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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

heaven

n. (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

synonym : paradise, nirvana, utopia

(1) ascend to **heaven**, (2) **heaven** on earth

He felt like **heaven** when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

synonym : inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

synonym : line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

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.

fortune

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

synonym: wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

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.

caution

n. great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

synonym: carefulness, warning, notice

(1) extreme **caution**, (2) act with **caution**

He gave a stern **caution** to the naughty student.

hesitate

v. to pause decision before saying or doing something

synonym: waver, pause, waffle

(1) **hesitate** for a moment, (2) **hesitate** to ask for help

Please do not **hesitate** to call us.

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

1. bit of good fo____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

2. baggage claim ca____el *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

3. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

4. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

5. children's ca____el *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. emotional 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: 1. fortune, 2. carousel, 3. hell, 4. opportune, 5. carousel, 6. rollercoaster

7. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
8. 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
9. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
10. cy_____l worldview *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
11. behind a d__e *n.* an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar
12. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
13. cy_____l remarks *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
14. ascend to he___n *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
15. d__e store *n.* an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar

ANSWERS: 7. singe, 8. rollercoaster, 9. hell, 10. cynical, 11. dime, 12. grab, 13. cynical, 14. heaven, 15. dime

16. retie the st___g and make it strong *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
17. ill fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
18. he_____te to ask for help *v.* to pause decision before saying or doing something
19. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
20. he_____te for a moment *v.* to pause decision before saying or doing something
21. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
22. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
23. act with ca_____n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
24. extreme ca_____n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
25. he___n on earth *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

ANSWERS: 16. string, 17. fortune, 18. hesitate, 19. grab, 20. hesitate, 21. opportune, 22. singe, 23. caution, 24. caution, 25. heaven

26. tense piano st___gs

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

ANSWERS: 26. string

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
 - v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

2. 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

3. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.
 - n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

4. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.
 - v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

5. Please do not _____ to call us.
 - v. to pause decision before saying or doing something

6. The battlefield became _____ on earth.
 - n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. grab, 2. carousel, 3. fortune, 4. singed, 5. hesitate, 6. hell, 7. rollercoaster

8. He never received a _____ even from the company of a close friend.
n. an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar
9. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
10. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.
n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
11. He felt like _____ when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.
n. (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
12. He gave a stern _____ to the naughty student.
n. great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
13. 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

ANSWERS: 8. dime, 9. opportune, 10. string, 11. heaven, 12. caution, 13. cynical