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Session 1: Word List

siren

n. a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger

synonym : alarm, warning, alert

(1) fire truck **siren**, (2) police **siren**

I heard the **siren** of an ambulance and moved my car to the side of the road.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym : learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

vibrate

v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

synonym : oscillate, convulse, jerk

(1) **vibrate** at a regular frequency, (2) **vibrate** with anger
During the flight, the wings of the plane **vibrate**.

passee

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

synonym: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym: murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. answer in a wh_____r | v. | to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you |
| 2. am_____y a signal | v. | to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness |
| 3. fire truck si__n | n. | a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger |
| 4. pa__e trend | adj. | no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date |
| 5. vi_____e at a regular frequency | v. | to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side |
| 6. try hard to me_____ze the lines | v. | to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly |
| 7. the wh_____r of the leaves | v. | to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you |
| 8. vi_____e with anger | v. | to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side |
| 9. a_t cabin | adj. | (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle |

ANSWERS: 1. whisper, 2. amplify, 3. siren, 4. passe, 5. vibrate, 6. memorize, 7. whisper, 8. vibrate, 9. aft

10. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
11. me____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
12. am____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
13. police si__n *n.* a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger
14. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 10. passe, 11. memorize, 12. amplify, 13. siren, 14. aft

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I heard the _____ of an ambulance and moved my car to the side of the road.
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2. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

3. You might need to _____ this point.
v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

4. Lawyers need to _____ even the most minor provisions of the law.
v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

5. The ____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

6. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.
v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

7. During the flight, the wings of the plane _____.
v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

ANSWERS: 1. siren, 2. passe, 3. amplify, 4. memorize, 5. aft, 6. whispered, 7. vibrate

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