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Session 1: Word List

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

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.

polio

n. an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

synonym: poliomyelitis, infantile paralysis

(1) **polio** epidemic, (2) **polio** eradication

The **polio** vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

measles

n. a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children

synonym : rash, red measles, rubella

(1) **measles** outbreak, (2) **measles** vaccine

The school sent a notice of a **measles** case in one of the classrooms.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym : challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym : upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym : falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

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.

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.

mislead

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true

synonym: misinform, delude, belie

(1) **mislead** him into trusting her, (2) **mislead** the enemy

Our troops pulled back to **mislead** the enemy.

maim

v. to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part

synonym: injure, incapacitate, wound

(1) **maim** a victim, (2) **maim** his hand

The reckless driver **maimed** several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

takeaway

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

synonym: conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

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.

anecdotal

adj. based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

synonym: hearsay, informal, unreliable

(1) **anecdotal** evidence, (2) **anecdotal** example

My friend shared an **anecdotal** story about her experience in customer service.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

fathomable

adj. able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth

synonym: understandable, comprehensible, intelligible

(1) **fathomable** explanation, (2) **fathomable** solution

The scientific theories presented in the book were **fathomable** even to non-experts.

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

unbreakable

adj. not able to be broken or damaged

synonym: indestructible, durable, sturdy

(1) **unbreakable** bond, (2) **unbreakable** commitment

This titanium bike frame is advertised as **unbreakable**.

unbroken

adj. continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded

synonym: intact, unchanged, continuing

(1) an **unbroken** horse, (2) **unbroken** chain

He enjoyed the **unbroken** quiet of the afternoon at the villa.

sway

v. to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

synonym: swing, oscillate, influence

(1) **sway** back and forth, (2) **sway** to the rhythm

The politician tried to **sway** public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. Se___e hearing | <i>n.</i> a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament |
| 2. mi____d the enemy | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to believe something that is not true |
| 3. fat_____le solution | <i>adj.</i> able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth |
| 4. unb_____le commitment | <i>adj.</i> not able to be broken or damaged |
| 5. fat_____le explanation | <i>adj.</i> able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth |
| 6. unb_____le bond | <i>adj.</i> not able to be broken or damaged |
| 7. ta____ay message | <i>n.</i> a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information |
| 8. d__y gravity | <i>v.</i> to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc. |
| 9. childhood imm_____ion | <i>n.</i> the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure |
| 10. va_____te against scarlet fever | <i>v.</i> to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease |

ANSWERS: 1. Senate, 2. mislead, 3. fathomable, 4. unbreakable, 5. fathomable, 6. unbreakable, 7. takeaway, 8. defy, 9. immunization, 10. vaccinate

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| 11. junior se_____r | <i>n.</i> a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate |
| 12. un_____en chain | <i>adj.</i> continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded |
| 13. serial qu_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started |
| 14. deeply re_____te with the consumers | <i>v.</i> to be filled with a deep echoing sound |
| 15. an un_____en horse | <i>adj.</i> continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded |
| 16. se_____r term | <i>n.</i> a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate |
| 17. po__o epidemic | <i>n.</i> an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability |
| 18. mis_____ion about a vaccine | <i>n.</i> information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately |
| 19. co_____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 20. me_____s outbreak | <i>n.</i> a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children |
| 21. an_____al example | <i>adj.</i> based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence |

ANSWERS: 11. senator, 12. unbroken, 13. quitter, 14. resonate, 15. unbroken, 16. senator, 17. polio, 18. misinformation, 19. confuse, 20. measles, 21. anecdotal

30. an_____al evidence *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
31. mi_____d him into trusting her *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
32. m__m his hand *v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
33. me_____s vaccine *n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children
34. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
35. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
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37. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
38. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 30. anecdotal, 31. mislead, 32. maim, 33. measles, 34. intellect, 35. empathy, 36. maim, 37. defy, 38. empathy

39. po__o eradication *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
40. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
41. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
42. Se___e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

ANSWERS: 39. polio, 40. confuse, 41. intellect, 42. Senate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 1. vaccinated, 2. misinformation, 3. quitter, 4. polio, 5. takeaway, 6. sway

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ANSWERS: 7. unbreakable, 8. Senate, 9. senator, 10. fathomable, 11. measles, 12. anecdotal, 13. unbroken, 14. Empathy

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ANSWERS: 15. maimed, 16. confused, 17. resonates, 18. intellect, 19. mislead, 20. defy, 21. immunization