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## Session 1: Word List

### stroll

v. to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim

*synonym*: amble, roam, mope

(1) **stroll** across a street, (2) **stroll** through the countryside

We could **stroll** into town if you like.

### hustle

v. to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way

*synonym*: bustle, rush, haste

(1) **hustle** on business, (2) **hustle** up money

You must **hustle** and struggle on the court to win an acquittal.

### phony

*adj.* not genuine; counterfeit; insincere; pretentious

*synonym*: fake, fraudulent, counterfeit

(1) **phony** excuse, (2) **phony** smile

He's a **phony** salesman who promises things he can't deliver.

### yolk

*n.* the yellow central part of an egg, surrounded by the egg white, which provides nutrients for an embryo during its development

*synonym*: egg, ovum, yellow

(1) **yolk** lipid, (2) egg **yolk**

The chef separated the egg white from the **yolk** to make a perfect soufflé.

## publicize

*v.* to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of

*synonym*: advertise, promote, announce

(1) **publicize** event, (2) **publicize** research findings

The company hired a PR firm to **publicize** its new product.

## lovable

*adj.* deserving or inspiring love and affection

*synonym*: adorable, charming, dear

(1) **lovable** personality, (2) a **lovable** creature

The little puppy was **lovable** and had a playful personality.

## waltz

*n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

*synonym*: ballroom dance, tango, foxtrot

(1) **waltz** music, (2) elegant **waltz**

The dancers practiced the steps of the **waltz** meticulously to perfect their performance.

## benign

*adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

*synonym*: kind, gentle, harmless

(1) **benign** tumor, (2) a **benign** smile

The lump was discovered to be **benign**, and no further treatment was needed.

## verve

*n.* energy, enthusiasm, or vitality, especially when expressed in a lively or spirited way; vigor or zeal

*synonym*: energy, enthusiasm, vitality

(1) journalistic **verve**, (2) perform with **verve**

The artist's work is known for its vibrant colors and energetic **verve**.

## swell

*v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

*synonym*: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a be___n smile              | <i>adj.</i> kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious   |
| 2. ph___y excuse               | <i>adj.</i> not genuine; counterfeit; insincere; pretentious  |
| 3. sw___l at room temperature  | <i>v.</i> to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important  |
| 4. elegant wa___z              | <i>n.</i> a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure |
| 5. sw___l a population         | <i>v.</i> to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important  |
| 6. wa___z music                | <i>n.</i> a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure |
| 7. pu_____ze research findings | <i>v.</i> to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of   |
| 8. egg y___k                   | <i>n.</i> the yellow central part of an egg, surrounded by the egg white, which provides nutrients for an embryo during its development                                     |
| 9. st___l across a street      | <i>v.</i> to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim   |

ANSWERS: 1. benign, 2. phony, 3. swell, 4. waltz, 5. swell, 6. waltz, 7. publicize, 8. yolk, 9. stroll

10. y\_\_k lipid *n.* the yellow central part of an egg, surrounded by the egg white, which provides nutrients for an embryo during its development
11. be\_\_\_n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
12. hu\_\_\_e up money *v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
13. lo\_\_\_\_e personality *adj.* deserving or inspiring love and affection
14. a lo\_\_\_\_e creature *adj.* deserving or inspiring love and affection
15. perform with ve\_\_e *n.* energy, enthusiasm, or vitality, especially when expressed in a lively or spirited way; vigor or zeal
16. ph\_\_y smile *adj.* not genuine; counterfeit; insincere; pretentious
17. hu\_\_\_e on business *v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
18. pu\_\_\_\_ze event *v.* to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of
19. st\_\_\_l through the countryside *v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
20. journalistic ve\_\_e *n.* energy, enthusiasm, or vitality, especially when expressed in a lively or spirited way; vigor or zeal

ANSWERS: 10. yolk, 11. benign, 12. hustle, 13. lovable, 14. lovable, 15. verve, 16. phony, 17. hustle, 18. publicize, 19. stroll, 20. verve

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We could \_\_\_\_\_ into town if you like.  
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2. The dancers practiced the steps of the \_\_\_\_\_ meticulously to perfect their performance.  
*n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
3. You must \_\_\_\_\_ and struggle on the court to win an acquittal.  
*v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
4. He's a \_\_\_\_\_ salesman who promises things he can't deliver.  
*adj.* not genuine; counterfeit; insincere; pretentious
5. The chef separated the egg white from the \_\_\_\_\_ to make a perfect souffle.  
*n.* the yellow central part of an egg, surrounded by the egg white, which provides nutrients for an embryo during its development
6. His arm was \_\_\_\_\_ from the insect bite.  
*v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
7. The artist's work is known for its vibrant colors and energetic \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* energy, enthusiasm, or vitality, especially when expressed in a lively or spirited way; vigor or zeal
8. The lump was discovered to be \_\_\_\_\_ and no further treatment was needed.  
*adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

ANSWERS: 1. stroll, 2. waltz, 3. hustle, 4. phony, 5. yolk, 6. swelling, 7. verve, 8. benign,

9. The little puppy was \_\_\_\_\_ and had a playful personality.

*adj.* deserving or inspiring love and affection

10. The company hired a PR firm to \_\_\_\_\_ its new product.

*v.* to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of

ANSWERS: 9. lovable, 10. publicize