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Session 1: Word List

dementia

n. a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

synonym: cognitive decline, memory loss, Alzheimer's disease

(1) **dementia** patients, (2) probably have **dementia**

The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of **dementia** in older age.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

impair

v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse

synonym: degrade, mar, deface

(1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity

The accident made his vision **impaired**.

phony

adj. not genuine; counterfeit; insincere; pretentious

synonym: fake, fraudulent, counterfeit

(1) **phony** excuse, (2) **phony** smile

He's a **phony** salesman who promises things he can't deliver.

prosecute

v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

synonym: charge, sue, bring to trial

(1) **prosecute** criminal, (2) **prosecute** case

The attorney decided to **prosecute** the suspect for stealing from the store.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

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**.

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.

perpetrator

n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

synonym: culprit, wrongdoer, offender

(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**

The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

instinctive

adj. relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency

synonym : spontaneous, intuitive, natural

(1) **instinctive** reaction, (2) **instinctive** behavior

It was **instinctive** for the mother to protect her child from harm.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym : surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

bombard

v. to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

synonym : bomb, shoot, blitz

(1) **bombard** him with questions, (2) **bombard** a fort with heavy shells

Overprotective parents often **bombard** their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the

parents are at work.

lucrative

adj. producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
synonym : profitable, moneymaking, remunerative

(1) **lucrative** deal, (2) **lucrative** market

Investing in real estate can be a **lucrative** business if done correctly.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

groom

v. to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat

synonym : brush, comb, neaten

(1) **groom** duties, (2) **groom** a horse

I need to **groom** my dog before his fur gets too long.

caregiving

n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

synonym : nurturing, caring, assisting

(1) **caregiving** process, (2) **caregiving** responsibilities

She devoted her life to **caregiving**, looking after her aging parents.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

psychotherapy

n. the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist

(1) field of **psychotherapy**, (2) **psychotherapy** for depression

He took **psychotherapy** to help him deal with his accident trauma.

receptionist

n. a person employed at a front desk or in a waiting area of an office, hotel, or other organization, whose job is to greet visitors, answer phones, and perform other general administrative tasks

synonym: clerk, secretary

(1) friendly **receptionist**, (2) hotel **receptionist**

Our company is looking to hire a bilingual **receptionist** to serve our diverse clients better.

urgently

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

synonym: promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required
I need to send this email **urgently**.

evict

v. to expel someone from a property, especially with the support of the law

synonym: oust, expel, eject

(1) **evict** a person from his home, (2) **evict** squatter

The landlord may **evict** tenants for violations of the lease agreement.

mortify

v. to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires

synonym: humiliate, embarrass, shame

(1) **mortify** his ego, (2) **mortify** the body

My parents used to **mortify** me by telling embarrassing stories about me in front of my friends.

cardiologist

n. a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system

synonym: heart doctor, heart specialist, cardiac specialist

(1) **cardiologist** appointment, (2) skilled **cardiologist**

My grandfather is seeing a **cardiologist** to monitor his heart condition.

litigate

v. to initiate or engage in legal proceedings, typically to settle a dispute or enforce a legal right

synonym: argue, contest, sue

(1) **litigate** a contract dispute, (2) **litigate** a copyright

The two parties will have to **litigate** their disagreements in court.

confrontation

n. the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement

synonym: face-off, conflict, competition

(1) violent **confrontation**, (2) verbal **confrontation**

The **confrontation** between the two nations escalated into a full-blown war.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

courtroom

n. a room in which a court of law is held

synonym: law court, tribunal

(1) **courtroom** drama, (2) **courtroom** trial

The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave testimony crucial to the case.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym : sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym : lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

predatory

adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

synonym : raptorial, hunting, greedy

(1) a **predatory** bird, (2) **predatory** warfare

The domesticated cat still has its **predatory** instincts.

unobtrusive

adj. not conspicuous or noticeable, especially in a way that is intended to avoid attracting attention or causing disruption; not interfering or obstructing

synonym : inconspicuous, unnoticed, subtle

(1) **unobtrusive** design, (2) **unobtrusive** presence

The security cameras were designed to be **unobtrusive** and blend in with their surroundings.

doorbell

n. a bell that is pressed or pulled to signal that someone wishes to enter a building

synonym : bell, buzzer, ring

(1) touch a **doorbell**, (2) **doorbell** chime

He rang the **doorbell** and waited for someone to answer.

regrow

v. to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation

synonym : regenerate

(1) **regrow** hair, (2) **regrow** vegetation

Lizards can **regrow** their tails if they are cut off.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym : conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

self-respect

n. a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself

synonym : dignity, pride, self-esteem

(1) lacks a sense of **self-respect**, (2) wound his **self-respect**

Her failure resulted in a loss of her **self-respect**.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ex_____e in anger
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
2. gra_____ld development
n. a child of someone's son or daughter
3. flu pa_____ic
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
4. violent con_____ion
n. the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
5. ins_____ve reaction
adj. relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
6. gr__m a horse
v. to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat
7. ho_____y audience
v. to shock or disgust greatly
8. re___w hair
v. to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation
9. pr_____ry warfare
adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
10. culprit per_____or
n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

ANSWERS: 1. explode, 2. grandchild, 3. pandemic, 4. confrontation, 5. instinctive, 6. groom, 7. horrify, 8. regrow, 9. predatory, 10. perpetrator

11. mo____y the body *v.* to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires
12. probably have de____ia *n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
13. per____or identity *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
14. pr____te case *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
15. tackle the problem ur____ly *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
16. a hard and re____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
17. de____ia patients *n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
18. he was ov____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
19. a pr____ry bird *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
20. el____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

ANSWERS: 11. mortify, 12. dementia, 13. perpetrator, 14. prosecute, 15. urgently, 16. resilient, 17. dementia, 18. overwhelm, 19. predatory, 20. elevate

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| 21. person of gra_____nt age | <i>n.</i> a parent of one's father or mother |
| 22. ev__t squatter | <i>v.</i> to expel someone from a property, especially with the support of the law |
| 23. ur_____ly required | <i>adv.</i> in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important |
| 24. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship | <i>n.</i> a child of someone's son or daughter |
| 25. lu_____ve deal | <i>adj.</i> producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding |
| 26. make ast_____ng gains | <i>adj.</i> surprising or shocking; difficult to believe |
| 27. friendly rec_____ist | <i>n.</i> a person employed at a front desk or in a waiting area of an office, hotel, or other organization, whose job is to greet visitors, answer phones, and perform other general administrative tasks |
| 28. field of psy_____apy | <i>n.</i> the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist |
| 29. ca__e a statue | <i>v.</i> to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply |
| 30. bankrupt cr_____or | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 31. a s__m battle | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 32. ins_____ve behavior | <i>adj.</i> relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency |

ANSWERS: 21. grandparent, 22. evict, 23. urgently, 24. grandchild, 25. lucrative, 26. astonishing, 27. receptionist, 28. psychotherapy, 29. carve, 30. creditor, 31. sham, 32. instinctive

33. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
34. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
35. pr_____te criminal *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
36. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
37. touch a do_____ll *n.* a bell that is pressed or pulled to signal that someone wishes to enter a building
38. ev__t a person from his home *v.* to expel someone from a property, especially with the support of the law
39. ho_____y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
40. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
41. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
42. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
43. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
44. bo_____d a fort with heavy shells *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

ANSWERS: 33. accuse, 34. overwhelm, 35. prosecute, 36. embarrass, 37. doorbell, 38. evict, 39. horrify, 40. accuse, 41. grandparent, 42. elevate, 43. carve, 44. bombard

45. a theoretical concept in neu_____nce
46. wound his sel_____ect
47. skilled car_____ist
48. turn out to be all s__m
49. re_____nt population
50. global pa_____ic
51. gr__m duties
52. li_____te a contract dispute
53. ph__y smile
54. ind_____us student
55. car_____ng process
- n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
- n.* a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself
- n.* a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system
- 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
- adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
- n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
- v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat
- v.* to initiate or engage in legal proceedings, typically to settle a dispute or enforce a legal right
- adj.* not genuine; counterfeit; insincere; pretentious
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
- n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

ANSWERS: 45. neuroscience, 46. self-respect, 47. cardiologist, 48. sham, 49. resilient, 50. pandemic, 51. groom, 52. litigate, 53. phony, 54. industrious, 55. caregiving

56. li_____te a copyright *v.* to initiate or engage in legal proceedings, typically to settle a dispute or enforce a legal right
57. car_____ist appointment *n.* a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system
58. do_____ll chime *n.* a bell that is pressed or pulled to signal that someone wishes to enter a building
59. the branch of neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
60. lu_____ve market *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
61. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
62. mo_____y his ego *v.* to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires
63. psy_____apy for depression *n.* the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist
64. bo_____d him with questions *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
65. car_____ng responsibilities *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
66. im_____r insulin sensitivity *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse

ANSWERS: 56. litigate, 57. cardiologist, 58. doorbell, 59. neuroscience, 60. lucrative, 61. terrify, 62. mortify, 63. psychotherapy, 64. bombard, 65. caregiving, 66. impair

67. lacks a sense of sel_____ect *n.* a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself
68. co_____om drama *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
69. verbal con_____ion *n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
70. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
71. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
72. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
73. co_____om trial *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
74. uno_____ve design *adj.* not conspicuous or noticeable, especially in a way that is intended to avoid attracting attention or causing disruption; not interfering or obstructing
75. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
76. uno_____ve presence *adj.* not conspicuous or noticeable, especially in a way that is intended to avoid attracting attention or causing disruption; not interfering or obstructing
77. ph__y excuse *adj.* not genuine; counterfeit; insincere; pretentious
78. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 67. self-respect, 68. courtroom, 69. confrontation, 70. embarrass, 71. explode, 72. industrious, 73. courtroom, 74. unobtrusive, 75. astonishing, 76. unobtrusive, 77. phony, 78. creditor

79. im___r my health *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
80. te____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
81. hotel rec_____ist *n.* a person employed at a front desk or in a waiting area of an office, hotel, or other organization, whose job is to greet visitors, answer phones, and perform other general administrative tasks
82. re___w vegetation *v.* to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation

ANSWERS: 79. impair, 80. terrify, 81. receptionist, 82. regrow

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The accident made his vision _____.
v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse
2. It was _____ for the mother to protect her child from harm.
adj. relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
3. The attorney decided to _____ the suspect for stealing from the store.
v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
4. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
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5. The series of terrorist attacks _____ the entire nation.
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ANSWERS: 1. impaired, 2. instinctive, 3. prosecute, 4. grandchild, 5. horrify, 6. evict, 7. litigate, 8. mortify

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12. Lizards can _____ their tails if they are cut off.

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n. a parent of one's father or mother

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