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Session 1: Word List

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym: skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

greyhound

n. a breed of dog known for its slender and athletic build, specifically bred for coursing prey at high speeds and often used in dog racing

synonym: hound, dog, canine

(1) **greyhound** race, (2) retired **greyhound**

The **greyhound** trainer has over a decade of experience working with the breed.

keen

adj. having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest

synonym: eager, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **keen** interest, (2) **keen** observation

He was **keen** to learn more about the subject and attended every lecture.

laurel

n. an evergreen shrub or tree with dark green leaves that is often used symbolically to represent victory, honor, or

accomplishment

synonym: wreath, crown, garland

(1) **laurel** wreath, (2) noble **laurel**

The athlete wore a **laurel** wreath to symbolize victory in the competition.

twist

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

synonym: wrench, turn, twirl

(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel

He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

shove

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

synonym: push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

glory

n. great honor or success won by notable achievements

synonym: acclaim, credit, recognition

(1) greatest **glory**, (2) former **glory**

It is preferable to die in **glory** than to live in dishonor.

cripple

v. to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine

synonym : disable, impair, paralyze

(1) **cripple** economy, (2) **cripple** opposition

The injury was severe enough to **cripple** the athlete's chances of playing again this season.

Session 2: Spelling

1. muscular st____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
2. k__n interest *adj.* having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest
3. gr_____nd race *n.* a breed of dog known for its slender and athletic build, specifically bred for coursing prey at high speeds and often used in dog racing
4. sh__e hamburger into my mouth *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
5. noble la____l *n.* an evergreen shrub or tree with dark green leaves that is often used symbolically to represent victory, honor, or accomplishment
6. tw__t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
7. tw__t around to the left *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
8. a l__n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
9. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
10. st____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
11. cr_____e opposition *v.* to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine

ANSWERS: 1. strength, 2. keen, 3. greyhound, 4. shove, 5. laurel, 6. twist, 7. twist, 8. lean, 9. constant, 10. strength, 11. cripple

12. l__n athletic figure *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
13. la___l wreath *n.* an evergreen shrub or tree with dark green leaves that is often used symbolically to represent victory, honor, or accomplishment
14. retired gr_____nd *n.* a breed of dog known for its slender and athletic build, specifically bred for coursing prey at high speeds and often used in dog racing
15. sh__e a person aside *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
16. cr_____e economy *v.* to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine
17. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
18. k__n observation *adj.* having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest
19. former gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
20. greatest gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements

ANSWERS: 12. lean, 13. laurel, 14. greyhound, 15. shove, 16. cripple, 17. constant, 18. keen, 19. glory, 20. glory

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.
v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape
2. The injury was severe enough to _____ the athlete's chances of playing again this season.
v. to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine
3. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
4. The athlete wore a _____ wreath to symbolize victory in the competition.
n. an evergreen shrub or tree with dark green leaves that is often used symbolically to represent victory, honor, or accomplishment
5. He was _____ to learn more about the subject and attended every lecture.
adj. having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest
6. The _____ trainer has over a decade of experience working with the breed.
n. a breed of dog known for its slender and athletic build, specifically bred for coursing prey at high speeds and often used in dog racing
7. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
adj. happening repeatedly or all the time
8. He forcibly _____ the flyer into my bag.
v. to push someone or something in a rough way

ANSWERS: 1. twisted, 2. cripple, 3. strength, 4. laurel, 5. keen, 6. greyhound, 7. Constant, 8. shoved

9. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

10. It is preferable to die in _____ than to live in dishonor.

n. great honor or success won by notable achievements

ANSWERS: 9. Lean, 10. glory