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Session 1: Word List

devote

 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.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

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.

extort

v. to obtain something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion

synonym: coerce, blackmail, squeeze

(1) extort information, (2) extort a confession

The criminals tried to **extort** money from the business owner by threatening to burn down the store.

complicit

adj. involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group

synonym: compliant, involved, accessory

(1) complicit behavior, (2) complicit in cover-up

The accomplice was **complicit** in the crime committed by her partner.

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym: bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) corruptible officials, (2) corruptible judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

weep

- v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain synonym: cry, sob, mourn
- (1) weep bitter tears, (2) weep for joy

I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

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.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

clueless

adj. lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation

synonym: uninformed, unaware, ignorant

(1) **clueless** in many ways, (2) **clueless** about the situation She was completely **clueless** as to how to solve the problem.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym: murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

disfigure

 to spoil or mar the appearance of something or someone by damaging or altering its shape, features, or proportions; to cause physical deformity or injury

synonym: mutilate, deform, mar

(1) **disfigure** my face, (2) **disfigure** the artwork

The scars from the car accident **disfigured** his left arm horribly.

amputee

- n. a person who has had an arm or a leg cut off
- (1) quadruple **amputee**, (2) **amputee** runner **Amputees** often experience an illusion of a phantom limb.

crutch

n. a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility

synonym: brace, support, prop

(1) **crutch** support, (2) emotional **crutch**

He walked with the aid of a **crutch** after breaking his leg in a skiing accident.

grope

v. to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see

synonym: fumble, feel, pat

(1) **grope** after the truth, (2) **grope** for an answer He was forced to **grope** in the dark for the light switch.

paranoid

- adj. unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
- (1) **paranoid** about issues, (2) **paranoid** disorder A **paranoid** person may have delusions that people want to harm.

adversity

- n. difficulties or hardships that someone facessynonym: hardship, difficulty, trial
- (1) environmental **adversity**, (2) struggling with **adversity** The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of **adversity** and won the game.

prolong

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

synonym: extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

cognition

 the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

synonym: awareness, understanding, comprehension

social cognition, (2) cognition disorder
 The professor focused on the research of infant cognition.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my intellect, (2) human intellect

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

impair

- v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse synonym: degrade, mar, deface
- (1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity The accident made his vision **impaired**.

disturb

- v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc. synonym: agitate, bother, intrude
- (1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

dissociative

 adj. characterized by a disconnect or separation from reality, often due to trauma or stress; inducing a separation or division of a previously unified whole

synonym: disconnected, detached, dissociated

(1) **dissociative** identity disorder, (2) **dissociative** state The **dissociative** drug ketamine has been used to treat depression in some cases.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym: despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

regress

 to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

synonym: retrovert, deteriorate, decline

(1) **regress** to childhood, (2) **regress** in skills

The team's failure to win games has caused them to **regress** in confidence.

continence

 self-control or voluntary restraint, particularly about sexual activity or bodily functions

synonym: self-control, restraint, abstention

(1) urinary **continence**, (2) sexual **continence**

The athlete's **continence** and dedication to training resulted in him winning the gold medal

buckle

v. to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap

synonym: bend, crumple, contort

(1) buckle down to study, (2) buckle shoe

The severe heat wave **buckled** railway tracks.

breastfeeding

 the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts

synonym: nursing, lactation, suckling

(1) **breastfeeding** mother, (2) **breastfeeding** support Getting the hang of **breastfeeding** at first can be challenging, but with patience and practice, it gets easier.

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.

hostility

n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behaviorsynonym: antagonism, antipathy, estrangement

(1) an act of **hostility**, (2) bitter **hostility**

Her unconcealed hostility made us unpleasant.

barb

n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

synonym: spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) barb wire, (2) aim a barb

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

orderly

adj. clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way synonym: tidy, tidied, neat

(1) **orderly** and fair market, (2) **orderly** manner

The elections were handled in a timely and **orderly** manner.

barrack

to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel

synonym: house, lodge, cheer

(1) **barrack** room, (2) **barrack** the opposing team

The soldiers were instructed to **barrack** in the buildings until further notice.

pediatrics

 the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

synonym: pedology, child health

(1) **pediatrics** department, (2) **pediatrics** clinic I am studying **pediatrics** in medical school because I love working with children.

immunization

n. the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure

synonym: vaccination, shot, inoculation

(1) **immunization** program, (2) childhood **immunization** Due to the success of **immunization** programs, certain

diseases, such as smallpox, have been eradicated.

moth

- an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
- (1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

insistence

n. the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence

synonym: persistence, determination, demand

(1) collective **insistence**, (2) rigid **insistence**Despite her **insistence**, he refused to change his mind.

inflict

 to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something

synonym: impose, levy, administer

(1) **inflict** a heavier tax, (2) **inflict** a hard blow

The storm **inflicted** significant damage on the town.

Session 2: Spelling

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 aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

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ANSWERS: 10. hopeless, 11. moth, 12. disappoint, 13. cognition, 14. immunization, 15. optimism, 16. insistence, 17. impair, 18. disfigure

- 19. co____on disorder
- 20. cr__h support

- 21. re___e problem
- 22. am e runner
- 23. im r insulin sensitivity
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71. go there af_	rd	adv.	after the time mentioned
72. hoss a	t everything	adj.	having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
73. human in	ct	n.	the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
74. aim a bb		n.	a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	The drug ketamine has been used to treat depression in some cases.
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2.	We need to the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.
v.	to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or ar event
3.	I'm easily moved to tears, so I would in sympathy if I saw that movie.
ν.	to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
4.	The criminals tried to money from the business owner by threatening to burn down the store.
ν.	to obtain something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion
5.	often experience an illusion of a phantom limb.
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