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Session 1: Word List

infirmary

n. a place where people who are ill or injured receive medical treatment; a small hospital or clinic

synonym : hospital, clinic, medical center

(1) **infirmary** bed, (2) school **infirmary**

The injured soldier was taken to the military **infirmary** for treatment.

bloodshot

adj. referring to eyes that are reddened or suffused with blood, often due to irritation, fatigue, or the dilation of blood vessels

synonym : red, inflamed

(1) **bloodshot** gaze, (2) **bloodshot** appearance

After a sleepless night, his eyes were **bloodshot** and tired.

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.

gamble

v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

synonym : bet, venture, wager

(1) **gamble** \$100 on the race, (2) **gamble** away my fortune

Will you **gamble** on the result of the fight?

coffin

n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin

synonym: casket, box, chest

(1) **coffin** lid, (2) wooden **coffin**

The priest prayed over the **coffin** before it was lowered into the ground.

hearse

n. a vehicle used to transport a coffin or casket during a funeral procession; a carriage or wagon used in medieval times to transport a nobleman's body to the burial

synonym: funeral car, carriage, cortege

(1) **hearse** procession, (2) **hearse** driver

The funeral home provided a black **hearse** for the occasion.

booze

n. an informal term for alcoholic beverages, particularly strong liquor or spirits

synonym: alcohol, liquor, spirits

(1) cheap **booze**, (2) drown your sorrows in **booze**

The partygoers were advised to drink moderately and avoid excessive **booze** consumption.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bl_____ot gaze
adj. referring to eyes that are reddened or suffused with blood, often due to irritation, fatigue, or the dilation of blood vessels
2. co____n lid
n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
3. bl_____ot appearance
adj. referring to eyes that are reddened or suffused with blood, often due to irritation, fatigue, or the dilation of blood vessels
4. he____e procession
n. a vehicle used to transport a coffin or casket during a funeral procession; a carriage or wagon used in medieval times to transport a nobleman's body to the burial
5. drown your sorrows in bo__e
n. an informal term for alcoholic beverages, particularly strong liquor or spirits
6. in_____ry bed
n. a place where people who are ill or injured receive medical treatment; a small hospital or clinic
7. b__y emotion
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
8. he____e driver
n. a vehicle used to transport a coffin or casket during a funeral procession; a carriage or wagon used in medieval times to transport a nobleman's body to the burial

ANSWERS: 1. bloodshot, 2. coffin, 3. bloodshot, 4. hearse, 5. booze, 6. infirmary, 7. bury, 8. hearse

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| 9. wooden co___n | <i>n.</i> | a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin |
| 10. school in _____ry | <i>n.</i> | a place where people who are ill or injured receive medical treatment; a small hospital or clinic |
| 11. ga___e away my fortune | <i>v.</i> | to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes |
| 12. b__y in the earth | <i>v.</i> | to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb |
| 13. ga___e \$100 on the race | <i>v.</i> | to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes |
| 14. cheap bo__e | <i>n.</i> | an informal term for alcoholic beverages, particularly strong liquor or spirits |

ANSWERS: 9. coffin, 10. infirmary, 11. gamble, 12. bury, 13. gamble, 14. booze

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The funeral home provided a black _____ for the occasion.
n. a vehicle used to transport a coffin or casket during a funeral procession; a carriage or wagon used in medieval times to transport a nobleman's body to the burial
2. After a sleepless night, his eyes were _____ and tired.
adj. referring to eyes that are reddened or suffused with blood, often due to irritation, fatigue, or the dilation of blood vessels
3. The injured soldier was taken to the military _____ for treatment.
n. a place where people who are ill or injured receive medical treatment; a small hospital or clinic
4. The priest prayed over the _____ before it was lowered into the ground.
n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
5. Will you _____ on the result of the fight?
v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
6. The partygoers were advised to drink moderately and avoid excessive _____ consumption.
n. an informal term for alcoholic beverages, particularly strong liquor or spirits
7. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 1. hearse, 2. bloodshot, 3. infirmary, 4. coffin, 5. gamble, 6. booze, 7. bury

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