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Session 1: Word List

choreograph

v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

(1) **choreograph** a stage performance, (2) exquisitely

choreographed

He had **choreographed** the dance in this play himself.

flick

v. to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement

synonym : snap, tap, flip

(1) **flicker** candle, (2) **flick** through pages

He **flicked** the light switch, and the room was illuminated.

wrist

n. the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint

synonym : carpus

(1) **wrist** bones, (2) glance at my **wrist** watch

He sprained his **wrist** while playing basketball.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym : defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world
You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

finger-pointing

n. the act of attributing blame or responsibility to someone, often used to describe a situation where people are accusing or blaming each other for a problem or mistake

synonym: blaming, finger-wagging, accusation

(1) corporate **finger-pointing**, (2) political **finger-pointing**

There's been a great deal of **finger-pointing** about who is to blame for the financial crisis.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym: applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

tuck

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

synonym: insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. glance at my wr__t watch | <i>n.</i> the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint |
| 2. co____r fatal disease | <i>v.</i> to bring under control by force or authority |
| 3. political fin_____ing | <i>n.</i> the act of attributing blame or responsibility to someone, often used to describe a situation where people are accusing or blaming each other for a problem or mistake |
| 4. co____r the world | <i>v.</i> to bring under control by force or authority |
| 5. t__k a baby in the blanket | <i>v.</i> to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable |
| 6. easy qu____r | <i>n.</i> a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started |
| 7. cho_____ph a stage performance | <i>v.</i> to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music |
| 8. corporate fin_____ing | <i>n.</i> the act of attributing blame or responsibility to someone, often used to describe a situation where people are accusing or blaming each other for a problem or mistake |
| 9. c__p my hands | <i>v.</i> to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise |

ANSWERS: 1. wrist, 2. conquer, 3. finger-pointing, 4. conquer, 5. tuck, 6. quitter, 7. choreograph, 8. finger-pointing, 9. clap

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| 10. fl__ker candle | v. | to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement |
| 11. exquisitely cho_____phed | v. | to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music |
| 12. serial qu_____r | n. | a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started |
| 13. c__p a book shut | v. | to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise |
| 14. t__k into another cigarette | v. | to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable |
| 15. ca_____e customers' hearts | v. | to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape |
| 16. ca_____e a glimpse | v. | to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape |
| 17. wr__t bones | n. | the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint |
| 18. fl__k through pages | v. | to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement |

ANSWERS: 10. flick, 11. choreograph, 12. quitter, 13. clap, 14. tuck, 15. capture, 16. capture, 17. wrist, 18. flick

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. There's been a great deal of _____ about who is to blame for the financial crisis.
 - n.* the act of attributing blame or responsibility to someone, often used to describe a situation where people are accusing or blaming each other for a problem or mistake

2. You should _____ your shirt into your trousers.
 - v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

3. He sprained his _____ while playing basketball.
 - n.* the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint

4. He had _____ the dance in this play himself.
 - v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

5. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
 - v.* to bring under control by force or authority

6. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
 - n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

7. He _____ the light switch, and the room was illuminated.
 - v.* to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement

ANSWERS: 1. finger-pointing, 2. tuck, 3. wrist, 4. choreographed, 5. conquer, 6. quitter, 7. flicked

8. We _____ along with the singer's song.

- v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

9. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

- v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

ANSWERS: 8. clapped, 9. capture