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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### crank

*n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

*synonym*: eccentric, oddball, kook

(1) **crank** handle, (2) **crank** caller

The fishing reel had a **crank** that made it easy to reel in the catch.

### drone

*n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

*synonym*: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

## bagpipe

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of the musical instrument known as bagpipes, typically associated with Celtic or Scottish traditions

(1) **bagpipe** music, (2) **bagpipe** player

The **bagpipe's** distinct melody echoed through the castle courtyard.

## peg

*n.* a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object

*synonym*: pin, dowel, spike

(1) **peg** in the ground, (2) **peg** an exchange rate

The sheep were tagged with numbered plastic **pegs** in their ears.

## boombox

*n.* a portable radio or music player that often includes speakers and a cassette or CD player, used for playing music loudly

(1) portable **boombox**, (2) classic **boombox**

The party was lit thanks to the loud **boombox** blasting music all night.

## luthier

*n.* a person who makes or repairs stringed instruments such as violins, guitars, and cellos

*synonym*: lute maker, stringed instrument maker

(1) boutique **luthier**, (2) **luthier** craftsmanship

I took my broken ukulele to the skilled **luthier**, and he could fix it in no time.

## ado

*n.* an action, fuss, or commotion, often over a trivial or unimportant matter; unnecessary activity or effort

*synonym*: commotion, fuss, bother

(1) much **ado**, (2) kick up **ado**

We need to resolve this issue without any further **ado**.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. cr\_\_k caller      *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
3. classic bo\_\_\_\_x      *n.* a portable radio or music player that often includes speakers and a cassette or CD player, used for playing music loudly
4. much a\_o      *n.* an action, fuss, or commotion, often over a trivial or unimportant matter; unnecessary activity or effort
5. dr\_\_e flight      *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
6. boutique lu\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person who makes or repairs stringed instruments such as violins, guitars, and cellos
7. p\_g in the ground      *n.* a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object

ANSWERS: 1. fiddle, 2. crank, 3. boombox, 4. ado, 5. drone, 6. luthier, 7. peg

8. ba\_\_\_\_e player *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the musical instrument known as bagpipes, typically associated with Celtic or Scottish traditions
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10. 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
11. cr\_\_k handle *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
12. portable bo\_\_\_\_x *n.* a portable radio or music player that often includes speakers and a cassette or CD player, used for playing music loudly
13. kick up a\_o *n.* an action, fuss, or commotion, often over a trivial or unimportant matter; unnecessary activity or effort
14. ba\_\_\_\_e music *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the musical instrument known as bagpipes, typically associated with Celtic or Scottish traditions

ANSWERS: 8. bagpipe, 9. peg, 10. fiddle, 11. crank, 12. boombox, 13. ado, 14. bagpipe

15. the speaker's dr\_\_e

*n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

16. lu\_\_\_\_r craftsmanship

*n.* a person who makes or repairs stringed instruments such as violins, guitars, and cellos

ANSWERS: 15. drone, 16. luthier

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The fishing reel had a \_\_\_\_\_ that made it easy to reel in the catch.  
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ANSWERS: 1. crank, 2. bagpipe's, 3. pegs, 4. fiddle, 5. luthier, 6. drone, 7. ado

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ANSWERS: 8. boombox