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## Session 1: Word List

### ceaseless

*adj.* without stopping, pausing, or resting; persistent and unending

*synonym* : endless, unending, perpetual

(1) **ceaseless** rain, (2) **ceaseless** chatter

The **ceaseless** noise from the construction site kept me up all night.

### yearn

*v.* to strongly desire or long for something

*synonym* : long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love

She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

### paradox

*n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

*synonym* : incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

### naught

*n.* a numerical value representing zero or no quantity; nothingness

*synonym* : zero, nil, nothing

(1) **naught** percent, (2) **naught** to fear

The company's profits were reduced to **naught** due to

unexpected expenses.

## seize

- v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

*synonym*: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

## fret

- v. to feel or express worry, anxiety, or annoyance about something; to wear away or corrode a surface by rubbing repeatedly; to form a series of parallel ridges or grooves in a material

*synonym*: worry, agonize, fuss

(1) **fret** over every little thing, (2) **fret** about the future

I couldn't help but **fret** over the presentation I have to give tomorrow.

## tame

- v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training

*synonym*: domesticate, soften, (adjective) harmless

(1) **tame** a wild beast, (2) a **tame** animal

We have to **tame** substantial financial deficits at first.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ce\_\_\_\_\_ss rain *adj.* without stopping, pausing, or resting; persistent and unending
2. a t\_\_e animal *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
3. se\_\_e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
4. na\_\_\_t to fear *n.* a numerical value representing zero or no quantity; nothingness
5. f\_\_t about the future *v.* to feel or express worry, anxiety, or annoyance about something; to wear away or corrode a surface by rubbing repeatedly; to form a series of parallel ridges or grooves in a material
6. t\_\_e a wild beast *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
7. ye\_\_n after my old days *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
8. ye\_\_n for love *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
9. se\_\_e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

ANSWERS: 1. ceaseless, 2. tame, 3. seize, 4. naught, 5. fret, 6. tame, 7. yearn, 8. yearn, 9. seize

10. the pa\_\_\_\_x of the heap      *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
11. f\_\_t over every little thing      *v.* to feel or express worry, anxiety, or annoyance about something; to wear away or corrode a surface by rubbing repeatedly; to form a series of parallel ridges or grooves in a material
12. na\_\_\_\_t percent      *n.* a numerical value representing zero or no quantity; nothingness
13. ce\_\_\_\_\_ss chatter      *adj.* without stopping, pausing, or resting; persistent and unending
14. French pa\_\_\_\_x      *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

ANSWERS: 10. paradox, 11. fret, 12. naught, 13. ceaseless, 14. paradox

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I couldn't help but \_\_\_\_\_ over the presentation I have to give tomorrow.
  - v. to feel or express worry, anxiety, or annoyance about something; to wear away or corrode a surface by rubbing repeatedly; to form a series of parallel ridges or grooves in a material
  
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ for the days when things were simpler.
  - v. to strongly desire or long for something
  
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ noise from the construction site kept me up all night.
  - adj. without stopping, pausing, or resting; persistent and unending
  
4. There are many theories to explain this \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
  
5. He has the superpower to \_\_\_\_\_ a business opportunity.
  - v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
  
6. We have to \_\_\_\_\_ substantial financial deficits at first.
  - v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
  
7. The company's profits were reduced to \_\_\_\_\_ due to unexpected expenses.
  - n. a numerical value representing zero or no quantity; nothingness

ANSWERS: 1. fret, 2. yearned, 3. ceaseless, 4. paradox, 5. seize, 6. tame, 7. naught

ANSWERS: