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Session 1: Word List

forearm

n. the part of a person's arm between the elbow and the wrist; (verb) to arm in advance of a confrontation

(1) **forearm** bone, (2) several veins of the **forearm**

The accident left him with numbness in his left **forearm**.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

assimilate

v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

synonym: absorb, incorporate, integrate

(1) **assimilate** into society, (2) **assimilate** a language

The immigrant struggled to **assimilate** into the new culture.

orphanage

n. an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)

synonym: home for orphans, children's home, foster home

(1) build an **orphanage**, (2) **orphanage** director

He grew up in a Christian **orphanage** and never knew his biological parents.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

malnourished

adj. not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong

synonym : undernourished, underfed

(1) premature **malnourished** infant, (2) **malnourished** population

Malnourished children are at risk of developmental delays and chronic health problems.

hairstyle

n. the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head

synonym : hairdo, coiffure, haircut

(1) modern **hairstyle**, (2) bob **hairstyle**

My sister got a new **hairstyle** for her job interview.

congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

synonym : praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

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.

resent

v. to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or

perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something

synonym: dislike, begrudge, envy

(1) **resent** being called a fool, (2) **resent** their success
He couldn't help but **resent** his friend for always taking credit for his ideas.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion
There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym: mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news
She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**
The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

intimacy

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

synonym: closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**
They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

enculturate

v. to teach or socialize someone to adopt the values, customs, and behaviors of a particular culture or society

synonym: indoctrinate, socialize, acculturate

(1) **enculturate** immigrants, (2) **enculturate** employees
Parents often have the responsibility to **enculturate** their children with their cultural traditions.

inculcate

v. to impress upon someone an idea or attitude through repetition and persistent urging

synonym: instill, impress, imbue

(1) **inculcate** discipline, (2) **inculcate** good habits

As a parent, it is important to **inculcate** good values and morals in your children from an early age.

reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym: reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

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.

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.

poignant

adj. evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching

synonym: touching, moving, emotional

(1) **poignant** moment, (2) **poignant** memories

The movie's **poignant** ending left most of the audience in tears.

childlike

adj. resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive

synonym: innocent, naive, trusting

(1) **childlike** charm, (2) **childlike** innocence

She had a **childlike** wonder and curiosity about the world.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. carry a s__r | <i>n.</i> a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed |
| 2. ch_____ke innocence | <i>adj.</i> resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive |
| 3. gr___e at the sad news | <i>v.</i> to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died |
| 4. a matter for con_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another |
| 5. re_____e after five years | <i>v.</i> to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation |
| 6. con_____ion on a promotion | <i>n.</i> the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another |
| 7. em_____y for patients | <i>n.</i> the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation |
| 8. enc_____te employees | <i>v.</i> to teach or socialize someone to adopt the values, customs, and behaviors of a particular culture or society |
| 9. ass_____te a language | <i>v.</i> to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate |
| 10. po_____nt moment | <i>adj.</i> evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching |

ANSWERS: 1. scar, 2. childlike, 3. grieve, 4. congratulation, 5. reunite, 6. congratulation, 7. empathy, 8. enculturate, 9. assimilate, 10. poignant

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| 11. build in_____cy | <i>n.</i> close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person |
| 12. full of em_____y | <i>n.</i> the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation |
| 13. fo_____m bone | <i>n.</i> the part of a person's arm between the elbow and the wrist; (verb) to arm in advance of a confrontation |
| 14. enc_____te immigrants | <i>v.</i> to teach or socialize someone to adopt the values, customs, and behaviors of a particular culture or society |
| 15. turn out to be all s__m | <i>n.</i> something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not |
| 16. co_____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 17. fri_____ng experience | <i>adj.</i> causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming |
| 18. b__y in the earth | <i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb |
| 19. re_____e problem | <i>v.</i> to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way |
| 20. co_____e the listener | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 21. re___t being called a fool | <i>v.</i> to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something |

ANSWERS: 11. intimacy, 12. empathy, 13. forearm, 14. enculturate, 15. sham, 16. confuse, 17. frightening, 18. bury, 19. reframe, 20. confuse, 21. resent

22. re____e with my friend
v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
23. b__y emotion
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
24. cast fri_____ng eyes
adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
25. gr___e for loss
v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
26. in_____te good habits
v. to impress upon someone an idea or attitude through repetition and persistent urging
27. or_____ge director
n. an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)
28. in_____te discipline
v. to impress upon someone an idea or attitude through repetition and persistent urging
29. mal_____hed population
adj. not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong
30. po_____nt memories
adj. evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
31. re_____nt population
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
32. burn s__r
n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
33. re___t their success
v. to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something

ANSWERS: 22. reunite, 23. bury, 24. frightening, 25. grieve, 26. inculcate, 27. orphanage, 28. inculcate, 29. malnourished, 30. poignant, 31. resilient, 32. scar, 33. resent

34. ch_____ke charm *adj.* resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive
35. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
36. ass_____te into society *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
37. modern ha_____le *n.* the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head
38. build an or_____ge *n.* an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)
39. several veins of the fo_____m *n.* the part of a person's arm between the elbow and the wrist; (verb) to arm in advance of a confrontation
40. re_____e resource allocation *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
41. premature mal_____hed infant *adj.* not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong
42. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
43. bob ha_____le *n.* the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head
44. on terms of in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

ANSWERS: 34. childlike, 35. sham, 36. assimilate, 37. hairstyle, 38. orphanage, 39. forearm, 40. reframe, 41. malnourished, 42. resilient, 43. hairstyle, 44. intimacy

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The band will _____ only for this show.
v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
2. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
3. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
4. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.
n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
5. The therapist tried to _____ his negative thoughts.
v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
6. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
7. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
8. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 1. reunite, 2. frightening, 3. resilient, 4. scar, 5. reframe, 6. confused, 7. Empathy, 8. bury

9. He couldn't help but _____ his friend for always taking credit for his ideas.
v. to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something
10. They were looking for _____ in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.
n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
11. The movie's _____ ending left most of the audience in tears.
adj. evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
12. The data he prepared was completely _____.
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
13. As a parent, it is important to _____ good values and morals in your children from an early age.
v. to impress upon someone an idea or attitude through repetition and persistent urging
14. _____ children are at risk of developmental delays and chronic health problems.
adj. not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong
15. My sister got a new _____ for her job interview.
n. the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head

ANSWERS: 9. resent, 10. intimacy, 11. poignant, 12. sham, 13. inculcate, 14. Malnourished, 15. hairstyle

16. The immigrant struggled to _____ into the new culture.
v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
17. Parents often have the responsibility to _____ their children with their cultural traditions.
v. to teach or socialize someone to adopt the values, customs, and behaviors of a particular culture or society
18. The _____ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.
n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
19. The accident left him with numbness in his left _____.
n. the part of a person's arm between the elbow and the wrist; (verb) to arm in advance of a confrontation
20. She had a _____ wonder and curiosity about the world.
adj. resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive
21. He grew up in a Christian _____ and never knew his biological parents.
n. an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)
22. She _____ the loss of her parents.
v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

ANSWERS: 16. assimilate, 17. enculturate, 18. congratulations, 19. forearm, 20. childlike, 21. orphanage, 22. grieved