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Session 1: Word List

dehydrated

adj. to remove the water or moisture from something by a natural or artificial process

synonym : dried, desiccated, parched

(1) **dehydrated** skin, (2) **dehydrated** skimmed milk

I need to drink more water because I'm feeling **dehydrated**.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym : incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

blacksmith

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

nauseate

v. to cause feelings of nausea or sickness; to feel sick or queasy; to cause repugnance or disgust

synonym: queasy, sicken, disgust

(1) **nauseate** my stomach, (2) make me **nauseate**

The roller coaster ride was so intense that it **nauseated** some passengers.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym: rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. the pa_____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
3. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. deh_____ed skimmed milk *adj.* to remove the water or moisture from something by a natural or artificial process
5. make me na_____te *v.* to cause feelings of nausea or sickness; to feel sick or queasy; to cause repugnance or disgust
6. bla_____th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
7. French pa_____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
8. sp__l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
9. sp__l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. paradox, 3. opportune, 4. dehydrated, 5. nauseate, 6. blacksmith, 7. paradox, 8. spoil, 9. spoil

10. di_____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
11. na_____te my stomach *v.* to cause feelings of nausea or sickness; to feel sick or queasy; to cause repugnance or disgust
12. deh_____ed skin *adj.* to remove the water or moisture from something by a natural or artificial process
13. bla_____th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
14. di_____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

ANSWERS: 10. diminish, 11. nauseate, 12. dehydrated, 13. blacksmith, 14. diminish

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The roller coaster ride was so intense that it _____ some passengers.
v. to cause feelings of nausea or sickness; to feel sick or queasy; to cause repugnance or disgust

2. If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will _____.
v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

3. As people get old, their energies may _____.
v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

4. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

5. I need to drink more water because I'm feeling _____.
adj. to remove the water or moisture from something by a natural or artificial process

6. There are many theories to explain this _____.
n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

7. The _____ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

ANSWERS: 1. nauseated, 2. spoil, 3. diminish, 4. opportune, 5. dehydrated, 6. paradox, 7. blacksmith

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