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Session 1: Word List

vend

v. to sell or offer for sale, especially as a street vendor or in a small shop

synonym: sell, peddle, market

(1) **vend** souvenirs, (2) **vend** delicious meals

The local **vendor** was able to vend all of his fresh produce by the end of the day.

caviar

n. the eggs of sturgeon or other large fish considered a delicacy and used especially in appetizers

synonym: roe, sturgeon eggs

(1) salmon **caviar**, (2) **caviar** farm

The menu at the fancy restaurant featured a selection of **caviar** from around the world.

coli

n. a bacterium of the genus *Escherichia* that is commonly found in the human gut and is used as a model organism in molecular biology and biochemistry

(1) *E. coli* bacteria strain, (2) **coli** cells

The study of *Escherichia coli* has led to important advancements in areas such as antibiotic resistance, gut microbiome, and synthetic biology.

strawberry

n. a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top

(1) the **strawberry** pie, (2) **strawberry** greenhouse
He had a **strawberry** smoothie for breakfast.

spit

v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

synonym: expectorate, saliva, spew

(1) **spit** a bullet, (2) **spit** a mouthful of saliva

She tried to **spit** out the gum that she had been chewing.

vial

n. a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume

synonym: container, bottle, flask

(1) glass **vials**, (2) insulin **vial**

This medication is sealed in a **vial**.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

categorize

v. to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

synonym: classify, pigeonhole, sort

(1) **categorize** the image, (2) **categorize** the cause of failure

The biologist **categorized** the viruses into four groups.

rarity

n. the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual

synonym: rareness, infrequency, uncommonness

(1) the **rarity** of the event, (2) book of great **rarity**
Due to their **rarity**, diamonds are expensive.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ex___e rebellion | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 2. the str_____ry pie | <i>n.</i> a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top |
| 3. insulin v__l | <i>n.</i> a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume |
| 4. v__d delicious meals | <i>v.</i> to sell or offer for sale, especially as a street vendor or in a small shop |
| 5. str_____ry greenhouse | <i>n.</i> a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top |
| 6. cat_____ze the cause of failure | <i>v.</i> to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc. |
| 7. salmon ca____r | <i>n.</i> the eggs of sturgeon or other large fish considered a delicacy and used especially in appetizers |
| 8. the ra____y of the event | <i>n.</i> the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual |
| 9. c__i cells | <i>n.</i> a bacterium of the genus <i>Escherichia</i> that is commonly found in the human gut and is used as a model organism in molecular biology and biochemistry |
| 10. glass v__ls | <i>n.</i> a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume |
| 11. fa_____te the young | <i>v.</i> to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly |

ANSWERS: 1. excite, 2. strawberry, 3. vial, 4. vend, 5. strawberry, 6. categorize, 7. caviar, 8. rarity, 9. coli, 10. vial, 11. fascinate

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| 12. v__d souvenirs | v. | to sell or offer for sale, especially as a street vendor or in a small shop |
| 13. book of great ra___y | n. | the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual |
| 14. cat_____ze the image | v. | to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc. |
| 15. E. c__i bacteria strain | n. | a bacterium of the genus Escherichia that is commonly found in the human gut and is used as a model organism in molecular biology and biochemistry |
| 16. ca___r farm | n. | the eggs of sturgeon or other large fish considered a delicacy and used especially in appetizers |
| 17. ex___e the crowd | v. | to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 18. fa_____te the public | v. | to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly |
| 19. s__t a mouthful of saliva | v. | to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth |
| 20. s__t a bullet | v. | to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth |

ANSWERS: 12. vend, 13. rarity, 14. categorize, 15. coli, 16. caviar, 17. excite, 18. fascinate, 19. spit, 20. spit

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She tried to _____ out the gum that she had been chewing.
v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
2. This medication is sealed in a _____.
n. a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume
3. The study of Escherichia _____ has led to important advancements in areas such as antibiotic resistance, gut microbiome, and synthetic biology.
n. a bacterium of the genus Escherichia that is commonly found in the human gut and is used as a model organism in molecular biology and biochemistry
4. The local _____ was able to vend all of his fresh produce by the end of the day.
v. to sell or offer for sale, especially as a street vendor or in a small shop
5. The biologist _____ the viruses into four groups.
v. to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
6. The magic tricks _____ the children.
v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
7. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
8. He had a _____ smoothie for breakfast.
n. a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top

ANSWERS: 1. spit, 2. vial, 3. coli, 4. vendor, 5. categorized, 6. fascinated, 7. excited, 8. strawberry

9. The menu at the fancy restaurant featured a selection of _____ from around the world.
- n.* the eggs of sturgeon or other large fish considered a delicacy and used especially in appetizers
10. Due to their _____ diamonds are expensive.
- n.* the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual

ANSWERS: 9. caviar, 10. rarity,