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Session 1: Word List

disbeliever

n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

synonym: non-believer, skeptic, doubter

(1) persuade a **disbeliever**, (2) stubborn **disbeliever**

Despite the evidence, she remained a **disbeliever** in the theory of evolution.

hands-on

adj. actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something

synonym: practical, involved, hands-in

(1) **hands-on** activity, (2) take a **hands-on** approach

The **hands-on** workshop allowed attendees to work with tools and materials, developing their skills in a hands-on environment.

saltiness

n. the quality or state of being salty

(1) the taste of **saltiness**, (2) enhance the **saltiness**

She tasted the dish and detected a slight **saltiness**.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

shack

n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

synonym: shanty, cabin, hut

(1) humble **shack**, (2) beach **shack**

The fisherman lived in a small **shack** by the lake.

sushi

n. a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed

synonym: raw fish, sashimi, nigiri

(1) **sushi** bar, (2) **sushi** roll

I love going out for **sushi** with my friends on Friday nights.

microprocessor

n. a computer component containing all the functions of the central processing unit

synonym: IC, chip, microchip

(1) **microprocessor** chip, (2) dedicated **microprocessor**

As a result of improvements in **microprocessor** performance, many consumer electronics products are now Internet-connected.

squishy

adj. soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed

synonym: soft, spongy, mushy

(1) **squishy** texture, (2) a **squishy** story

The **squishy** foam ball is perfect for squeezing to relieve stress.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. enhance the sa_____ss | <i>n.</i> the quality or state of being salty |
| 2. mic_____sor chip | <i>n.</i> a computer component containing all the functions of the central processing unit |
| 3. take a ha_____on approach | <i>adj.</i> actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something |
| 4. ha_____on activity | <i>adj.</i> actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something |
| 5. su__i roll | <i>n.</i> a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed |
| 6. a sq_____y story | <i>adj.</i> soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed |
| 7. el_____fy a manufacturing process | <i>v.</i> to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something |
| 8. el_____fy the audience | <i>v.</i> to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something |
| 9. sq_____y texture | <i>adj.</i> soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed |

ANSWERS: 1. saltiness, 2. microprocessor, 3. hands-on, 4. hands-on, 5. sushi, 6. squishy, 7. electrify, 8. electrify, 9. squishy

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| 10. beach sh__k | <i>n.</i> a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained |
| 11. humble sh__k | <i>n.</i> a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained |
| 12. persuade a dis_____er | <i>n.</i> a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea |
| 13. dedicated mic_____sor | <i>n.</i> a computer component containing all the functions of the central processing unit |
| 14. the taste of sa_____ss | <i>n.</i> the quality or state of being salty |
| 15. su__i bar | <i>n.</i> a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed |
| 16. stubborn dis_____er | <i>n.</i> a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea |

ANSWERS: 10. shack, 11. shack, 12. disbeliever, 13. microprocessor, 14. saltiness, 15. sushi, 16. disbeliever

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I love going out for _____ with my friends on Friday nights.
n. a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed
2. The _____ foam ball is perfect for squeezing to relieve stress.
adj. soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed
3. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
4. As a result of improvements in _____ performance, many consumer electronics products are now Internet-connected.
n. a computer component containing all the functions of the central processing unit
5. The _____ workshop allowed attendees to work with tools and materials, developing their skills in a hands-on environment.
adj. actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something
6. Despite the evidence, she remained a _____ in the theory of evolution.
n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
7. The fisherman lived in a small _____ by the lake.
n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

ANSWERS: 1. sushi, 2. squishy, 3. electrify, 4. microprocessor, 5. hands-on, 6. disbeliever, 7. shack

8. She tasted the dish and detected a slight _____.

n. the quality or state of being salty

ANSWERS: 8. saltiness