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Session 1: Word List

utensil

n. a tool used in the house

synonym: appliance, equipment, instrument

(1) cooking **utensils**, (2) cleaning **utensils**

This cuisine requires special kitchen **utensils**.

etiquette

n. a set of rules and norms governing polite and proper behavior in social situations or professional contexts

synonym: protocol, manners, decorum

(1) email **etiquette**, (2) breach of **etiquette**

It's important to follow proper **etiquette** when attending a formal dinner.

tablecloth

n. a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration

synonym: table cover, linens

(1) checkered **tablecloth**, (2) **tablecloth** size

The beautiful **tablecloth** added a touch of elegance to the dinner party.

candlelight

n. light provided by a candle or candles

synonym: lamp light, oil light, firelight

(1) **candlelight** dinner, (2) **candlelight** vigil

The room was dimly lit by soft **candlelight**.

spool

n. a cylindrical device with a flange at one or both ends, containing a hollow center and used to wind or store wire, thread, tape, film, or other flexible materials

synonym: bobbin, reel, cylinder

(1) **spool** pin, (2) **spool** of tape

I need a new **spool** of thread for my sewing machine.

napkin

n. a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions

synonym: serviette, handkerchief, cloth

(1) paper **napkin**, (2) linen **napkin**

I always keep a stack of **napkins** on my desk while I eat to prevent any messes.

fancier

n. a person who is interested in or particularly fond of a particular thing

synonym: enthusiast, aficionado, connoisseur

(1) a bird **fancier**, (2) known as a **fancier** of arts

He is a wine **fancier** and can tell the difference between red and white just by smelling it.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. can_____ht dinner | <i>n.</i> light provided by a candle or candles |
| 2. paper na____n | <i>n.</i> a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions |
| 3. email et_____te | <i>n.</i> a set of rules and norms governing polite and proper behavior in social situations or professional contexts |
| 4. cooking ut_____ls | <i>n.</i> a tool used in the house |
| 5. cleaning ut_____ls | <i>n.</i> a tool used in the house |
| 6. a bird fa_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who is interested in or particularly fond of a particular thing |
| 7. can_____ht vigil | <i>n.</i> light provided by a candle or candles |
| 8. sp__l pin | <i>n.</i> a cylindrical device with a flange at one or both ends, containing a hollow center and used to wind or store wire, thread, tape, film, or other flexible materials |
| 9. sp__l of tape | <i>n.</i> a cylindrical device with a flange at one or both ends, containing a hollow center and used to wind or store wire, thread, tape, film, or other flexible materials |
| 10. known as a fa_____r of arts | <i>n.</i> a person who is interested in or particularly fond of a particular thing |
| 11. linen na____n | <i>n.</i> a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions |

ANSWERS: 1. candlelight, 2. napkin, 3. etiquette, 4. utensil, 5. utensil, 6. fancier, 7. candlelight, 8. spool, 9. spool, 10. fancier, 11. napkin

12. checkered tab_____th *n.* a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration
13. tab_____th size *n.* a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration
14. breach of et_____te *n.* a set of rules and norms governing polite and proper behavior in social situations or professional contexts

ANSWERS: 12. tablecloth, 13. tablecloth, 14. etiquette

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The beautiful _____ added a touch of elegance to the dinner party.
n. a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration
2. The room was dimly lit by soft _____.
n. light provided by a candle or candles
3. It's important to follow proper _____ when attending a formal dinner.
n. a set of rules and norms governing polite and proper behavior in social situations or professional contexts
4. I always keep a stack of _____ on my desk while I eat to prevent any messes.
n. a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions
5. This cuisine requires special kitchen _____.
n. a tool used in the house
6. He is a wine _____ and can tell the difference between red and white just by smelling it.
n. a person who is interested in or particularly fond of a particular thing
7. I need a new _____ of thread for my sewing machine.
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ANSWERS: 1. tablecloth, 2. candlelight, 3. etiquette, 4. napkins, 5. utensils, 6. fancier, 7. spool