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Session 1: Word List

gurney

n. a wheeled stretcher used for transporting patients, particularly in hospitals and emergency settings

synonym: stretcher, litter, bed

(1) transport **gurney**, (2) **gurney** pushing

The paramedics lifted the injured man onto the **gurney** and rushed him to the hospital.

profuse

adj. abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something

synonym: abundant, plentiful, excessive

(1) **profuse** growth, (2) **profuse** apologies

The flu caused a **profuse** amount of sweating and fever.

hemorrhage

n. profuse bleeding, often caused by a ruptured vessel

synonym: heavy bleeding

(1) **hemorrhage** from a breast, (2) **hemorrhage** control

He had a severe brain **hemorrhage** that left him paralyzed.

femoral

adj. relating to the femur, the bone located in the thigh; pertaining to or located near the thigh or groin area

synonym: thigh, upper leg, pelvic

(1) **femoral** hernia, (2) **femoral** vein

The **femoral** artery supplies blood to the legs and is essential

for mobility.

gunshot

n. the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target

synonym : shot, blast, gunfire

(1) **gunshot** wound, (2) **gunshot** residue

The loud **gunshot** startled the wildlife in the nearby forest.

disenfranchise

v. to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote

synonym : deny, exclude, marginalize

(1) **disenfranchise** voters, (2) **disenfranchise** citizens

The new citizenship laws will **disenfranchise** many immigrants.

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.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym : lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

intractable

adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

synonym : obstinate, stubborn, unyielding

(1) **intractable** pain, (2) **intractable** situation

The **intractable** problem defied a solution.

meta

adj. pertaining to or involving a higher or more abstract level of analysis, interpretation, or self-reference, often used to describe aspects of gaming, social media, or other

online communities that involve self-conscious or self-referential elements

synonym : self-referential, introspective, recursive

(1) **meta-analysis**, (2) **meta-language**

The **meta** description of a website is an important element for search engine optimization.

criminology

n. the scientific study of crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system encompassing a wide range of disciplines, including sociology, psychology, law, and statistics, among others

synonym : criminalistics, forensic science, penology

(1) forensic **criminology**, (2) behavioral **criminology**

The professor of **criminology** conducted an extensive study on the relationship between poverty and crime.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

disinvestment

n. the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector

synonym : divestment, withdrawal, pullout

(1) **disinvestment** strategy, (2) **disinvestment** plan

The company's decision to engage in **disinvestment** led to a reduction in its overall portfolio.

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.

perpetuate

v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time
synonym: eternalize, preserve, maintain

(1) **perpetuate** a myth, (2) **perpetuate** chronic pain
That work **perpetuates** his fame.

sociologist

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

(1) religious **sociologist**, (2) French **sociologist**
Sociologist studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

paycheck

n. a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check

synonym: salary, earnings, income

(1) electronic **paycheck**, (2) monthly **paycheck**
I received a bonus on top of my regular **paycheck** this month.

relentless

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

synonym: unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure
The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

homicide

n. the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings

synonym: murder, killing, manslaughter

(1) mass **homicide**, (2) serial **homicide**
The detective was called to investigate a **homicide** in the city.

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.

reoffend

v. to commit another crime or violation of the law after having been punished or rehabilitated for a previous offense

synonym : recidivate, relapse

(1) **reoffend** within a year, (2) **reoffend** risk

It is disheartening to see individuals repeatedly **reoffend** despite receiving multiple chances for rehabilitation.

hotspot

n. a place or area, typically a location or region, that is known for having an unusually high number of a particular phenomenon, such as disease, activity, or popularity

synonym : epicenter, cluster, outbreak

(1) covid-19 **hotspot**, (2) geographic **hotspot**

The airport is a **hotspot** for tourists and travelers from around the world.

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.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

riddle

n. a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

synonym : mystery, puzzle, enigma

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**
The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life
He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

gunfire

n. the sound or act of shooting a firearm; the noise created by multiple guns firing at the same time

synonym: gunshots, firing, shooting

(1) lethal **gunfire**, (2) burst of **gunfire**

The journalist heard the sound of **gunfire** while reporting in a war zone.

senseless

adj. lacking meaning, purpose, or reason; without sense or sensibility; foolish or irrational

synonym: meaningless, pointless, absurd

(1) **senseless** terror attack, (2) **senseless** slaughter

The **senseless** act of violence left the community in shock and mourning.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. re____e resource allocation | v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way |
| 2. se_____ss terror attack | <i>adj.</i> lacking meaning, purpose, or reason; without sense or sensibility; foolish or irrational |
| 3. geographic ho_____t | <i>n.</i> a place or area, typically a location or region, that is known for having an unusually high number of a particular phenomenon, such as disease, activity, or popularity |
| 4. burst of gu_____e | <i>n.</i> the sound or act of shooting a firearm; the noise created by multiple guns firing at the same time |
| 5. electronic pa_____ck | <i>n.</i> a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check |
| 6. regional pol_____er | <i>n.</i> a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc. |
| 7. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 8. gu___y pushing | <i>n.</i> a wheeled stretcher used for transporting patients, particularly in hospitals and emergency settings |

ANSWERS: 1. reframe, 2. senseless, 3. hotspot, 4. gunfire, 5. paycheck, 6. policymaker, 7. opportune, 8. gurney

9. ri___e me a riddle *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
10. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
11. French soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
12. covid-19 ho_____t *n.* a place or area, typically a location or region, that is known for having an unusually high number of a particular phenomenon, such as disease, activity, or popularity
13. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
14. m__a-analysis *adj.* pertaining to or involving a higher or more abstract level of analysis, interpretation, or self-reference, often used to describe aspects of gaming, social media, or other online communities that involve self-conscious or self-referential elements
15. dis_____ent plan *n.* the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector
16. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 9. riddle, 10. empathy, 11. sociologist, 12. hotspot, 13. pretension, 14. meta, 15. disinvestment, 16. opportune

17. education pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
18. dis_____ise citizens *v.* to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote
19. re_____nd risk *v.* to commit another crime or violation of the law after having been punished or rehabilitated for a previous offense
20. dis_____ise voters *v.* to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote
21. re_____nd within a year *v.* to commit another crime or violation of the law after having been punished or rehabilitated for a previous offense
22. pr_____e growth *adj.* abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something
23. per_____te chronic pain *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
24. hem_____ge from a breast *n.* profuse bleeding, often caused by a ruptured vessel
25. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
26. rel_____ss attack *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
27. int_____le pain *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

ANSWERS: 17. policymaker, 18. disenfranchise, 19. reoffend, 20. disenfranchise, 21. reoffend, 22. profuse, 23. perpetuate, 24. hemorrhage, 25. devote, 26. relentless, 27. intractable

28. monthly pa_____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
29. lethal gu_____e *n.* the sound or act of shooting a firearm; the noise created by multiple guns firing at the same time
30. per_____te a myth *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
31. gu_____t wound *n.* the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target
32. serial ho_____de *n.* the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings
33. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
34. int_____le situation *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
35. forensic cri_____gy *n.* the scientific study of crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system encompassing a wide range of disciplines, including sociology, psychology, law, and statistics, among others
36. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 28. paycheck, 29. gunfire, 30. perpetuate, 31. gunshot, 32. homicide, 33. displace, 34. intractable, 35. criminology, 36. empathy

37. fe____l vein *adj.* relating to the femur, the bone located in the thigh; pertaining to or located near the thigh or groin area
38. transport gu____y *n.* a wheeled stretcher used for transporting patients, particularly in hospitals and emergency settings
39. co____om drama *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
40. mass ho____de *n.* the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings
41. dis____ent strategy *n.* the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector
42. solve the ri____e *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
43. de____e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
44. fe____l hernia *adj.* relating to the femur, the bone located in the thigh; pertaining to or located near the thigh or groin area
45. m__a-language *adj.* pertaining to or involving a higher or more abstract level of analysis, interpretation, or self-reference, often used to describe aspects of gaming, social media, or other online communities that involve self-conscious or self-referential elements

ANSWERS: 37. femoral, 38. gurney, 39. courtroom, 40. homicide, 41. disinvestment, 42. riddle, 43. devote, 44. femoral, 45. meta

46. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
47. se_____ss slaughter *adj.* lacking meaning, purpose, or reason; without sense or sensibility; foolish or irrational
48. re_____e problem *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
49. pr_____e apologies *adj.* abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something
50. face rel_____ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
51. hem_____ge control *n.* profuse bleeding, often caused by a ruptured vessel
52. gu_____t residue *n.* the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target
53. behavioral cri_____gy *n.* the scientific study of crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system encompassing a wide range of disciplines, including sociology, psychology, law, and statistics, among others
54. co_____om trial *n.* a room in which a court of law is held

ANSWERS: 46. pretension, 47. senseless, 48. reframe, 49. profuse, 50. relentless, 51. hemorrhage, 52. gunshot, 53. criminology, 54. courtroom

55. religious soc_____st

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

56. di_____ce the explosive power

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

ANSWERS: 55. sociologist, 56. displace

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ description of a website is an important element for search engine optimization.
adj. pertaining to or involving a higher or more abstract level of analysis, interpretation, or self-reference, often used to describe aspects of gaming, social media, or other online communities that involve self-conscious or self-referential elements
2. The _____ artery supplies blood to the legs and is essential for mobility.
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ANSWERS: 1. meta, 2. femoral, 3. relentless, 4. reoffend, 5. profuse, 6. riddle, 7. opportune

8. The loud _____ startled the wildlife in the nearby forest.
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ANSWERS: 8. gunshot, 9. disinvestment, 10. paycheck, 11. hotspot, 12. criminology, 13. senseless, 14. gunfire

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