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Session 1: Word List

fascination

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

synonym: allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in **fascination**.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

teller

n. a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits,

withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience

synonym: cashier, bank clerk, clerk

(1) fortune- **teller**, (2) **teller** machine

The bank **teller** carefully counted the money before handing it to the customer.

whack

v. to hit someone or something hard or noisily

synonym: hit, strike, bash

(1) **whack** him with a stick, (2) **whack** up the volume

He **whacked** the ball out of the park with his home run.

mole

n. small velvety-furred burrowing mammal having small eyes and fossorial forefeet; a spy who works against enemy espionage; a small congenital pigmented spot on the skin

(1) **mole** catcher, (2) **mole** planted by the FBI

The **mole** burrowed in the ground.

android

n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

synonym: droid, cyborg

(1) household **android**, (2) **Android** tablet

The lab is developing an **android** robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

Session 2: Spelling

1. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

2. te___r machine *n.* a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience

3. fortune-te___r *n.* a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience

4. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

5. the fas_____on with classical music *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

6. m__e catcher *n.* small velvety-furred burrowing mammal having small eyes and fossorial forefeet; a spy who works against enemy espionage; a small congenital pigmented spot on the skin

ANSWERS: 1. app, 2. teller, 3. teller, 4. app, 5. fascination, 6. mole

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| 7. household an____d | <i>n.</i> a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system |
| 8. An____d tablet | <i>n.</i> a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system |
| 9. sma_____ne addict | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |
| 10. rapt in fas_____on | <i>n.</i> the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction |
| 11. wh__k up the volume | <i>v.</i> to hit someone or something hard or noisily |
| 12. m__e planted by the FBI | <i>n.</i> small velvety-furred burrowing mammal having small eyes and fossorial forefeet; a spy who works against enemy espionage; a small congenital pigmented spot on the skin |
| 13. sma_____ne app developer | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |
| 14. wh__k him with a stick | <i>v.</i> to hit someone or something hard or noisily |

ANSWERS: 7. android, 8. android, 9. smartphone, 10. fascination, 11. whack, 12. mole, 13. smartphone, 14. whack

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The bank _____ carefully counted the money before handing it to the customer.
n. a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience

2. The lab is developing an _____ robot that assists in dangerous construction work.
n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

3. The _____ burrowed in the ground.
n. small velvety-furred burrowing mammal having small eyes and fossorial forefeet; a spy who works against enemy espionage; a small congenital pigmented spot on the skin

4. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

5. He _____ the ball out of the park with his home run.
v. to hit someone or something hard or noisily

6. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

7. I looked at the painting in _____.
n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

ANSWERS: 1. teller, 2. android, 3. mole, 4. app's, 5. whacked, 6. smartphones, 7. fascination

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