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Session 1: Word List

rearrange

v. to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned

synonym: readjust, reorganize, reconstruct

(1) **rearrange** the furniture, (2) **rearrange** his schedule

Please **rearrange** these files as we start a new project tomorrow.

chap

n. a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind

synonym: fellow, guy, crack

(1) **chap** stick, (2) nice **chap**

He suffered a painful **chap** on his hand after working with chemicals.

squash

v. to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully

synonym: smash, crush, compress

(1) **squash** a package, (2) **squash** a rebellion

I like to **squash** my grapes when making homemade wine.

abracadabra

n. a word or incantation used in magical or enchanting spells, often in popular culture and entertainment; anything that is mysterious or unexplainable

synonym: magic word, incantation, charm

(1) **abracadabra** magic show, (2) **abracadabra** formula

The wizard spoke the ancient **abracadabra**, and the stone door slowly began to open.

muddle

v. to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos

synonym: confuse, jumble, mix up

(1) **muddle** the instructions, (2) **muddle** the situation

I accidentally **muddled** up the reports and need help to tell which.

contraction

n. the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount

synonym: shrinking, compression, reduction

(1) **contraction** of a disease, (2) **contraction** in the industry

The **contraction** of the economy has led to job losses.

dilate

v. to make something wider, larger, or more open

synonym: widen, open, enlarge

(1) **dilate** the bronchial tubes, (2) **dilate** blood vessel

The pupils of the eyes **dilate** in low light.

whiz

v. to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something

synonym: zoom, zip, hurry

(1) **whiz** kid, (2) **whiz** through the book

The racing car **whizzed** past the grandstands, leaving a trail of dust behind it.

collide

v. to hit something violently when moving

synonym: clash, slam, contradict

(1) **collide** head-on, (2) **collide** in midair
The interests of the two countries **collide**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. c__p stick *n.* a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind

2. w__z through the book *v.* to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something

3. di___e blood vessel *v.* to make something wider, larger, or more open

4. mu___e the situation *v.* to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos

5. abr____ra magic show *n.* a word or incantation used in magical or enchanting spells, often in popular culture and entertainment; anything that is mysterious or unexplainable

6. abr____ra formula *n.* a word or incantation used in magical or enchanting spells, often in popular culture and entertainment; anything that is mysterious or unexplainable

7. sq___h a package *v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully

ANSWERS: 1. chap, 2. whiz, 3. dilate, 4. muddle, 5. abracadabra, 6. abracadabra, 7. squash

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| 8. mu___e the instructions | v. | to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos |
| 9. nice c__p | n. | a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind |
| 10. re_____ge his schedule | v. | to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned |
| 11. co_____e in midair | v. | to hit something violently when moving |
| 12. di___e the bronchial tubes | v. | to make something wider, larger, or more open |
| 13. re_____ge the furniture | v. | to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned |
| 14. w__z kid | v. | to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something |
| 15. con_____on in the industry | n. | the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount |
| 16. con_____on of a disease | n. | the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount |
| 17. sq___h a rebellion | v. | to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully |

ANSWERS: 8. muddle, 9. chap, 10. rearrange, 11. collide, 12. dilate, 13. rearrange, 14. whiz, 15. contraction, 16. contraction, 17. squash

18. co____e head-on

v. to hit something violently when moving

ANSWERS: 18. collide

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I like to _____ my grapes when making homemade wine.
 - v. to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully

2. The interests of the two countries _____.
 - v. to hit something violently when moving

3. The racing car _____ past the grandstands, leaving a trail of dust behind it.
 - v. to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something

4. I accidentally _____ up the reports and need help to tell which.
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7. The pupils of the eyes _____ in low light.
 - v. to make something wider, larger, or more open

ANSWERS: 1. squash, 2. collide, 3. whizzed, 4. muddled, 5. chap, 6. rearrange, 7. dilate

8. The _____ of the economy has led to job losses.

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9. The wizard spoke the ancient _____ and the stone door slowly began to open.

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ANSWERS: 8. contraction, 9. abracadabra,