned with horses or other animals or vehicles for people to ride; a slideshow or display of images or information that cycles or repeats

6. He never received a _____ even from the company of a close friend.

n. an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. singed, 3. rollercoaster, 4. cynical, 5. carousel, 6. dime,