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Session 1: Word List

kneecap

n. a small flat bone in the front of the knee that protects the knee joint

synonym : patella, knee, joint

(1) broken **kneecap**, (2) **kneecap** bone

He fell and injured his knee, causing pain in his **kneecap**.

ghoulish

adj. gruesome or lacking in sympathy or decency; related to or characteristic of a ghost or a monster, especially in being frightening, cruel, or having a creepy appearance

synonym : creepy, eerie, sinister

(1) **ghoulish** behavior, (2) **ghoulish** sense of humor

The horror movie was criticized for its **ghoulish** and graphic depictions of violence.

adorn

v. to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful

synonym : decorate, beautify, embellish

(1) **adorn** a bride, (2) **adorn** the table with flowers

The architect **adorned** the interior with great artworks and frescoes.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym : falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

blackmail

n. the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information

synonym : extortion, shakedown, racket

(1) **blackmail** extortion, (2) **blackmail** scheme

He threatened to reveal the secret, using it as **blackmail**.

stigma

n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym : mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

grandstand

n. a large stand for spectators at a racecourse, sports ground, etc

synonym : viewing area, seating, stand

(1) sit in the **grandstand**, (2) view from the **grandstand**

She was in the **grandstand**, cheering for her favorite horse in the horse racing competition.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**
The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

stigmatize

v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect

synonym: brand, mark, denounce

(1) **stigmatize** the deviant as criminal, (2) **stigmatize** him as a swindler

She was **stigmatized** by society because she had a child out of wedlock.

medically

adv. in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury

(1) **medically** endorsed method, (2) in a **medically** effective manner

A decade ago, it was **medically** impossible to cure this disease completely.

unfounded

adj. not based on good evidence or reason; without foundation or justification

synonym: baseless, groundless, untrue

(1) **unfounded** allegations, (2) **unfounded** fears

The accusations were **unfounded** and lacked evidence.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

heterosexual

adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

synonym : straight, conventional

(1) **heterosexual** relationship, (2) **heterosexual** marriage

He identified as **heterosexual** and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym : lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

stride

v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

synonym : step, walk, march

(1) **stride** across a room, (2) **stride** down a slope

She **strides** confidently across the stage to accept her award.

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym : nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym : destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

transmissible

adj. of or connected with something, such as a disease or trait, able to be passed or transmitted from one person or organism to another

synonym : contagious, infectious, transferable

(1) **transmissible** through contact, (2) maximum **transmissible** data size

The disease is highly **transmissible** and can be transmitted through close contact with infected individuals.

alienation

n. the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment

synonym: estrangement, separation, detachment

(1) human **alienation**, (2) international **alienation**

His feelings of **alienation** from society led to depression.

Session 2: Spelling

1. me_____ly endorsed method *adv.* in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury
2. social st___a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
3. bl_____il scheme *n.* the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information
4. view from the gra_____nd *n.* a large stand for spectators at a racecourse, sports ground, etc
5. in a me_____ly effective manner *adv.* in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury
6. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
7. dis_____ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
8. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
9. ad__n a bride *v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
10. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 1. medically, 2. stigma, 3. blackmail, 4. grandstand, 5. medically, 6. embarrass, 7. discotheque, 8. eradicate, 9. adorn, 10. medicinal

11. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
12. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
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14. education pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
15. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
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17. st___e across a room *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
18. maximum tra_____ble data size *adj.* of or connected with something, such as a disease or trait, able to be passed or transmitted from one person or organism to another
19. regional pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
20. st___e down a slope *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

ANSWERS: 11. embarrass, 12. medicinal, 13. eradicate, 14. policymaker, 15. sham, 16. sham, 17. stride, 18. transmissible, 19. policymaker, 20. stride

21. tra_____ble through contact *adj.* of or connected with something, such as a disease or trait, able to be passed or transmitted from one person or organism to another
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32. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
33. un_____ed fears *adj.* not based on good evidence or reason; without foundation or justification
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37. gh_____sh behavior *adj.* gruesome or lacking in sympathy or decency; related to or characteristic of a ghost or a monster, especially in being frightening, cruel, or having a creepy appearance
38. international ali_____on *n.* the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment
39. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
40. gh_____sh sense of humor *adj.* gruesome or lacking in sympathy or decency; related to or characteristic of a ghost or a monster, especially in being frightening, cruel, or having a creepy appearance
41. dis_____ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

ANSWERS: 32. misunderstand, 33. unfounded, 34. heterosexual, 35. blackmail, 36. misinformation, 37. ghoulish, 38. alienation, 39. misunderstand, 40. ghoulish, 41. discotheque

42. het_____ual relationship

adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite
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ANSWERS: 42. heterosexual

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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