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Session 1: Word List

strum

v. to play a stringed instrument, typically a guitar or banjo by sweeping or plucking the strings with one's fingers; to sound or produce a musical note or chord by doing so

synonym: pluck, pick, play

(1) **strum** a ukulele, (2) **strum** chords

He loved to **strum** his guitar while singing his favorite songs.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

broom

n. a cleaning tool that typically consists of a long handle with a bundle of stiff bristles or fibers at one end, used for sweeping or cleaning floors or other surfaces

synonym: sweeper, brush

(1) **broom** closet, (2) **broom** handle

Could you please grab the **broom** and sweep the crumbs on the floor?

bugle

n. a brass wind instrument similar to a trumpet but with a more conical shape and no valves; the sound produced by the bugle or a similar instrument

synonym : trumpet, brass instrument

(1) military **bugle**, (2) **bugle** sound

The **bugle** call woke up the soldiers at dawn.

shack

n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

synonym : shanty, cabin, hut

(1) humble **shack**, (2) beach **shack**

The fisherman lived in a small **shack** by the lake.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym : bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

crossover

n. a work or artist that blends elements of different genres, styles, or cultures; a type of vehicle that combines the features of an SUV (sport utility vehicle) and a car; (of music) a work that successfully appeals to multiple audiences

synonym : fusion, blend, mixture

(1) **crossover** artist, (2) a **crossover** between a sedan and an SUV

The **crossover** between country and pop music is becoming increasingly popular.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym : welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

weary

adj. feeling or showing extreme tiredness, especially after working hard or doing something for a long time

synonym : depleted, exhausted, fatigued

(1) a **weary** brain, (2) **weary** expression

He became **weary** of the daily train commute.

tote

v. to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another

synonym: carry, haul, transport

(1) **tote** a cell-phone, (2) **tote** her books in a colorful backpack

Can you help me **tote** these groceries to the car?

woo

v. to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery

synonym: court, pursue, charm

(1) **woo** consumers, (2) **woo** voters with promises

He tried to **woo** her with his charm and wit.

Session 2: Spelling

1. br__m handle
n. a cleaning tool that typically consists of a long handle with a bundle of stiff bristles or fibers at one end, used for sweeping or cleaning floors or other surfaces
2. humble sh__k
n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
3. st__m a ukulele
v. to play a stringed instrument, typically a guitar or banjo by sweeping or plucking the strings with one's fingers; to sound or produce a musical note or chord by doing so
4. st__m chords
v. to play a stringed instrument, typically a guitar or banjo by sweeping or plucking the strings with one's fingers; to sound or produce a musical note or chord by doing so
5. a cr_____er between a sedan and an SUV
n. a work or artist that blends elements of different genres, styles, or cultures; a type of vehicle that combines the features of an SUV (sport utility vehicle) and a car; (of music) a work that successfully appeals to multiple audiences
6. military bu__e
n. a brass wind instrument similar to a trumpet but with a more conical shape and no valves; the sound produced by the bugle or a similar instrument

ANSWERS: 1. broom, 2. shack, 3. strum, 4. strum, 5. crossover, 6. bugle

16. bu__e sound *n.* a brass wind instrument similar to a trumpet but with a more conical shape and no valves; the sound produced by the bugle or a similar instrument
17. in____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
18. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
19. br__m closet *n.* a cleaning tool that typically consists of a long handle with a bundle of stiff bristles or fibers at one end, used for sweeping or cleaning floors or other surfaces
20. beach sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
21. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
22. in____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

ANSWERS: 16. bugle, 17. innovate, 18. bury, 19. broom, 20. shack, 21. bury, 22. innovate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ between country and pop music is becoming increasingly popular.
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2. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
 - v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

3. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.
 - v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

4. He became _____ of the daily train commute.
 - adj.* feeling or showing extreme tiredness, especially after working hard or doing something for a long time

5. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
 - v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

6. He loved to _____ his guitar while singing his favorite songs.
 - v.* to play a stringed instrument, typically a guitar or banjo by sweeping or plucking the strings with one's fingers; to sound or produce a musical note or chord by doing so

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ANSWERS: 1. crossover, 2. bury, 3. greeted, 4. weary, 5. innovate, 6. strum, 7. bugle

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- v.* to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another
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- n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
11. He tried to _____ her with his charm and wit.
- v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery

ANSWERS: 8. broom, 9. tote, 10. shack, 11. woo