**Practice Exercise – “S”**

**Choose the correct form of the word.**

1. The dirt road ended abruptly in a (sheer, shear) drop-off to the rocks below.
2. She made a (sleight, slight) error in her calculations.
3. Everything was at (steak, stake) in the race.
4. The (stayed, staid) spinster lived with her mother.
5. The (suit, suite) of rooms is on the top floor.
6. The C.P.A. was in severe (straights, straits) because he had been juggling the books.
7. The grain (shoot, chute) emptied directly into the railroad car.
8. We were (shown, shone) to our seats by the usher.
9. She needs to have her shoes (resoled, resouled.)
10. The dancers (swayed, suede) with the music.
11. The (stationary, stationery) bus bench was demolished in the crash.
12. She likes to shop at the month-end (sails, sales.)
13. That (statute, statue) has been on the books forever.
14. The young couple tried to (steel, steal) away in the night.
15. Everyone began to (stare, stair) as she entered the room.
16. It will be necessary to (seas, sees, seize) the records.
17. He has not been (seen, scene) since early this morning.
18. She just sits and (stairs, stares) into space.
19. The chances are he picked up the (staph, staff) infection in the hospital itself.
20. The smell from the (slough, slew) was intolerable.
21. He refuses to participate in that (shame, sham.)
22. The company (script, scrip) could be traded at ridiculously high prices.
23. The various (sex, sects) of the churches were congregating for a meeting.
24. I shall not deal with her until she comes to her (senses, census.)