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Session 1: Word List

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

remission

n. a period of time when a disease or condition is no longer present or active; a lessening or reduction of symptoms or intensity; forgiveness or pardon for sins or debts

synonym: forgiveness, amnesty, absolution

(1) complete **remission**, (2) clinical **remission**

The cancer patient was delighted to hear that their disease was in **remission**.

vertebra

n. a bone in the spine, or the spinal column forming the supporting structure of the spine and protecting the spinal cord

(1) cervical **vertebra**, (2) **vertebra** injury

He uses a **vertebra** traction machine for his treatment.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per

minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

fearless

adj. having no fear; brave

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

pierce

v. to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument

synonym : jab, penetrate, stab

(1) **pierce** the armored shells, (2) **pierce** a mystery

The extreme cold **pierced** our bones.

brace

n. a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast

synonym : support, clamp, (verb) strengthen

(1) **brace** for impact, (2) **brace** my energies

She wore a **brace** on her leg to support her injured ankle.

adamant

adj. having a very strong determination to do something and refusing to be influenced or persuaded; (noun) a legendary rock that is very hard and impossible to crush

synonym : resolute, unyielding, obstinate

(1) **adamant** refusal, (2) **adamant** to temptation

She was **adamant** about not changing her mind.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items

without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
synonym: demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
synonym: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

hospice

n. a specialized care facility or service for terminally ill patients intended to provide comfort and support in the final stages of life; any program, organization, or approach focused on end-of-life care and support

synonym: palliative care, nursing home, care center

(1) **hospice** care, (2) home **hospice**

The **hospice** team includes nurses, social workers, chaplains, and volunteers who work together to provide comprehensive care.

oncology

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies

synonym: cancer treatment, study of tumors

(1) **oncology** center, (2) modern **oncology** treatment

The pharmaceutical company unveiled its latest breakthrough drug for the **oncology** market.

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.

palliate

v. to make a disease, condition, or symptom appear less severe or intense than it actually is; to alleviate or ease symptoms without curing the underlying cause

synonym: extenuate, soothe, relieve

(1) **palliate** symptoms, (2) attempts to **palliate**

The charity provided meals and shelter to **palliate** the suffering of the homeless population.

testament

n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

synonym: proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

pragmatic

adj. practical rather than idealistic

synonym: practical, realistic, down-to-earth

(1) **pragmatic** approach, (2) **pragmatic** politics

He was a **pragmatic** leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

frail

adj. weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength

synonym: weak, delicate, fragile

(1) **frail** body, (2) **frail** condition

My grandfather's health has declined, and he is now quite **frail**.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym : creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

deluge

n. a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something

synonym : flood, downpour, surge

(1) get caught in the **deluge**, (2) a **deluge** of fire

Recent developments in data analysis techniques have been instrumental in finding insights from the data **deluge**.

sponge

n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

(1) sea **sponge**, (2) metallic **sponge**

The tiny marine **sponge** has existed for more than 500 million years.

plead

v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

synonym : beg, implore, supplicate

(1) **plead** for mercy, (2) **plead** a political cause

He **pleaded** with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym : sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

caress

v. to touch or stroke gently and affectionately; to express love or tenderness with physical contact

synonym : stroke, fondle, pet

(1) **caress** her hair, (2) **caress** his cheek

The mother gently **caressed** her child's forehead to soothe their fever.

perk

n. an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job

synonym : extra, bonus, benefit

(1) **perks** for repeat guests, (2) worker **perk**

A yacht cruise is our company's ultimate **perk**.

stern

adj. serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude

synonym : severe, harsh, strict

(1) **stern** warning, (2) a **stern** look

The students' antics did not amuse the **stern** teacher.

rib

n. each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule

synonym : costa

(1) brake a **rib**, (2) **rib** cage

The accident caused a cracked **rib**.

reflex

n. an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

synonym : reaction, response, instinct

(1) **reflex** test, (2) knee **reflex**

My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the **reflex** hammer.

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.

revisit

v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period

synonym : reexplore, review, reexamine

(1) **revisit** a place, (2) **revisit** an old friend

We need to **revisit** this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

roast

v. to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven

synonym: bake, broil, grill

(1) **roast** coffee beans, (2) **roast** beef

The chef **roasted** the chicken to perfection in the oven.

strawberry

n. a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top

(1) the **strawberry** pie, (2) **strawberry** greenhouse

He had a **strawberry** smoothie for breakfast.

sparkle

v. to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy

synonym: shine, glimmer, twinkle

(1) **sparkle** like a gem, (2) **sparkle** from receiving light

The diamond **sparkled** in the sunlight.

dusty

adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

synonym: stale, filthy, grimy

(1) **dusty** road, (2) **dusty** bookshelf

The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of **dusty** debris.

glowing

adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

synonym: burning, bright, flaming

(1) **glowing** reviews, (2) **glowing** cheeks

The western sky was **glowing** pink.

whiskey

n. a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains, typically barley, corn, rye, or wheat, aged in barrels and often consumed straight or with

mixers

synonym : bourbon, scotch, rye

(1) bootleg **whiskey**, (2) **whiskey** barrel

I enjoy a glass of **whiskey** on the rocks after a long day.

deteriorate

v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate

synonym : decline, degenerate, regress

(1) **deteriorate** at a slow pace, (2) **deteriorate** condition

The patient's health **deteriorated** rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.

reframe

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

synonym : redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem

The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

rebrand

v. to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability

synonym : reintroduce, relaunch, reintegrate

(1) **rebrand** product, (2) **rebrand** company

The clothing brand decided to **rebrand** its image to attract a younger audience.

desolate

adj. deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness

synonym : barren, stark, uninhabited

(1) a **desolate** scene, (2) **desolate** moon

The deserted island was **desolate** and uninhabited.

bleak

adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

synonym : miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of

administration.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. re_____t an old friend | v. | to go to a place again, especially after a long period |
| 2. traditional me_____al | adj. | of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |
| 3. sc_____r around the internet | v. | to cause to separate and go in different directions |
| 4. pi____e a mystery | v. | to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument |
| 5. bl__k future | adj. | unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope |
| 6. a st__n look | adj. | serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude |
| 7. cervical ve_____ra | n. | a bone in the spine, or the spinal column forming the supporting structure of the spine and protecting the spinal cord |
| 8. de_____te the economy | v. | to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage |
| 9. pl__d for mercy | v. | to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy |
| 10. em_____r my life | v. | to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 11. pa_____te symptoms | v. | to make a disease, condition, or symptom appear less severe or intense than it actually is; to alleviate or ease symptoms without curing the underlying cause |

ANSWERS: 1. revisit, 2. medicinal, 3. scatter, 4. pierce, 5. bleak, 6. stern, 7. vertebra, 8. devastate, 9. plead, 10. empower, 11. palliate

12. fe____ss attitude *adj.* having no fear; brave
13. pr____ic approach *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
14. a few years af____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
15. br__e for impact *n.* a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast
16. metallic sp____e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
17. brake a r_b *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
18. modern on____gy treatment *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies
19. br__e my energies *n.* a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast
20. re___x test *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
21. re____d company *v.* to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability

ANSWERS: 12. fearless, 13. pragmatic, 14. afterward, 15. brace, 16. sponge, 17. rib, 18. oncology, 19. brace, 20. reflex, 21. rebrand

22. ro__t beef
v. to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven
23. ca___s his cheek
v. to touch or stroke gently and affectionately; to express love or tenderness with physical contact
24. det_____te condition
v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
25. gl_____g cheeks
adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
26. ve_____ra injury
n. a bone in the spine, or the spinal column forming the supporting structure of the spine and protecting the spinal cord
27. de_____te moon
adj. deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
28. knee re___x
n. an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
29. p__ks for repeat guests
n. an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job
30. full of em_____y
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
31. gl_____g reviews
adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
32. co_____e fantasy with reality
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
33. sp_____e from receiving light
v. to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy

ANSWERS: 22. roast, 23. caress, 24. deteriorate, 25. glowing, 26. vertebra, 27. desolate, 28. reflex, 29. perk, 30. empathy, 31. glowing, 32. confuse, 33. sparkle

34. re_____d product *v.* to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability
35. du__y bookshelf *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
36. re_____t a place *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
37. pr_____ic politics *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
38. re_____e resource allocation *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
39. the str_____ry pie *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
40. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
41. ho_____e care *n.* a specialized care facility or service for terminally ill patients intended to provide comfort and support in the final stages of life; any program, organization, or approach focused on end-of-life care and support
42. clinical re_____on *n.* a period of time when a disease or condition is no longer present or active; a lessening or reduction of symptoms or intensity; forgiveness or pardon for sins or debts

ANSWERS: 34. rebrand, 35. dusty, 36. revisit, 37. pragmatic, 38. reframe, 39. strawberry, 40. rev, 41. hospice, 42. remission

43. wh____y barrel *n.* a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains, typically barley, corn, rye, or wheat, aged in barrels and often consumed straight or with mixers
44. em____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
45. me____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
46. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
47. go there af____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
48. pl__d a political cause *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
49. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
50. bootleg wh____y *n.* a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains, typically barley, corn, rye, or wheat, aged in barrels and often consumed straight or with mixers
51. attempts to pa____te *v.* to make a disease, condition, or symptom appear less severe or intense than it actually is; to alleviate or ease symptoms without curing the underlying cause

ANSWERS: 43. whiskey, 44. empower, 45. medicinal, 46. empathy, 47. afterward, 48. plead, 49. sneak, 50. whiskey, 51. palliate

52. fr__l body *adj.* weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength
53. fr__l condition *adj.* weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength
54. st__n warning *adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
55. home ho____e *n.* a specialized care facility or service for terminally ill patients intended to provide comfort and support in the final stages of life; any program, organization, or approach focused on end-of-life care and support
56. det____te at a slow pace *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
57. sea sp____e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
58. dis____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
59. te____nt to the superior quality *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
60. ro__t coffee beans *v.* to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven
61. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 52. frail, 53. frail, 54. stern, 55. hospice, 56. deteriorate, 57. sponge, 58. disappoint, 59. testament, 60. roast, 61. rev

62. a de___e of fire *n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something
63. prospects were bl__k *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
64. give properties by te_____nt *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
65. ad_____t refusal *adj.* having a very strong determination to do something and refusing to be influenced or persuaded; (noun) a legendary rock that is very hard and impossible to crush
66. sp_____e like a gem *v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
67. du__y road *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
68. worker p__k *n.* an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job
69. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
70. re_____e problem *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
71. pi___e the armored shells *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
72. get caught in the de___e *n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something

ANSWERS: 62. deluge, 63. bleak, 64. testament, 65. adamant, 66. sparkle, 67. dusty, 68. perk, 69. disappoint, 70. reframe, 71. pierce, 72. deluge

73. ca___s her hair *v.* to touch or stroke gently and affectionately; to express love or tenderness with physical contact
74. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
75. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
76. a de_____te scene *adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
77. on_____gy center *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies
78. str_____ry greenhouse *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
79. ad_____t to temptation *adj.* having a very strong determination to do something and refusing to be influenced or persuaded; (noun) a legendary rock that is very hard and impossible to crush
80. fe_____ss bravery *adj.* having no fear; brave
81. sc_____r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
82. complete re_____on *n.* a period of time when a disease or condition is no longer present or active; a lessening or reduction of symptoms or intensity; forgiveness or pardon for sins or debts
83. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

ANSWERS: 73. caress, 74. devastate, 75. confuse, 76. desolate, 77. oncology, 78. strawberry, 79. adamant, 80. fearless, 81. scatter, 82. remission, 83. sneak

84. r_b cage

n. each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule

ANSWERS: 84. rib

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

2. The students' antics did not amuse the _____ teacher.
adj. serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude

3. The chef _____ the chicken to perfection in the oven.
v. to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven

4. The clothing brand decided to _____ its image to attract a younger audience.
v. to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability

5. The pharmaceutical company unveiled its latest breakthrough drug for the _____ market.
n. the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies

6. The western sky was _____ pink.
adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

7. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.
v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

8. We need to _____ this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.
v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period

ANSWERS: 1. confused, 2. stern, 3. roasted, 4. rebrand, 5. oncology, 6. glowing, 7. devastate, 8. revisit

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- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
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- v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

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23. She was _____ about not changing her mind.
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24. The extreme cold _____ our bones.
v. to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument

ANSWERS: 17. disappoint, 18. reframe, 19. vertebra, 20. bleak, 21. caressed, 22. scattered, 23. adamant, 24. pierced

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40. A yacht cruise is our company's ultimate _____.

n. an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job

41. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.

adv. after the time mentioned

42. The _____ firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

adj. having no fear; brave

ANSWERS: 39. testament, 40. perk, 41. afterward, 42. fearless