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Session 1: Word List

hominid

n. a primate of a family (Hominidae) that includes humans and their fossil ancestors

synonym: human, primate, ancestor

(1) large-toothed **hominid**, (2) **hominid** evolution

Scientists have discovered new fossil evidence of an ancient **hominid** species.

reincarnation

n. the rebirth of a soul in a new body

synonym: rebirth, regeneration, metempsychosis

(1) **reincarnation** cycle, (2) **reincarnation** belief

Some religions believe in the **reincarnation** of souls after death.

psyche

n. the human soul, mind, or spirit

synonym: mind, soul, spirit

(1) deep **psyche**, (2) **psyche** healing

The therapist helped her understand the workings of her **psyche** and how to cope with her anxiety.

impart

v. to expose or inform; to provide a portion of

synonym: pass on, give, bestow

(1) **impart** a secret, (2) **impart** basic knowledge

She had knowledge she couldn't wait to **impart**.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym : course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

shatter

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

synonym : break, crash, destroy

(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record

Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.

imp

n. a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore

synonym : demon, sprite, mischievous child

(1) a little **imp**, (2) behave like an **imp**

The mischievous **imp** caused trouble wherever it went.

afflict

v. to cause pain, suffering, or distress to someone or something

synonym : trouble, distress, bother

(1) **afflict** with the plague, (2) **afflict** the economy

The disease can **afflict** both humans and animals.

smallpox

n. a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death

synonym : variola

(1) **smallpox** epidemic, (2) **smallpox** vaccine

An outbreak of **smallpox** occurred in the 1920s.

lifespan

n. the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

synonym : duration, lifetime, continuance

(1) **lifespan** extension, (2) **lifespan** retrieval curve

Generally speaking, men have a shorter **lifespan** than women.

relive

v. to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time

synonym : revisit, recall, remember

(1) **relive** my youth, (2) **relive** moments

I like to watch old movies to **relive** memories of my childhood.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym : open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

reborn

adj. brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature

synonym : regenerated, revived, renewed

(1) **reborn** soul, (2) **reborn** identity

After recovering from her illness, she felt like a **reborn** person with a new perspective on life.

contagion

n. the spread of a disease or harmful influence from one person or thing to another

synonym : infection, disease, transmission

(1) a **contagion** of fear, (2) **contagion** effect

The government has implemented measures to prevent the **contagion** of COVID-19, such as social distancing and mandatory mask-wearing.

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym : fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym : interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

limitless

adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

synonym : boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential

The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. sh_____r the plate | v. | to break suddenly into many pieces |
| 2. el_____fy the audience | v. | to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something |
| 3. cat_____hic climate change | adj. | extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction |
| 4. rei_____ion cycle | n. | the rebirth of a soul in a new body |
| 5. af_____t the economy | v. | to cause pain, suffering, or distress to someone or something |
| 6. im____t a secret | v. | to expose or inform; to provide a portion of |
| 7. deep ps____e | n. | the human soul, mind, or spirit |
| 8. ps____e healing | n. | the human soul, mind, or spirit |
| 9. li_____an retrieval curve | n. | the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists |
| 10. re____n identity | adj. | brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature |
| 11. im____t basic knowledge | v. | to expose or inform; to provide a portion of |
| 12. fri_____ng experience | adj. | causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming |
| 13. af_____t with the plague | v. | to cause pain, suffering, or distress to someone or something |

ANSWERS: 1. shatter, 2. electrify, 3. catastrophic, 4. reincarnation, 5. afflict, 6. impart, 7. psyche, 8. psyche, 9. lifespan, 10. reborn, 11. impart, 12. frightening, 13. afflict

14. ho____d evolution *n.* a primate of a family (Hominidae) that includes humans and their fossil ancestors
15. a co_____on of fear *n.* the spread of a disease or harmful influence from one person or thing to another
16. li_____ss potential *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
17. li_____an extension *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
18. for a li_____ss time *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
19. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
20. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
21. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
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23. re___e my youth *v.* to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time
24. sh_____r a world record *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
25. a little i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
26. victim of cat_____hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

ANSWERS: 14. hominid, 15. contagion, 16. limitless, 17. lifespan, 18. limitless, 19. trajectory, 20. interconnect, 21. frightening, 22. contagion, 23. relive, 24. shatter, 25. imp, 26. catastrophic

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ANSWERS: 27. smallpox, 28. hominid, 29. unfold, 30. smallpox, 31. reincarnation, 32. reborn, 33. interconnect, 34. electrify, 35. relive, 36. trajectory, 37. unfold

38. behave like an i_p

n. a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore

ANSWERS: 38. imp

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The disease can _____ both humans and animals.
v. to cause pain, suffering, or distress to someone or something
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ANSWERS: 18. limitless, 19. imp