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Session 1: Word List

bluegrass

n. a genre of American traditional music originating from the Appalachian region, typically characterized by lively tempo, acoustic instruments such as banjo, fiddle, and guitar, and close-harmony singing

(1) **bluegrass** music, (2) **bluegrass** festival

The band played a lively **bluegrass** tune that got everyone dancing.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

fiddle

v. to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

synonym: tinker, diddle, play

(1) **fiddle** with a PC, (2) **fiddle** away the whole afternoon

She was able to **fiddle** a free trip to the United States.

banjo

n. a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked

or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound
(1) famous **banjo** player, (2) **banjo** music
The musician played the five-string **banjo** as part of his folk ensemble.

Session 2: Spelling

1. famous ba__o player *n.* a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound

2. bl_____ss festival *n.* a genre of American traditional music originating from the Appalachian region, typically characterized by lively tempo, acoustic instruments such as banjo, fiddle, and guitar, and close-harmony singing

3. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

4. fi___e with a PC *v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

5. bl_____ss music *n.* a genre of American traditional music originating from the Appalachian region, typically characterized by lively tempo, acoustic instruments such as banjo, fiddle, and guitar, and close-harmony singing

6. fi___e away the whole afternoon *v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

ANSWERS: 1. banjo, 2. bluegrass, 3. excite, 4. fiddle, 5. bluegrass, 6. fiddle

7. ex___e the crowd

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

8. ba__o music

n. a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound

ANSWERS: 7. excite, 8. banjo

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She was able to _____ a free trip to the United States.
 - v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

2. The musician played the five-string _____ as part of his folk ensemble.
 - n.* a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound

3. The news of her promotion _____ her.
 - v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

4. The band played a lively _____ tune that got everyone dancing.
 - n.* a genre of American traditional music originating from the Appalachian region, typically characterized by lively tempo, acoustic instruments such as banjo, fiddle, and guitar, and close-harmony singing

ANSWERS: 1. fiddle, 2. banjo, 3. excited, 4. bluegrass