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**Lesson 15 Vocabulary**

**Backstretch:** n. the part of an oval racetrack farthest from the crowd and opposite the homestretch (As the horses raced into the backstretch, they picked up their pace.)

**Billiards:** n. a game played on a cloth-covered table by hitting small balls into pockets with a cue (Billiards was once a game played by only the upper classes.)

**Bout:** n. a contest; a match (In his first bout, the boxer was knocked to the floor by his opponent.)

**Contestant:** n. a participant in a game or sport (Every contestant in the swim meet wore the same style of swimsuit.)

**Crochet:** v. to do a type of needlework (Get some yarn and a hooked needle, and I will teach you how to crochet.)

**Equestrian:** n. a horseback rider (The young equestrian taught her horse to jump the fences with ease.)

**Handlebars:** n. a steering mechanism, as on a bicycle or motorcycle (Keep both hands on the bicycle’s handlebars and you will not lose control.)

**Horseracing:** n. a sport in which horses try to outrun one another (Horseracing is often referred to as the sport of kings.)

**Jockey:** n. one who rides a horse in races (A jockey seldom weighs more than one hundred pounds.)

**Lottery:** n. a type of gambling in which people buy what they hope to be a winning ticket (A lottery is not legal in every state.)

**Marina:** n. a docking area for small boats (We secured our boat at the marina and walked along the pier.)

**Membership:** n. the state of belonging to a group or organization (I applied for membership in the chess club.)

**Rafting:** n. navigating a flat structure, or raft, down a river (White-water rafting is exciting but can be very dangerous.)

**Rigger:** n. a person who equips a ship with sails and masts (The rigger climbed the mast to set the sails before the storm.)

**Rigor:** n. severity or strictness (Not every runner was prepared for the rigor of the race.)

**Robust:** adj. strong and healthy (The new team member is the most robust, energetic hockey player I’ve seen.)

**Spectator:** n. one who attends and views a show or event (Not every spectator was able to see the skiers cross the finish line.)

**Tent:** n. a portable shelter usually made out of nylon or canvas (This tent will sleep three people comfortably.)

**Varsity:** n. the major team representing a school in sports or other activities (In the scrimmage, the varsity wore the red jerseys.)

**Volleyball:** n. a game played on a court with a ball and a high net (Volleyball is an Olympic sport.)

**Directions**: Choose the letter of the word that best completes the sentence.

1. The game of pool is also called pocket \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. Jockey b. billiards c. volleyball d. rigor
2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ is favored to win the college wrestling match.
   1. Tent b. spectator c. varsity d. rigger
3. If you do not renew your \_\_\_\_\_, you cannot participate in the game.
   1. marina b. contestant c. backstretch d. membership
4. Hand brakes and a horn were attached to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the bike.
   1. Lottery b. handlebars c. rigger d. rafting
5. I became interested in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after I saw the Kentucky Derby.
   1. Billiards b. volleyball c. horseracing d. rafting
6. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is an important crew member on a ship.
   1. membership b. spectator c. equestrian d. rigger
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_is a popular sport on the Colorado River.
   1. horseracing b. billiards c. rafting d. volleyball
8. Many people were playing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the beach.
   1. rafting b. volleyball c. tent d. billiards
9. We used our binoculars to watch the horses in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. marina b. lottery c. backstretch d. varsity
10. We stopped at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to refuel and stretch our legs.
    1. Marina b. varsity c. handlebars d. backstretch

**Directions:** Choose the letter of the word that most nearly has the SAME meaning as the word in capital letters.

1. CROCHET
   1. Compete b. gamble c. equip d. knit
2. RIGOR
   1. Mechanism b. navigation c. sail d. harshness
3. TENT
   1. Dock b. raft c. tepee d. text
4. BOUT
   1. Fever b. tournament c. mast d. shelter
5. SPECTATOR
   1. Carpenter b. swimmer c. jockey d. observer
6. JOCKEY
   1. Rigger b. judge c. rider d. sailor
7. LOTTERY
   1. Gadget b. contestant c. raffle d. horserace
8. CONTESTANT
   1. Spectator b. summary c. leader d. competitor
9. EQUESTRIAN
   1. Observer b. competitor c. jockey d. participant
10. ROBUST
    1. Vigorous b. noble c. frail d. favorable