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Session 1: Word List

whistle

- v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

synonym: sound, honk, tweet

(1) **whistle** a tune, (2) **whistle** for help

The employee decided to **whistle-blow** on the company's illegal activities.

annoy

- v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

synonym: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

irritate

- v. to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore

synonym: annoy, vex, bother

(1) **irritate** skin, (2) **irritate** my partner

The sound of his chewing loudly **irritates** me during dinner.

deviant

- adj.* markedly different or departing from what is normal or expected

synonym: abnormal, unconventional, irregular

(1) **deviant** ideas, (2) **deviant** art

His **deviant** behavior made others uncomfortable, and they avoided him at all costs.

reindeer

n. a large deer with branched antlers found in northern regions, often domesticated and used for transportation or as a source of food

synonym: caribou, elk, deer

(1) red-nosed **reindeer**, (2) domesticated **reindeer**

The Sami people have been herding **reindeer** in the Arctic for centuries, using them for food, transportation, and clothing.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

belle

n. a beautiful and attractive woman

synonym: beauty, beauty queen, lovely

(1) green-eyed **belle**, (2) Southern **belle** charm

She was the **belle** of the ball, and everyone wanted to dance with her.

rehearse

v. to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it

synonym: practice, recite, drill

(1) **rehearse** an opera, (2) **rehearse** a speech

The actors needed to **rehearse** their lines before the performance.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ir____te skin | <i>v.</i> to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore |
| 2. green-eyed be__e | <i>n.</i> a beautiful and attractive woman |
| 3. red-nosed re____er | <i>n.</i> a large deer with branched antlers found in northern regions, often domesticated and used for transportation or as a source of food |
| 4. de____t art | <i>adj.</i> markedly different or departing from what is normal or expected |
| 5. domesticated re____er | <i>n.</i> a large deer with branched antlers found in northern regions, often domesticated and used for transportation or as a source of food |
| 6. an__y everyone else | <i>v.</i> to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly |
| 7. ir____te my partner | <i>v.</i> to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore |
| 8. de____t ideas | <i>adj.</i> markedly different or departing from what is normal or expected |
| 9. an__y at the time | <i>v.</i> to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly |
| 10. easy qu____r | <i>n.</i> a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started |

ANSWERS: 1. irritate, 2. belle, 3. reindeer, 4. deviant, 5. reindeer, 6. annoy, 7. irritate, 8. deviant, 9. annoy, 10. quitter

11. re____se a speech *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
12. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
13. re____se an opera *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
14. wh____e for help *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
15. wh____e a tune *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
16. Southern be__e charm *n.* a beautiful and attractive woman

ANSWERS: 11. rehearse, 12. quitter, 13. rehearse, 14. whistle, 15. whistle, 16. belle

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

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v. to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore

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v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

7. She was the _____ of the ball, and everyone wanted to dance with her.
n. a beautiful and attractive woman

ANSWERS: 1. quitter, 2. reindeer, 3. rehearse, 4. annoy, 5. irritates, 6. whistle-blow, 7. belle

8. His _____ behavior made others uncomfortable, and they avoided him at all costs.

adj. markedly different or departing from what is normal or expected

ANSWERS: 8. deviant