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Session 1: Word List

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

chimera

n. (in Greek mythology) a fire-breathing creature with a lion's head, a goat's body, and a snake's tail; a thing that is illusory or impossible to achieve

synonym: delusion, illusion, figment

(1) **chimera** mouse, (2) interspecies **chimera**

Animal **chimeras** are created by combining multiple fertilized eggs.

amalgam

n. an alloy of mercury with another metal, used especially to fill holes in teeth; a mixture or combination of diverse things

synonym: mixture, alloy, admixture

(1) **amalgam** alloy, (2) an **amalgam** of hope and fear

His theory is an **amalgam** of earlier ideas.

uterus

n. a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth

synonym: womb

(1) **uterus** cancer, (2) bleeding from **uterus**

The physician prescribed medication to relieve the contraction of the **uterus**.

fetus

n. an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal

(1) development of the **fetus**, (2) an aborted **fetus**

The female vagina is elastic enough to allow the passage of a **fetus**.

placenta

n. a temporary organ that feeds a fetus (= unborn and developing baby) inside its mother's womb

(1) **placenta** blood, (2) fetal **placenta**

The **placenta** produces various hormones that help maintain the pregnancy.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

undifferentiated

adj. having few or no clear distinctive characters; (of cells) not having specialized or mature structures or functions

synonym: uniform, identical, alike

(1) **undifferentiated** cells, (2) **undifferentiated** market

The infant makes **undifferentiated** reflex responses to stimuli.

undetected

adj. not perceived or discovered

synonym: undiscovered, hidden, concealed

(1) **undetected** cancer, (2) leave the house **undetected**

Doctors made mistakes, and diseases remained **undetected**.

regenerate

v. to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful

synonym: renew, revive, improve

(1) **regenerate** bone tissue, (2) a **regenerate** sinner

The new CEO's primary mission is to **regenerate** the company on the verge of bankruptcy.

biopsy

n. the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease

synonym: examination, autopsy

(1) **biopsy** of bone marrow, (2) liquid **biopsy**

The doctor performed an excisional breast **biopsy**.

fraternal

adj. relating to or like a brother or brothers; (of twins) derived from two separate fertilized ova (= the female reproductive cell)

synonym: brotherly, congenial, biovular

(1) **fraternal** twins, (2) a **fraternal** association

He recommended that they take out **fraternal** life insurance.

ovary

n. either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower

(1) **ovary** atrophy, (2) salted **ovary** of walleye pollack

They found **ovary** cancer in an early stage.

ancestry

n. the family or the ethnic descent that you come from
synonym: ancestor, family, descent

(1) a distinguished **ancestry**, (2) prehuman **ancestry**

He looked down on the royal **ancestry** of the neighboring country.

embryonic

adj. of or relating to an embryo (= an animal organism in the early stages of growth); in an early stage of development

synonym: embryonal

(1) **embryonic** stem cells, (2) **embryonic** development

The project is still in its **embryonic** stage.

mitochondria

n. (singular: mitochondrion) an organelle (= a specialized part of a cell) found in large numbers in most cells that produce energy for the cell by breaking down food

(1) a membrane of a **mitochondria**, (2) healthy

mitochondria

Mitochondria DNA is used to trace human lineage and migration footprints.

Session 2: Spelling

1. st____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
2. development of the fe__s *n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
3. und_____ed cancer *adj.* not perceived or discovered
4. und_____ted market *adj.* having few or no clear distinctive characters; (of cells) not having specialized or mature structures or functions
5. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
6. pl_____ta blood *n.* a temporary organ that feeds a fetus (= unborn and developing baby) inside its mother's womb
7. salted ov__y of walleye pollack *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
8. un_____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
9. a distinguished an_____ry *n.* the family or the ethnic descent that you come from
10. fr_____al twins *adj.* relating to or like a brother or brothers; (of twins) derived from two separate fertilized ova (= the female reproductive cell)

ANSWERS: 1. stumble, 2. fetus, 3. undetected, 4. undifferentiated, 5. inherit, 6. placenta, 7. ovary, 8. uncover, 9. ancestry, 10. fraternal

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| 11. co_____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 12. an aborted fe__s | <i>n.</i> an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal |
| 13. a fr_____al association | <i>adj.</i> relating to or like a brother or brothers; (of twins) derived from two separate fertilized ova (= the female reproductive cell) |
| 14. liquid bi___y | <i>n.</i> the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease |
| 15. am_____m alloy | <i>n.</i> an alloy of mercury with another metal, used especially to fill holes in teeth; a mixture or combination of diverse things |
| 16. bleeding from ut___s | <i>n.</i> a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth |
| 17. em_____ic stem cells | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to an embryo (= an animal organism in the early stages of growth); in an early stage of development |
| 18. in_____t ancestral property | <i>v.</i> to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died |
| 19. co_____ve of an idea | <i>v.</i> to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant |
| 20. interspecies ch_____a | <i>n.</i> (in Greek mythology) a fire-breathing creature with a lion's head, a goat's body, and a snake's tail; a thing that is illusory or impossible to achieve |

ANSWERS: 11. confuse, 12. fetus, 13. fraternal, 14. biopsy, 15. amalgam, 16. uterus, 17. embryonic, 18. inherit, 19. conceive, 20. chimera

21. prehuman an____ry *n.* the family or the ethnic descent that you come from
22. und_____ted cells *adj.* having few or no clear distinctive characters; (of cells) not having specialized or mature structures or functions
23. healthy mit_____ria *n.* (singular: mitochondrion) an organelle (= a specialized part of a cell) found in large numbers in most cells that produce energy for the cell by breaking down food
24. co____ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
25. bi___y of bone marrow *n.* the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease
26. ch_____a mouse *n.* (in Greek mythology) a fire-breathing creature with a lion's head, a goat's body, and a snake's tail; a thing that is illusory or impossible to achieve
27. reg_____te bone tissue *v.* to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful
28. leave the house und_____ed *adj.* not perceived or discovered
29. co____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
30. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

ANSWERS: 21. ancestry, 22. undifferentiated, 23. mitochondria, 24. conceive, 25. biopsy, 26. chimera, 27. regenerate, 28. undetected, 29. confuse, 30. uncover

31. st____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
32. fetal pl____ta *n.* a temporary organ that feeds a fetus (= unborn and developing baby) inside its mother's womb
33. a reg____te sinner *v.* to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful
34. em____ic development *adj.* of or relating to an embryo (= an animal organism in the early stages of growth); in an early stage of development
35. ut____s cancer *n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth
36. a membrane of a mit____ria *n.* (singular: mitochondrion) an organelle (= a specialized part of a cell) found in large numbers in most cells that produce energy for the cell by breaking down food
37. an am____m of hope and fear *n.* an alloy of mercury with another metal, used especially to fill holes in teeth; a mixture or combination of diverse things
38. ov__y atrophy *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower

ANSWERS: 31. stumble, 32. placenta, 33. regenerate, 34. embryonic, 35. uterus, 36. mitochondria, 37. amalgam, 38. ovary

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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3. Doctors made mistakes, and diseases remained _____.
adj. not perceived or discovered
4. The _____ produces various hormones that help maintain the pregnancy.
n. a temporary organ that feeds a fetus (= unborn and developing baby) inside its mother's womb
5. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
6. The infant makes _____ reflex responses to stimuli.
adj. having few or no clear distinctive characters; (of cells) not having specialized or mature structures or functions
7. She _____ over the tree root.
v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
8. He looked down on the royal _____ of the neighboring country.
n. the family or the ethnic descent that you come from

ANSWERS: 1. amalgam, 2. Mitochondria, 3. undetected, 4. placenta, 5. inherited, 6. undifferentiated, 7. stumbled, 8. ancestry

9. The physician prescribed medication to relieve the contraction of the _____.
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ANSWERS: 9. uterus, 10. embryonic, 11. chimeras, 12. conceive, 13. fetus, 14. ovary, 15. regenerate, 16. confused

17. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.

- v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

18. He recommended that they take out _____ life insurance.

- adj.* relating to or like a brother or brothers; (of twins) derived from two separate fertilized ova (= the female reproductive cell)

19. The doctor performed an excisional breast _____.

- n.* the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease

ANSWERS: 17. uncovered, 18. fraternal, 19. biopsy