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Session 1: Word List

hallway

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
synonym: foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor

He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

devastation

n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

synonym: destruction, ruin, havoc

(1) financial **devastation**, (2) **devastation** to life

The economic recession caused **devastation** in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

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.

flinch

v. to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily

synonym: shudder, recoil, wince

(1) **flinch** at the noise, (2) **flinch** from the truth

I couldn't help but **flinch** when the door slammed shut.

stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

synonym : shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

robotic

adj. of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

synonym : automated, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **robotic** arm, (2) **robotic** guide operation

The surgeon removed the tumor using **robotic** video assistance.

excruciating

adj. extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering

synonym : agonizing, unbearable, torturous

(1) **excruciating** ordeal, (2) **excruciating** embarrassment

The **excruciating** pain in his ankle made it difficult to walk.

unintentional

adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental

synonym : accidental, unforeseen, spontaneous

(1) avoid **unintentional** harm, (2) **unintentional** insult

The mistake was **unintentional** and made in good faith.

unfixable

adj. unable to be repaired, corrected, or remedied; permanent or irreversible

synonym : irreparable, uncorrectable, inconvertible

(1) **unfixable** mistake, (2) **unfixable** relationship

The series of unfortunate events that followed made the situation **unfixable**.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

Session 2: Spelling

1. s__n fish
v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
2. op_____ne occasion
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
3. exc_____ing ordeal
adj. extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
4. uni_____nal insult
adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental
5. wax a ha_____y floor
n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
6. full of em_____y
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
7. financial dev_____on
n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
8. dev_____on to life
n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
9. avoid uni_____nal harm
adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental
10. the head of a ha_____y
n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
11. em_____y for patients
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 1. stun, 2. opportune, 3. excruciating, 4. unintentional, 5. hallway, 6. empathy, 7. devastation, 8. devastation, 9. unintentional, 10. hallway, 11. empathy

12. fl___h at the noise *v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily
13. fl___h from the truth *v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily
14. ro____c guide operation *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
15. un_____le relationship *adj.* unable to be repaired, corrected, or remedied; permanent or irreversible
16. un_____le mistake *adj.* unable to be repaired, corrected, or remedied; permanent or irreversible
17. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
18. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
19. s__n an audience *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
20. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 12. flinch, 13. flinch, 14. robotic, 15. unfixable, 16. unfixable, 17. opportune, 18. instinct, 19. stun, 20. instinct

21. ro____c arm

adj. of or relating to mechanical robots;
(robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of
computer science and engineering with
the practical use of robots

22. exc_____ing embarrassment

adj. extremely painful, intense, or
distressing; causing great physical or
emotional suffering

ANSWERS: 21. robotic, 22. excruciating

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. He dashed down a _____ to a bathroom.
n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
3. The series of unfortunate events that followed made the situation _____.
adj. unable to be repaired, corrected, or remedied; permanent or irreversible
4. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
5. The economic recession caused _____ in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.
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n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
7. The mistake was _____ and made in good faith.
adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental
8. The surgeon removed the tumor using _____ video assistance.
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ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. hallway, 3. unfixable, 4. Empathy, 5. devastation, 6. instinct, 7. unintentional, 8. robotic

9. I couldn't help but _____ when the door slammed shut.

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10. The _____ pain in his ankle made it difficult to walk.

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11. This sprinter _____ the world with his speed.

- v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

ANSWERS: 9. flinch, 10. excruciating, 11. stunned