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All Words

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Session 1: Word List

jersey

n. a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

synonym: shirt, sweater, top

(1) **jersey** material, (2) fabric of the **jersey**

I always wear my favorite basketball player's **jersey** to the games.

hooked

adj. being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak

synonym: caught, captivated, addicted

(1) **hooked** hair, (2) **hooked** on drugs

My son was **hooked** on the Internet.

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. 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
2. 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
3. ex___e the crowd
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
4. 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
5. ho___d on drugs
adj. being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak
6. je___y material
n. a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
7. 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: 1. fiddle, 2. bluegrass, 3. excite, 4. banjo, 5. hooked, 6. jersey, 7. banjo

8. 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
9. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
10. 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
11. fabric of the je___y *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
12. ho___d hair *adj.* being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak

ANSWERS: 8. bluegrass, 9. excite, 10. fiddle, 11. jersey, 12. hooked

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. 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

3. My son was _____ on the Internet.
 - adj.* being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak

4. 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

5. I always wear my favorite basketball player's _____ to the games.
 - n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

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

ANSWERS: 1. bluegrass, 2. fiddle, 3. hooked, 4. banjo, 5. jersey, 6. excited