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Session 1: Word List

sturgeon

n. a large, bony fish with a long, pointed snout and scaleless skin found in the northern hemisphere

(1) **sturgeon** fish, (2) **sturgeon** caviar

Sturgeon meat is considered a delicacy in many countries around the world.

giraffe

n. a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves

synonym : gazelle, okapi, camelopard

(1) **giraffe** pattern, (2) **giraffe** exhibit

The **giraffe's** long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.

spade

n. a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil

synonym : shovel, scoop, hoe

(1) **spade** blade, (2) dig with a **spade**

I used an iron **spade** to dig a hole for the new tree in the backyard.

lengthwise

adv. in the direction of the length of an object or space;
longitudinally

synonym : along, longitudinally, extendedly

(1) slice **lengthwise**, (2) fold **lengthwise**

He cut the wood **lengthwise** to make it fit into the space.

rectangle

n. a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles,
where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length

synonym : oblong, square, quadrangle

(1) orthogonal **rectangle**, (2) **rectangle** box

The living room had a **rectangle-shaped** coffee table in the center of it.

crease

n. a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding

synonym : fold, wrinkle, ridge

(1) **crease** in fabric, (2) deep **crease**

The shirt had a noticeable **crease** along the sleeve from being folded.

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym : preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym : allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

madam

n. a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect

synonym : lady, ma'am, madame

(1) **madam** speaker, (2) dear **madam**

Madam President, may I ask a question regarding the new policy?

Session 2: Spelling

1. cr___e in fabric
n. a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding
2. walk on____e
adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
3. dis_____ed by a conversation
adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
4. fold len_____se
adv. in the direction of the length of an object or space; longitudinally
5. dear ma__m
n. a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect
6. slice len_____se
adv. in the direction of the length of an object or space; longitudinally
7. re_____le box
n. a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
8. deep cr___e
n. a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding
9. orthogonal re_____le
n. a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length

ANSWERS: 1. crease, 2. onstage, 3. distracted, 4. lengthwise, 5. madam, 6. lengthwise, 7. rectangle, 8. crease, 9. rectangle

10. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
11. gi____e pattern *n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
12. st____on caviar *n.* a large, bony fish with a long, pointed snout and scaleless skin found in the northern hemisphere
13. en____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
14. st____on fish *n.* a large, bony fish with a long, pointed snout and scaleless skin found in the northern hemisphere
15. dig with a sp__e *n.* a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil
16. appeared on____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
17. sp__e blade *n.* a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil
18. ma__m speaker *n.* a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect

ANSWERS: 10. rev, 11. giraffe, 12. sturgeon, 13. entitle, 14. sturgeon, 15. spade, 16. onstage, 17. spade, 18. madam

19. gi____e exhibit *n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
20. en____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
21. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
22. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 19. giraffe, 20. entitle, 21. distracted, 22. rev

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.
n. a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
2. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
3. He cut the wood _____ to make it fit into the space.
adv. in the direction of the length of an object or space; longitudinally
4. I was so _____ by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.
adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
5. _____ meat is considered a delicacy in many countries around the world.
n. a large, bony fish with a long, pointed snout and scaleless skin found in the northern hemisphere
6. _____ President, may I ask a question regarding the new policy?
n. a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect
7. The shirt had a noticeable _____ along the sleeve from being folded.
n. a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding

ANSWERS: 1. giraffe's, 2. entitled, 3. lengthwise, 4. distracted, 5. Sturgeon, 6. Madam, 7. crease

8. The living room had a _____ coffee table in the center of it.
n. a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
9. He performed his magic trick _____ leaving the audience in awe.
adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
10. I used an iron _____ to dig a hole for the new tree in the backyard.
n. a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil
11. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 8. rectangle-shaped, 9. onstage, 10. spade, 11. rev