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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### wreck

*n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

*synonym*: collapse, destruction, devastation

(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**

The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.

### childbed

*n.* the period immediately following the birth of a child, during which a mother recovers from childbirth and adjusts to caring for a newborn

*synonym*: childbirth, delivery, labor

(1) **childbed** fever, (2) post- **childbed** recovery

The midwife closely monitored the woman's condition during her **childbed**.

### infect

*v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

*synonym*: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

## obstetrician

*n.* a physician who specializes in caring for women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period

*synonym*: doctor, gynecologist, accoucheur

(1) **obstetrician** appointment, (2) female **obstetrician**

The new mother was grateful for the support she received from her **obstetrician**.

## skepticism

*n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

*synonym*: distrust, doubt, suspicion

(1) natural **skepticism**, (2) **skepticism** toward bureaucracy

This party expresses **skepticism** about the efficacy of the health insurance system.

## fallacy

*n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief

*synonym*: falsity, misconception, delusion

(1) **fallacy** of logic, (2) belief in a **fallacy**

Many people cling to the **fallacy** that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.

## causation

*n.* the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens

*synonym*: cause, reason, origin

(1) **causation** analysis, (2) direct **causation**

The **causation** of the disease is still under investigation by medical researchers.

## correlate

*v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

*synonym*: associate, liken, connect

(1) **correlate** closely with the quality, (2) **correlate** to the size

We may frequently **correlate** age with the frequency of disease.

## scathe

*v.* to harm or injure someone or something, often by using words or criticism; to cut or wound deeply

*synonym* : damage, harm, hurt

(1) **scathe** the coastal town, (2) **scathe** the politician's credibility

The harsh words from her boss were enough to **scathe** her confidence for the rest of the day.

## autopsy

*n.* a medical examination performed on a dead body to determine the cause of death or identify any underlying medical conditions or injuries; a postmortem examination or necropsy (in animals)

*synonym* : postmortem examination, necropsy, examination

(1) forensic **autopsy**, (2) perform an **autopsy**

The **autopsy** report revealed that the cause of death was a heart attack.

## contaminate

*v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

*synonym* : defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

## infallible

*adj.* incapable of making mistakes or being wrong; never failing; always accurate

*synonym* : certain, flawless, faultless

(1) **infallible** leadership, (2) **infallible** plan

The CEO's business strategy was built on **infallible** market analysis and forecast.

## plight

*n.* a difficult or unfortunate situation

*synonym* : crisis, predicament, trouble

(1) miserable **plight**, (2) the **plight** of the poor

The government has ignored the **plight** of the homeless population.

## disinfect

*v.* to clean something using chemicals or other materials that kill germs or bacteria, making it safe and free from harmful microorganisms

*synonym*: cleanse, sanitize, sterilize

(1) **disinfect** a wound, (2) **disinfect** the kitchen

It is important to **disinfect** surfaces regularly to prevent the spread of germs.

## contagious

*adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

*synonym*: infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus

The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

## streptococcus

*n.* a genus of bacteria that includes many species, some of which can cause a wide range of infections in humans and animals, including strep throat, pneumonia, and skin infections

*synonym*: bacteria, germs, microbes

(1) **streptococcus** infection, (2) group A **streptococcus**

**Streptococcus** mutans is a type of bacteria that can cause tooth decay.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. di_____ct a wound                  | v.   | to clean something using chemicals or other materials that kill germs or bacteria, making it safe and free from harmful microorganisms                                 |
| 2. in___t other animal species        | v.   | to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism  |
| 3. inf_____le leadership              | adj. | incapable of making mistakes or being wrong; never failing; always accurate  |
| 4. miserable pl___t                   | n.   | a difficult or unfortunate situation   |
| 5. direct ca_____on                   | n.   | the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens   |
| 6. inf_____le plan                    | adj. | incapable of making mistakes or being wrong; never failing; always accurate  |
| 7. in___t a computer with a virus     | v.   | to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism  |
| 8. co_____te closely with the quality | v.   | to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another  |
| 9. the pl___t of the poor             | n.   | a difficult or unfortunate situation   |
| 10. ske_____sm toward bureaucracy     | n.   | an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge |

ANSWERS: 1. disinfect, 2. infect, 3. infallible, 4. plight, 5. causation, 6. infallible, 7. infect, 8. correlate, 9. plight, 10. skepticism

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| 11. a worthless wr__k                   | <i>n.</i> a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident   |
| 12. sc___e the coastal town             | <i>v.</i> to harm or injure someone or something, often by using words or criticism; to cut or wound deeply  |
| 13. ca_____on analysis                  | <i>n.</i> the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens   |
| 14. str_____cus infection               | <i>n.</i> a genus of bacteria that includes many species, some of which can cause a wide range of infections in humans and animals, including strep throat, pneumonia, and skin infections |
| 15. sc___e the politician's credibility | <i>v.</i> to harm or injure someone or something, often by using words or criticism; to cut or wound deeply  |
| 16. obs_____ian appointment             | <i>n.</i> a physician who specializes in caring for women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period  |
| 17. natural ske_____sm                  | <i>n.</i> an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge           |
| 18. post-ch_____ed recovery             | <i>n.</i> the period immediately following the birth of a child, during which a mother recovers from childbirth and adjusts to caring for a newborn  |

ANSWERS: 11. wreck, 12. scathe, 13. causation, 14. streptococcus, 15. scathe, 16. obstetrician, 17. skepticism, 18. childbed

19. con\_\_\_\_\_us virus *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
20. the house was a wr\_\_k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
21. forensic au\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a medical examination performed on a dead body to determine the cause of death or identify any underlying medical conditions or injuries; a postmortem examination or necropsy (in animals)
22. perform an au\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a medical examination performed on a dead body to determine the cause of death or identify any underlying medical conditions or injuries; a postmortem examination or necropsy (in animals)
23. group A str\_\_\_\_\_cus *n.* a genus of bacteria that includes many species, some of which can cause a wide range of infections in humans and animals, including strep throat, pneumonia, and skin infections
24. con\_\_\_\_\_us enthusiasm *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
25. fa\_\_\_\_\_y of logic *n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
26. ch\_\_\_\_\_ed fever *n.* the period immediately following the birth of a child, during which a mother recovers from childbirth and adjusts to caring for a newborn

ANSWERS: 19. contagious, 20. wreck, 21. autopsy, 22. autopsy, 23. streptococcus, 24. contagious, 25. fallacy, 26. childbed

27. belief in a fa\_\_\_\_y                      *n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
28. con\_\_\_\_\_te his ego                      *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
29. di\_\_\_\_\_ct the kitchen                      *v.* to clean something using chemicals or other materials that kill germs or bacteria, making it safe and free from harmful microorganisms
30. con\_\_\_\_\_te with a disease                      *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
31. female obs\_\_\_\_\_ian                      *n.* a physician who specializes in caring for women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period
32. co\_\_\_\_\_te to the size                      *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

ANSWERS: 27. fallacy, 28. contaminate, 29. disinfect, 30. contaminate, 31. obstetrician, 32. correlate



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We may frequently \_\_\_\_\_ age with the frequency of disease.
  - v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
  
2. This party expresses \_\_\_\_\_ about the efficacy of the health insurance system.
  - n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
  
3. The midwife closely monitored the woman's condition during her \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* the period immediately following the birth of a child, during which a mother recovers from childbirth and adjusts to caring for a newborn
  
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ report revealed that the cause of death was a heart attack.
  - n.* a medical examination performed on a dead body to determine the cause of death or identify any underlying medical conditions or injuries; a postmortem examination or necropsy (in animals)
  
5. The government has ignored the \_\_\_\_\_ of the homeless population.
  - n.* a difficult or unfortunate situation
  
6. The harsh words from her boss were enough to \_\_\_\_\_ her confidence for the rest of the day.
  - v.* to harm or injure someone or something, often by using words or criticism; to cut or wound deeply
  
7. The CEO's business strategy was built on \_\_\_\_\_ market analysis and forecast.
  - adj.* incapable of making mistakes or being wrong; never failing; always accurate

ANSWERS: 1. correlate, 2. skepticism, 3. childbed, 4. autopsy, 5. plight, 6. scathe, 7. infallible

8. The disease is highly \_\_\_\_\_ and spreads quickly.  
*adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
9. The divers accidentally discovered a \_\_\_\_\_ on the ocean floor.  
*n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
10. We strive not to \_\_\_\_\_ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.  
*v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the disease is still under investigation by medical researchers.  
*n.* the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens
12. The new mother was grateful for the support she received from her \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a physician who specializes in caring for women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period
13. It is important to \_\_\_\_\_ surfaces regularly to prevent the spread of germs.  
*v.* to clean something using chemicals or other materials that kill germs or bacteria, making it safe and free from harmful microorganisms
14. \_\_\_\_\_ mutans is a type of bacteria that can cause tooth decay.  
*n.* a genus of bacteria that includes many species, some of which can cause a wide range of infections in humans and animals, including strep throat, pneumonia, and skin infections

ANSWERS: 8. contagious, 9. wreck, 10. contaminate, 11. causation, 12. obstetrician, 13. disinfect, 14. Streptococcus

15. Children often \_\_\_\_\_ parents with this head cold.

*v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

16. Many people cling to the \_\_\_\_\_ that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.

*n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief

ANSWERS: 15. infect, 16. fallacy