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Session 1: Word List

desperate

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

synonym: anguish, frantic, hopeless

(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt

He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.

fascination

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

synonym: allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in fascination.

urgency

 the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately

synonym: importance, importunity, urging

(1) **urgency** in the use of force, (2) matter of **urgency**She departed hurriedly because of some significant **urgency**in their affairs.

slew

v. to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent

synonym: slide, curve, (noun) heap

(1) **slew** around suddenly, (2) have a **slew** of ideas He **slew** many Trojan warriors in this war.

gadget

- n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular jobsynonym: appliance, gimmick, device
- (1) a handy **gadget**, (2) time-saving **gadget**I found the kitchen **gadget** that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

fancy

v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

synonym: imagine, visualize, (noun) fantasy

(1) **fancy** a cup of coffee, (2) a flight of **fancy** I don't **fancy** acting in such an important role.

alarm

 a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

synonym: notice, warning, panic

(1) give the **alarm**, (2) an **alarm** clock
The **alarm** announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

column

n. one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

synonym: line, pillar, cue

the spinal column, (2) a column of water
 The newspaper devoted several columns to the affair.

scare

- v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened synonym: frighten, spook, intimidate
- (1) **scare** off her attacker by screaming, (2) **scare** the birds away

We hit the ground to **scare** out the rabbits.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym: judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

flaw

 a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

synonym: defect, fault, imperfection

(1) a minor flaw, (2) the flaw in the legislation

Even the slightest design **flaw** in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym: exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains accurate academic records.

recommend

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

synonym: advise, suggest, instruct

(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

simplify

v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

synonym: streamline, clarify, elucidate

(1) **simplify** my life, (2) **simplify** the process Please **simplify** your explanation for the children.

nuance

 a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

synonym: shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

cardiovascular

- adj. of or relating to the heart and blood vessels (= tubes that carry blood around the body)
- (1) **cardiovascular** diseases, (2) **cardiovascular** tissue Smoking places you at severe risk of **cardiovascular** and respiratory disease.

diabetes

- a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood
- (1) juvenile **diabetes**, (2) **diabetes** patient My father was tested for **diabetes**.

depression

 a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

synonym: recession, slump, despair

(1) the Great **Depression**, (2) the root problem of her **depression**

Depression symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

ignore

- v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to synonym: neglect, disregard, shun
- (1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

duration

- n. the length of time something lasts or continuessynonym: period, span, course
- the duration of insurance, (2) short duration
 military incarcerated him for the duration of the war.

doomsday

 the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event

synonym: Day of Judgment, Last Judgement

(1) **doomsday** scenario, (2) economic **doomsday** This task is going to take me till **doomsday**.

counterproductive

adj. having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted synonym: ineffective, inadequate, inefficient

(1) **counterproductive** approach, (2) highly **counterproductive** to performance

Territorial disputes between different countries are entirely **counterproductive** but common.

instance

- n. a particular example or single occurrence of somethingsynonym: example, sample, illustration
- (1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym: calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

fascinating

adj. extremely interestingsynonym: alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

obsess

 to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

orthosomnia

- a medical term for an unhealthy obsession with getting perfect sleep
- (1) treatment for **orthosomnia**, (2) excessive **orthosomnia**Several researchers claim that tracking sleep through apps and gadgets is causing **orthosomnia**.

preoccupation

the state or condition of thinking about something continuously or obsessively

synonym: fetish, obsession, fixation

(1) **preoccupation** with work, (2) military **preoccupation**She has an obsessive **preoccupation** with weight and shape.

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.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree synonym: farthermost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

anxiety

 a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

synonym: concern, dread, agita

(1) diagnosis of **anxiety** disorder, (2) **anxiety** for knowledge She waited for her daughter with **anxiety**.

realistic

adj. having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

synonym: practical, pragmatic, down-to-earth

(1) a realistic goal, (2) a realistic goal

That story was so **realistic**, and it was scary.

accord

- n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have synonym: alliance, pact, agreement
- (1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**. The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

psychology

- n. the scientific study of mind and behavior
- (1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

lab

a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) lab instrument, (2) medical lab

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

disturbance

 something that interrupts a settled and peaceful condition or that makes someone feel nervous or worried

synonym: disorder, upset, annoyance

(1) a nervous **disturbance**, (2) a **disturbance** caused by a terrorist

This building construction causes serious **disturbance** to residents.

asleep

adj. in a state of sleep

synonym: sleeping, fallen, at rest

(1) **asleep** at the wheel, (2) dead **asleep** He lay down and fell **asleep** immediately.

involuntary

adj. acting or done without or against one's will synonym: coerced, forced, automatic

(1) **involuntary** manslaughter, (2) **involuntary** muscles
The drug's side effects can include **involuntary** loss of urine.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

filter

 any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym: strainer

(1) gas filter, (2) clogged filter

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

explore

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

synonym: analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

evident

adj. apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment *synonym*: apparent, noticeable, obvious

(1) evident to all, (2) plainly evident

With evident joy, he signed his name.

recommendation

 an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job

synonym: guidance, advice, suggestion

(1) follow his **recommendations**, (2) a letter of **recommendation**

We made a **recommendation** to the client.

academy

 a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field

synonym: school, institute, college

(1) an **academy** of music, (2) a member of the **Academy** Her new documentary earned her an **Academy** Award.

therapy

n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

synonym: antidote, medicine, treatment

(1) therapy for a patient, (2) field of gene therapyI underwent aversion therapy for my addiction to alcohol.

cognitive

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding synonym: perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

insomnia

the condition of being unable to sleep, usually a chronic one

synonym: sleeplessness, wakefulness, restlessness

(1) medication for **insomnia**, (2) alcohol-dependent **insomnia**

He suffered **insomnia** and loss of appetite after he began taking that medication.

medication

 a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease

synonym: cure, drug, medicine

(1) antibiotic **medication**, (2) **medication** by mouth

The pharmacist not only prescribes the **medication** but also guides its proper use.

Session 2: Spelling

1. have a s_w of ideas

2. ev___t to all

3. completely fas____ng to me

4. diagnosis of an___y disorder

5. di____es patient

6. re____nd reading

7. rich in nu___e

8. es te a fair value

9. ig___e her advice

10. give the al m

v. to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent

adj. apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment

adj. extremely interesting

 a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

 a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

 a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

 a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

ANSWERS: 1. slew, 2. evident, 3. fascinating, 4. anxiety, 5. diabetes, 6. recommend, 7. nuance, 8. estimate, 9. ignore, 10. alarm

11.	a cont wind	adj.	happening repeatedly or all the time
12.	the f_w in the legislation	n.	a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
13.	excessive ortia	n.	a medical term for an unhealthy obsession with getting perfect sleep
14.	any for knowledge	n.	a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
15.	sify the process	<i>v</i> .	to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
16.	psygy of crowd	n.	the scientific study of mind and behavior
17.	her dete screams	adj.	feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
18.	carlar tissue	adj.	of or relating to the heart and blood vessels (= tubes that carry blood around the body)
19.	gas fir	n.	any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
20.	dete attempt	adj.	feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
21.	a flight of fay	ν.	to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

ANSWERS: 11. constant, 12. flaw, 13. orthosomnia, 14. anxiety, 15. simplify, 16. psychology, 17. desperate, 18. cardiovascular, 19. filter, 20. desperate, 21. fancy

22.	for ince	n.	a particular example or single occurrence of something
23.	ige a ban	<i>v</i> .	to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
24.	aste with people widely	v.	to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
25.	a disce caused by a terrorist	n.	something that interrupts a settled and peaceful condition or that makes someone feel nervous or worried
26.	the Great Depon	n.	a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
27.	medication for inia	n.	the condition of being unable to sleep, usually a chronic one
28.	aste alcohol with gambling	ν.	to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
29.	sce off her attacker by screaming	<i>v</i> .	to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
30.	couive approach	adj.	having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted
31.	stle against discrimination	v.	to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
32.	research on cove psychology	adj.	of or relating to mental processes of understanding

ANSWERS: 22. instance, 23. ignore, 24. associate, 25. disturbance, 26. depression, 27. insomnia, 28. associate, 29. scare, 30. counterproductive, 31. struggle, 32. cognitive

33. ur y in the use of force the quality of being very important and n. needing to be dealt with immediately the quality of being very important and 34. matter of ur___y n. needing to be dealt with immediately 35. dead as___p adj. in a state of sleep 36. an ac___y of music a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field 37. clogged fi___r any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light adj. in a state of sleep 38. as p at the wheel 39. ex___e weather events adj. very great in amount or degree 40. a nervous dis____ce something that interrupts a settled and n. peaceful condition or that makes someone feel nervous or worried 41. fas____ng story adj. extremely interesting 42. fa y a cup of coffee to want to do or have something; (noun) ν. something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy 43. sc e the birds away to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened 44. a co____nt temperature adj. happening repeatedly or all the time 45. st le to get the job to make a great effort to do something ν. when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 33. urgency, 34. urgency, 35. asleep, 36. academy, 37. filter, 38. asleep, 39. extreme, 40. disturbance, 41. fascinating, 42. fancy, 43. scare, 44. constant, 45. struggle

46.	invry muscles	adj.	acting or done without or against one's will
47.	medon by mouth	n.	a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
48.	economic dm	n.	death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
49.	plainly evt	adj.	apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment
50.	provide acte information	adj.	correct and exact in all details
51.	an alm clock	n.	a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
52.	a minor fw	n.	a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
53.	sw around suddenly	<i>v</i> .	to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent
54.	este this chicken to weigh three pounds	ν.	to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
55.	acte measurements	adj.	correct and exact in all details
56.	I_b instrument	n.	a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
57.	the duon of insurance	n.	the length of time something lasts or continues
58.	a member of the Acy	n.	a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field

ANSWERS: 46. involuntary, 47. medication, 48. doom, 49. evident, 50. accurate, 51. alarm, 52. flaw, 53. slew, 54. estimate, 55. accurate, 56. lab, 57. duration, 58. academy

notable ince	n.	a particular example or single occurrence of something
doay scenario	n.	the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event
subtle cultural nue	n.	a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
obs over her weight	ν.	to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
thy for a patient	n.	the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
highly couive	to adj.	having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted
economic doay	n.	the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event
antibiotic medon	n.	a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
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ANSWERS: 59. instance, 60. doomsday, 61. nuance, 62. obsess, 63. therapy, 64. counterproductive, 65. doomsday, 66. medication, 67. column, 68. column

69.	the root problem of her depon	n.	a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
70.	acd with public opinion	n.	an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
71.	preion with work	n.	the state or condition of thinking about something continuously or obsessively
72.	rend a hospitalization	v.	to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
73.	the fason with classical music	n.	the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
74.	invry manslaughter	adj.	acting or done without or against one's will
75.	follow his recions	n.	an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job
76.	binational acd	n.	an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
77.	time-saving gat	n.	a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
78.	exe the world	<i>v</i> .	to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

ANSWERS: 69. depression, 70. accord, 71. preoccupation, 72. recommend, 73. fascination, 74. involuntary, 75. recommendation, 76. accord, 77. gadget, 78. explore

79.	carlar diseases	adj.	of or relating to the heart and blood vessels (= tubes that carry blood around the body)
80.	rapt in fason	n.	the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
81.	military preion	n.	the state or condition of thinking about something continuously or obsessively
82.	psygy experiment	n.	the scientific study of mind and behavior
83.	improve cove function	adj.	of or relating to mental processes of understanding
84.	he is obsed with the fear	<i>v</i> .	to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
85.	sify my life	ν.	to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
86.	field of gene thy	n.	the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
87.	medical I_b	n.	a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
88.	prophet of dm	n.	death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
89.	a letter of recion	n.	an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job
90.	alcohol-dependent inia	n.	the condition of being unable to sleep, usually a chronic one
91.	treatment for ortia	n.	a medical term for an unhealthy obsession with getting perfect sleep

ANSWERS: 79. cardiovascular, 80. fascination, 81. preoccupation, 82. psychology, 83. cognitive, 84. obsess, 85. simplify, 86. therapy, 87. lab, 88. doom, 89. recommendation, 90. insomnia, 91. orthosomnia

92.	exe our option
93.	short duon
94.	exe sports
95.	a reic goal
96.	juvenile dies
97.	a handy gat

- v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
- *n.* the length of time something lasts or continues
- adj. very great in amount or degree
- adj. having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve
- a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood
- a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

ANSWERS: 92. explore, 93. duration, 94. extreme, 95. realistic, 96. diabetes, 97. gadget

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. v.	He many Trojan warriors in this war. to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent
2.	His faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.
adj.	of or relating to mental processes of understanding
3.	We taking media training every six months.
v.	to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
4.	He's utterly with his promotion.
v.	to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
5.	We hit the ground to out the rabbits.
<i>v</i> .	to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
6.	The official transcript contains academic records.
adj.	correct and exact in all details
7.	The newspaper devoted several to the affair.
n.	one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
8.	Ozone is a primary to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.
n.	any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
	SWERS: 1. slew, 2. cognitive, 3. recommend, 4. obsessed, 5. scare, 6. accurate columns, 8. filter