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Session 1: Word List

convulse

v. to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this

synonym : spasm, tremble, seize

(1) **convulse** with laughter, (2) **convulse** with anger

He **convulsed** in pain as the injury was severe.

unavoidable

adj. impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable

synonym : inevitable, inescapable, certain

(1) an **unavoidable** accident, (2) under **unavoidable** circumstances

There are now fears that war is **unavoidable**.

rookie

n. a newcomer or beginner, specifically in a particular profession, sport, or activity; an inexperienced or naive person

synonym : beginner, novice, greenhorn

(1) **rookie** mistake, (2) **rookie** teacher

The **rookie** player showed promise in the preseason games.

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.

stab

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

synonym: poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest
He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

unify

v. to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit

synonym: bring together, consolidate, merge

(1) **unify** the system, (2) **unify** the party
The people believe that they can **unify** the country.

trolley

n. a wheeled cart or platform used for transporting items or goods; (in British English) a device for collecting electrical power from an overhead line to power an electric vehicle; (in American English) a shopping cart used in supermarkets

synonym: cart, tram, tramcar

(1) **trolley** cart, (2) shopping **trolley**
The tourists enjoyed taking a ride on the historic **trolley** in the city.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same
The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

Session 2: Spelling

1. shopping tr____y
n. a wheeled cart or platform used for transporting items or goods; (in British English) a device for collecting electrical power from an overhead line to power an electric vehicle; (in American English) a shopping cart used in supermarkets
2. op_____ne occasion
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
3. ro___e teacher
n. a newcomer or beginner, specifically in a particular profession, sport, or activity; an inexperienced or naive person
4. an una_____le accident
adj. impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable
5. co_____se with anger
v. to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this
6. s__b in the chest
v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
7. under una_____le circumstances
adj. impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable
8. un__y the system
v. to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit
9. s__b at the enemy with a knife
v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

ANSWERS: 1. trolley, 2. opportune, 3. rookie, 4. unavoidable, 5. convulse, 6. stab, 7. unavoidable, 8. unify, 9. stab

10. un__y the party *v.* to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit
11. tr____y cart *n.* a wheeled cart or platform used for transporting items or goods; (in British English) a device for collecting electrical power from an overhead line to power an electric vehicle; (in American English) a shopping cart used in supermarkets
12. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
13. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
14. ro___e mistake *n.* a newcomer or beginner, specifically in a particular profession, sport, or activity; an inexperienced or naive person
15. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
16. co_____se with laughter *v.* to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this

ANSWERS: 10. unify, 11. trolley, 12. opportune, 13. empower, 14. rookie, 15. empower, 16. convulse

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The people believe that they can _____ the country.
v. to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit
2. The _____ player showed promise in the preseason games.
n. a newcomer or beginner, specifically in a particular profession, sport, or activity; an inexperienced or naive person
3. The tourists enjoyed taking a ride on the historic _____ in the city.
n. a wheeled cart or platform used for transporting items or goods; (in British English) a device for collecting electrical power from an overhead line to power an electric vehicle; (in American English) a shopping cart used in supermarkets
4. He _____ in pain as the injury was severe.
v. to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this
5. There are now fears that war is _____.
adj. impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable
6. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
7. He was _____ many times with scissors.
v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
8. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 1. unify, 2. rookie, 3. trolley, 4. convulsed, 5. unavoidable, 6. opportune, 7. stabbed, 8. empowered

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