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Session 1: Word List

soundproof

- v.* to make a room or other enclosed space impervious to sound by reducing the transmission of sound through its walls or floor and ceiling; (adjective, of a building) not allowing sound to pass through it

synonym : insulate, muffle, dampen

- (1) **soundproof** room, (2) **soundproof** material

The walls of the recording studio were **soundproofed** to eliminate outside noise.

bandmate

- n.* a member of the same band or musical group as another person, typically someone who plays a different instrument or has a different role in the group

synonym : band member, collaborator, teammate

- (1) talented **bandmate**, (2) former **bandmate**

It's important to have good communication with your **bandmates** during rehearsals and performances.

skeptical

- adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym : doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

- (1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

synonym: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym: despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

riddle

n. a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

synonym: mystery, puzzle, enigma

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**

The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

Session 2: Spelling

1. former ba____te *n.* a member of the same band or musical group as another person, typically someone who plays a different instrument or has a different role in the group
2. talented ba____te *n.* a member of the same band or musical group as another person, typically someone who plays a different instrument or has a different role in the group
3. vi_____ze data *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
4. ho____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
5. sk_____al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
6. sou_____of room *v.* to make a room or other enclosed space impervious to sound by reducing the transmission of sound through its walls or floor and ceiling; (adjective, of a building) not allowing sound to pass through it
7. ho____ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
8. solve the ri___e *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

ANSWERS: 1. bandmate, 2. bandmate, 3. visualize, 4. hopeless, 5. skeptical, 6. soundproof, 7. hopeless, 8. riddle

9. sou_____of material
- v. to make a room or other enclosed space impervious to sound by reducing the transmission of sound through its walls or floor and ceiling; (adjective, of a building) not allowing sound to pass through it
10. vi_____ze flying through space
- v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
11. a sk_____al attitude
- adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
12. ri___e me a riddle
- n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

ANSWERS: 9. soundproof, 10. visualize, 11. skeptical, 12. riddle

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She tried to _____ the layout of the new house in her mind.
v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

2. The _____ remains mysterious to us.
n. a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

3. The walls of the recording studio were _____ to eliminate outside noise.
v. to make a room or other enclosed space impervious to sound by reducing the transmission of sound through its walls or floor and ceiling; (adjective, of a building) not allowing sound to pass through it

4. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.
adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

5. It's important to have good communication with your _____ during rehearsals and performances.
n. a member of the same band or musical group as another person, typically someone who plays a different instrument or has a different role in the group

6. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.
adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

ANSWERS: 1. visualize, 2. riddle, 3. soundproofed, 4. skeptical, 5. bandmates, 6. hopeless