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Session 1: Word List

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

antiquated

adj. outdated or old-fashioned

synonym: old-fashioned, outdated, obsolete

(1) **antiquated** system, (2) have an **antiquated** custom

The factory was forced to shut down due to its **antiquated** equipment.

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.

tornado

n. a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud

synonym: whirlwind, twister, cyclone

(1) **tornado** alley, (2) **tornado** warning

The deadly **tornado** that hit the town yesterday destroyed

many buildings and injured several people.

pacify

v. to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated; to quell or suppress a feeling or conflict

synonym: appease, soothe, calm

(1) **pacify** a situation, (2) **pacify** an angry customer

The mother tried to **pacify** her crying baby by rocking him gently.

chainsaw

n. a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects

synonym: handsaw, power saw, buzz saw

(1) use a **chainsaw**, (2) sharpen a **chainsaw**

The lumberjack used his **chainsaw** to chop through the tree's thick trunk.

sergeant

n. a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class

synonym: officer, serjeant, noncommissioned officer

(1) police **sergeant**, (2) army **sergeant**

The fire department **sergeant** instructed the firefighters on how to tackle the blaze.

Session 2: Spelling

1. police se_____nt
n. a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class
2. to_____o warning
n. a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
3. pa_____y a situation
v. to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated; to quell or suppress a feeling or conflict
4. ant_____ed system
adj. outdated or old-fashioned
5. to_____o alley
n. a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
6. use a ch_____aw
n. a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects
7. sharpen a ch_____aw
n. a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects
8. late co_____er
n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

ANSWERS: 1. sergeant, 2. tornado, 3. pacify, 4. antiquated, 5. tornado, 6. chainsaw, 7. chainsaw, 8. cofounder

9. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
10. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
11. pa___y an angry customer *v.* to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated; to quell or suppress a feeling or conflict
12. have an ant_____ed custom *adj.* outdated or old-fashioned
13. army se_____nt *n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class
14. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

ANSWERS: 9. opportune, 10. opportune, 11. pacify, 12. antiquated, 13. sergeant, 14. cofounder

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The factory was forced to shut down due to its _____ equipment.
adj. outdated or old-fashioned
2. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
3. The deadly _____ that hit the town yesterday destroyed many buildings and injured several people.
n. a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
4. The mother tried to _____ her crying baby by rocking him gently.
v. to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated; to quell or suppress a feeling or conflict
5. The lumberjack used his _____ to chop through the tree's thick trunk.
n. a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects
6. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.
n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
7. The fire department _____ instructed the firefighters on how to tackle the blaze.
n. a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class

ANSWERS: 1. antiquated, 2. opportune, 3. tornado, 4. pacify, 5. chainsaw, 6. cofounder, 7. sergeant

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