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All Words

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Session 1: Word List

- eve**
- n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths
- synonym* : evening, dusk, twilight
- (1) **eve** of the party, (2) Christmas **Eve**
- The **eve** of the wedding was filled with excitement and anticipation.
- dinosaur**
- n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
- synonym* : reptile, beast, monster
- (1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil
- The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.
- gasoline**
- n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.
- synonym* : gas, petrol, fuel
- (1) lead-free **gasoline**, (2) small **gasoline** engine
- Luxury cars often require high-octane **gasoline** as fuel.

rattlesnake

n. a venomous snake with a distinctive rattle at the end of its tail, found in the Americas

synonym: rattler, viper, cobra

(1) **rattlesnake** bite, (2) **rattlesnake** venom

Hikers are warned to watch out for **rattlesnakes** on the trail during the summer months.

paradise

n. a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth

synonym: heaven, Eden, utopia

(1) **paradise** island, (2) **paradise** for criminals

Hawaii is often referred to as an everlasting summer **paradise**.

mow

v. to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops

synonym: cut, trim, clip

(1) **mow** the field, (2) **mow** a yard

My father likes to **mow** the lawn early on Saturday mornings.

mall

n. a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses

synonym: shopping center, shopping complex

(1) largest electronic **mall**, (2) **mall** crawler

Many people go to the shopping **mall** to socialize and spend time with friends.

stranded

adj. left in a difficult or helpless position without access to help or resources; unable to move or proceed

synonym: marooned, stuck, abandoned

(1) **stranded** travelers, (2) financially **stranded**

After their car broke down, the family was **stranded** on the side of the highway for hours.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. di____ur fossil | <i>n.</i> a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin |
| 2. small ga____ne engine | <i>n.</i> a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc. |
| 3. e_e of the party | <i>n.</i> (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths |
| 4. Christmas E_e | <i>n.</i> (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths |
| 5. m_w a yard | <i>v.</i> to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops |
| 6. m__l crawler | <i>n.</i> a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses |
| 7. hulking di____ur | <i>n.</i> a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin |

ANSWERS: 1. dinosaur, 2. gasoline, 3. eve, 4. eve, 5. mow, 6. mall, 7. dinosaur

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| 8. financially st_____ed | <i>adj.</i> left in a difficult or helpless position without access to help or resources; unable to move or proceed |
| 9. st_____ed travelers | <i>adj.</i> left in a difficult or helpless position without access to help or resources; unable to move or proceed |
| 10. pa_____se for criminals | <i>n.</i> a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth |
| 11. largest electronic m__l | <i>n.</i> a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses |
| 12. lead-free ga_____ne | <i>n.</i> a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc. |
| 13. rat_____ke venom | <i>n.</i> a venomous snake with a distinctive rattle at the end of its tail, found in the Americas |
| 14. m_w the field | <i>v.</i> to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops |
| 15. pa_____se island | <i>n.</i> a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth |
| 16. rat_____ke bite | <i>n.</i> a venomous snake with a distinctive rattle at the end of its tail, found in the Americas |

ANSWERS: 8. stranded, 9. stranded, 10. paradise, 11. mall, 12. gasoline, 13. rattlesnake, 14. mow, 15. paradise, 16. rattlesnake

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The discovery of a new _____ species made headlines in the scientific community.
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3. My father likes to ____ the lawn early on Saturday mornings.
 - v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
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5. Luxury cars often require high-octane _____ as fuel.
 - n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.
6. Hawaii is often referred to as an everlasting summer _____.
 - n.* a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth
7. Many people go to the shopping _____ to socialize and spend time with friends.
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ANSWERS: 1. dinosaur, 2. stranded, 3. mow, 4. rattlesnakes, 5. gasoline, 6. paradise, 7. mall

8. The ____ of the wedding was filled with excitement and anticipation.
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ANSWERS: 8. eve