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Session 1: Word List

poppy

n. a plant with large, showy flowers of various colors, including red, pink, yellow, and white, and a capsule containing small seeds, and some species of poppy are used to produce opium and its derivatives

(1) **poppy** tea, (2) **poppy** seeds

She wore a red **poppy** on her lapel to honor the veterans.

morphine

n. a powerful narcotic drug used to relieve pain and induce sleep

synonym: narcotic, painkiller, sedative

(1) **morphine** addiction, (2) synthetic **morphine**

Long-term use of **morphine** can lead to tolerance, physical dependence, and addiction.

codeine

n. a narcotic pain medication often used to treat mild to moderate pain or coughing

synonym: narcotic, painkiller, analgesic

(1) **codeine** withdrawal symptoms, (2) the long-term use of **codeine**

He has been prescribed cough syrup with **codeine** to help suppress his persistent cough.

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.

hydrocodone

n. an opioid pain medication that is used to treat severe pain, launched in 1920, sold under brand names including Vicodin and Norco

synonym: Vicodin, Norco

(1) **hydrocodone** addiction, (2) **hydrocodone** side effects

Hydrocodone addiction is a serious problem that can lead to overdose and even death.

oxycodone

n. a powerful opioid pain medication often prescribed for moderate to severe pain relief, often with a high risk of addiction and abuse

(1) **oxycodone** addiction, (2) **oxycodone** withdrawal

Some patients are prescribed **oxycodone** for pain management after surgery.

fentanyl

n. a potent synthetic opioid pain medication often used to treat severe or chronic pain, which is highly addictive and can be very dangerous or lethal in high doses

synonym: opiate, narcotic, painkiller

(1) **fentanyl** patch, (2) **fentanyl** overdose

The abuse of **fentanyl** has reached epidemic proportions in some parts of the country.

opioid

n. substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted

(1) an **opioid** analgesic, (2) **opioid** receptor

Treatment for **opioid** dependence may be a long-term process.

illicit

adj. forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable

synonym : illegal, unlawful, prohibited

(1) **illicit** drugs, (2) **illicit** trade

He was arrested for his **illicit** activities in the black market.

painkiller

n. medicine used to relieve physical pain

synonym : anesthetic, anodyne, analgesic

(1) a strong **painkiller**, (2) take a **painkiller** beforehand

Over-the-counter **painkillers** are less effective for patients who have taken many in the past.

downplay

v. to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something

synonym : minimize, downsize, play down

(1) **downplay** my ability, (2) **downplay** mistakes

The company tried to **downplay** the significance of the issue.

skyrocket

v. to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;

synonym : rocket, soar, shoot up

(1) **skyrocket** the cost, (2) price **skyrocketed**

Production has decreased, but costs and unemployment have **skyrocketed** dramatically.

endorphin

n. a natural hormone-like substance that is produced by the body and that acts on the nervous system to reduce pain and induce a feeling of well-being

synonym : pain reliever, mood elevator

(1) beta- **endorphin**, (2) **endorphin** rush

The release of **endorphins** during exercise can provide a natural high and help to relieve stress.

temper

n. a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

synonym : mood, disposition, nature

(1) a hasty **temper**, (2) bridle my **temper**

The **temper** of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.

dopamine

n. a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension

(1) **dopamine-inhibiting** agent, (2) antagonism of **dopamine**

The drug controls the level of **dopamine** in the brain.

euphoria

n. a feeling of intense happiness, excitement, or delight; a state of extreme joy or pleasure

synonym: elevation, bliss, elation

(1) experience **euphoria**, (2) **euphoria-inducing** drug

Winning the lottery brought a feeling of **euphoria** to the lucky winner.

norepinephrine

n. (also noradrenaline) a hormone that is released by the sympathetic nervous system in response to stress and that increases heart rate and blood pressure

synonym: noradrenaline

(1) **norepinephrine** receptor, (2) enhance **norepinephrine** release

Some medications used to treat depression work by increasing the levels of **norepinephrine** in the brain.

digestion

n. the process of breaking down food in the body into smaller, more usable components, typically involving enzymes and other bodily processes; the process of assimilating, understanding, or absorbing information or ideas

synonym: absorption, assimilation, metabolism

(1) poor **digestion**, (2) impaired **digestion**

Overeating can lead to discomfort and slower **digestion**.

constipation

n. a condition in which bowel movements occur less frequently or with difficulty, often resulting in hard, dry

stools and discomfort or pain during elimination

synonym : congestion, blockage, obstruction

(1) **constipation** relief, (2) chronic **constipation**

The patient complained of **constipation**, and the doctor recommended increasing their daily fiber intake.

abrupt

adj. sudden and unexpected

synonym : sudden, unexpected, quick

(1) **abrupt** departure, (2) speak in an **abrupt** manner

The sudden, **abrupt** change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

ache

v. to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

synonym : hurt, throb, smart

(1) **ache** abominably, (2) **ache** all the time

I **ache** all over after running a marathon yesterday.

vomit

v. to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth

synonym : puke, throw up, spew

(1) **vomit** abuse, (2) **vomit** after ingesting

She felt sick and had to run to the bathroom to **vomit**.

debilitating

adj. weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success

synonym : weakening, exhausting

(1) **debilitating** virus, (2) **debilitating** effect

His **debilitating** illness made it difficult for him to leave the house.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

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.

naloxone

n. a medication used to reverse the effects of opioids (= morphine or a drug that resembles morphine), commonly used to counter decreased breathing in opioid overdose

(1) **naloxone** injection, (2) the unit dosage amount of **naloxone**

Treatment for an overdose of opioids includes the administration of **naloxone**.

standalone

adj. (of computer hardware or software) able to operate the system without being connected to other hardware or software; (also stand-alone) capable of working independently

(1) **standalone** application, (2) **standalone** approach

We never prescribe medication as a **standalone** treatment.

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.

detoxification

n. (also detox) the process of removing harmful or toxic substances from the body; the process of eliminating or reducing the harmful effects of something

synonym: cleansing, purification, detox

(1) **detoxification** process, (2) natural **detoxification**

Detoxification programs can help eliminate harmful substances and improve overall health.

timeframe

n. a period of time within which something is planned to be done or must be accomplished; a specified or estimated duration for completing a project or task

synonym: timespan, duration, period

(1) short **timeframe**, (2) realistic **timeframe**

We need to set a **timeframe** for completing this project.

psychoactive

adj. producing an effect on mental processes, such as mood, perception, or behavior; capable of affecting the mind or emotions

synonym: mind-altering, mind-bending, hallucinogenic

(1) **psychoactive** medication, (2) **psychoactive** effects

Psychoactive substances can seriously affect the brain and must be used cautiously.

methadone

n. a synthetic opioid drug used to treat addiction to other opioid drugs, such as heroin, as well as to manage pain in some cases

synonym: methadon, fixer

(1) **methadone** program, (2) **methadone** treatment

The **methadone** clinic provides daily doses of the medication to patients in recovery.

helpline

n. a phone service that provides information, advice, or assistance on a particular subject, often related to health, social services, or counseling

synonym : hotline, support line

(1) domestic violence **helpline**, (2) national **helpline**

You can call the **helpline** if you're feeling depressed or anxious.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. en_____in rush | <i>n.</i> a natural hormone-like substance that is produced by the body and that acts on the nervous system to reduce pain and induce a feeling of well-being |
| 2. il_____t drugs | <i>adj.</i> forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable |
| 3. field of psy_____apy | <i>n.</i> the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist |
| 4. a drug ad____t | <i>n.</i> a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful |
| 5. eu_____ia-inducing drug | <i>n.</i> a feeling of intense happiness, excitement, or delight; a state of extreme joy or pleasure |
| 6. antagonism of do_____ne | <i>n.</i> a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension |
| 7. realistic ti_____me | <i>n.</i> a period of time within which something is planned to be done or must be accomplished; a specified or estimated duration for completing a project or task |
| 8. ex_____e in popularity | <i>v.</i> to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open |
| 9. mo_____ne addiction | <i>n.</i> a powerful narcotic drug used to relieve pain and induce sleep |

ANSWERS: 1. endorphin, 2. illicit, 3. psychotherapy, 4. addict, 5. euphoria, 6. dopamine, 7. timeframe, 8. explode, 9. morphine

10. impaired di_____on
11. natural det_____ion
12. deb_____ing virus
13. have a s__w of ideas
14. ex_____e in anger
15. the long-term use of co_____e
16. chronic con_____ion
17. ox_____ne withdrawal
- n.* the process of breaking down food in the body into smaller, more usable components, typically involving enzymes and other bodily processes; the process of assimilating, understanding, or absorbing information or ideas
- n.* (also detox) the process of removing harmful or toxic substances from the body; the process of eliminating or reducing the harmful effects of something
- adj.* weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success
- v.* to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent
- v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
- n.* a narcotic pain medication often used to treat mild to moderate pain or coughing
- n.* a condition in which bowel movements occur less frequently or with difficulty, often resulting in hard, dry stools and discomfort or pain during elimination
- n.* a powerful opioid pain medication often prescribed for moderate to severe pain relief, often with a high risk of addiction and abuse

ANSWERS: 10. digestion, 11. detoxification, 12. debilitating, 13. slew, 14. explode, 15. codeine, 16. constipation, 17. oxycodone

18. det_____ion process *n.* (also detox) the process of removing harmful or toxic substances from the body; the process of eliminating or reducing the harmful effects of something
19. poor di_____on *n.* the process of breaking down food in the body into smaller, more usable components, typically involving enzymes and other bodily processes; the process of assimilating, understanding, or absorbing information or ideas
20. experience eu_____ia *n.* a feeling of intense happiness, excitement, or delight; a state of extreme joy or pleasure
21. a strong pai_____er *n.* medicine used to relieve physical pain
22. Internet ad_____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
23. nor_____ine receptor *n.* (also noradrenaline) a hormone that is released by the sympathetic nervous system in response to stress and that increases heart rate and blood pressure
24. synthetic mo_____ne *n.* a powerful narcotic drug used to relieve pain and induce sleep
25. speak in an ab_____t manner *adj.* sudden and unexpected
26. do_____ay mistakes *v.* to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something

ANSWERS: 18. detoxification, 19. digestion, 20. euphoria, 21. painkiller, 22. addict, 23. norepinephrine, 24. morphine, 25. abrupt, 26. downplay

27. vo__t abuse *v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
28. co_____e withdrawal symptoms *n.* a narcotic pain medication often used to treat mild to moderate pain or coughing
29. price sk_____eted *v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
30. sta_____ne approach *adj.* (of computer hardware or software) able to operate the system without being connected to other hardware or software; (also stand-alone) capable of working independently
31. hyd_____ne side effects *n.* an opioid pain medication that is used to treat severe pain, launched in 1920, sold under brand names including Vicodin and Norco
32. a__e abominably *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
33. national he_____ne *n.* a phone service that provides information, advice, or assistance on a particular subject, often related to health, social services, or counseling
34. ab___t departure *adj.* sudden and unexpected
35. do_____ne-inhibiting agent *n.* a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension

ANSWERS: 27. vomit, 28. codeine, 29. skyrocket, 30. standalone, 31. hydrocodone, 32. ache, 33. helpline, 34. abrupt, 35. dopamine

36. con_____ion relief *n.* a condition in which bowel movements occur less frequently or with difficulty, often resulting in hard, dry stools and discomfort or pain during elimination
37. ox_____ne addiction *n.* a powerful opioid pain medication often prescribed for moderate to severe pain relief, often with a high risk of addiction and abuse
38. a__e all the time *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
39. hyd_____ne addiction *n.* an opioid pain medication that is used to treat severe pain, launched in 1920, sold under brand names including Vicodin and Norco
40. na_____ne injection *n.* a medication used to reverse the effects of opioids (= morphine or a drug that resembles morphine), commonly used to counter decreased breathing in opioid overdose
41. psy_____ive medication *adj.* producing an effect on mental processes, such as mood, perception, or behavior; capable of affecting the mind or emotions
42. sta_____ne application *adj.* (of computer hardware or software) able to operate the system without being connected to other hardware or software; (also stand-alone) capable of working independently
43. op___d receptor *n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted

ANSWERS: 36. constipation, 37. oxycodone, 38. ache, 39. hydrocodone, 40. naloxone, 41. psychoactive, 42. standalone, 43. opioid

44. deb_____ing effect *adj.* weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success
45. s__w around suddenly *v.* to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent
46. po__y seeds *n.* a plant with large, showy flowers of various colors, including red, pink, yellow, and white, and a capsule containing small seeds, and some species of poppy are used to produce opium and its derivatives
47. vo__t after ingesting *v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
48. fe_____yl overdose *n.* a potent synthetic opioid pain medication often used to treat severe or chronic pain, which is highly addictive and can be very dangerous or lethal in high doses
49. take a pai_____er beforehand *n.* medicine used to relieve physical pain
50. bridle my te____r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
51. beta-en_____in *n.* a natural hormone-like substance that is produced by the body and that acts on the nervous system to reduce pain and induce a feeling of well-being

ANSWERS: 44. debilitating, 45. slew, 46. poppy, 47. vomit, 48. fentanyl, 49. painkiller, 50. temper, 51. endorphin

52. di____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
53. an op____d analgesic *n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted
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57. do_____ay my ability *v.* to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something
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59. enhance nor_____ine release *n.* (also noradrenaline) a hormone that is released by the sympathetic nervous system in response to stress and that increases heart rate and blood pressure
60. domestic violence he_____ne *n.* a phone service that provides information, advice, or assistance on a particular subject, often related to health, social services, or counseling

ANSWERS: 52. disrupt, 53. opioid, 54. skyrocket, 55. psychotherapy, 56. naloxone, 57. downplay, 58. psychoactive, 59. norepinephrine, 60. helpline

61. a hasty te___r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
62. short ti_____me *n.* a period of time within which something is planned to be done or must be accomplished; a specified or estimated duration for completing a project or task
63. me_____ne treatment *n.* a synthetic opioid drug used to treat addiction to other opioid drugs, such as heroin, as well as to manage pain in some cases
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67. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 61. temper, 62. timeframe, 63. methadone, 64. fentanyl, 65. methadone, 66. poppy, 67. disrupt

68. il____t trade

adj. forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable

ANSWERS: 68. illicit

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He took _____ to help him deal with his accident trauma.
n. the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist
2. Long-term use of _____ can lead to tolerance, physical dependence, and addiction.
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3. She wore a red _____ on her lapel to honor the veterans.
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5. The sudden, _____ change in weather caught everyone by surprise.
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6. The patient complained of _____ and the doctor recommended increasing their daily fiber intake.
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ANSWERS: 1. psychotherapy, 2. morphine, 3. poppy, 4. euphoria, 5. abrupt, 6. constipation, 7. vomit

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ANSWERS: 8. oxycodone, 9. temper, 10. Detoxification, 11. downplay, 12. Hydrocodone, 13. debilitating, 14. disrupt, 15. helpline

16. Treatment for an overdose of opioids includes the administration of _____.
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21. We need to set a _____ for completing this project.
- n.* a period of time within which something is planned to be done or must be accomplished; a specified or estimated duration for completing a project or task
22. We have become TV _____ due to video streaming services.
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ANSWERS: 16. naloxone, 17. illicit, 18. norepinephrine, 19. opioid, 20. codeine, 21. timeframe, 22. addicts

23. The abuse of _____ has reached epidemic proportions in some parts of the country.
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ANSWERS: 30. slew, 31. exploded, 32. skyrocketed, 33. methadone, 34. dopamine