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Session 1: Word List

- ax** *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
synonym: hatchet, chopper, tomahawk
(1) chop wood with an **ax**, (2) an **ax** in the toolbox
He used an **ax** to chop the firewood for the campfire.
- condense** *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
synonym: compress, compact, shorten
(1) **condense** the text, (2) **condense** water vapor
I need to **condense** all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.
- clef** *n.* a musical symbol placed at the beginning of a line of music indicating the pitch of the notes following it
(1) the treble **clef**, (2) a G **clef**
She is a singer whose voice lies in the alto **clef**.
- ledger** *n.* a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program
synonym: book, register, account

(1) financial **ledger**, (2) personal **ledger**

The auditor checked every entry in the **ledger** for accuracy.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co____se water vapor
v. to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
2. personal le____r
n. a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program
3. chop wood with an ax
n. a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
4. financial le____r
n. a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program
5. the treble c__f
n. a musical symbol placed at the beginning of a line of music indicating the pitch of the notes following it
6. co____e fantasy with reality
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
7. a G c__f
n. a musical symbol placed at the beginning of a line of music indicating the pitch of the notes following it
8. secret s__t
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 1. condense, 2. ledger, 3. ax, 4. ledger, 5. clef, 6. confuse, 7. clef, 8. sect

9. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
10. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
11. co_____se the text *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
12. an ax in the toolbox *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

ANSWERS: 9. sect, 10. confuse, 11. condense, 12. ax

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She is a singer whose voice lies in the alto _____.
 - n. a musical symbol placed at the beginning of a line of music indicating the pitch of the notes following it

2. He used an ___ to chop the firewood for the campfire.
 - n. a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

3. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
 - n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

4. The auditor checked every entry in the _____ for accuracy.
 - n. a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program

5. I need to _____ all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.
 - v. to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

6. Her remarks _____ the debate.
 - v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 1. clef, 2. ax, 3. sect, 4. ledger, 5. condense, 6. confused