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Session 1: Word List

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym: rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

zeitgeist

n. the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era

synonym: spirit of the time, trend, fashion

(1) the **zeitgeist** of the era, (2) cultural **zeitgeist**

The political speech resonated with the **zeitgeist** of national unity and cooperation.

genital

adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

synonym : reproductive, genetic, sexual

(1) **genital** bleeding, (2) pain in the **genital** area

The **genital** organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

pelt

v. to hit or throw things at someone or something repeatedly and forcefully; to rain heavily

synonym : hurl, fling, throw

(1) **pelt** him with stones, (2) **pelt** with questions

The crowd **pelted** the stage with bottles and cans in protest.

contraception

n. the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

(1) hormonal **contraception**, (2) **contraception** pills

Condoms are a common method of **contraception** that both men and women can use.

venereal

adj. relating to or caused by sexual intercourse, specifically referring to a sexually transmitted disease

synonym : sexually transmitted, venerean, genital

(1) **venereal** syphilis, (2) **venereal** transmission

The **venereal** disease was a major public health concern.

baffle

v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

synonym : perplex, astound, hinder

(1) **baffle** his plan, (2) **baffle** outside noises

The paradox **baffled** most philosophers.

medically

adv. in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury

(1) **medically** endorsed method, (2) in a **medically** effective

manner

A decade ago, it was **medically** impossible to cure this disease completely.

stigma

n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym: mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

trichomoniasis

n. a sexually transmitted disease caused by the protozoan parasite *Trichomonas vaginalis*, which infects the urinary tract or vagina in women and the urethra in men

synonym: venereal infection, STD, STI

(1) **trichomoniasis** infection, (2) genital **trichomoniasis**

Women are more likely to experience symptoms of **trichomoniasis** than men.

curable

adj. describing an illness or condition that can be treated or remedied to restore health; having the potential to be alleviated or resolved

synonym: healable, treatable, remediable

(1) **curable** disease, (2) **curable** condition

Most cases of the common cold are **curable** with rest and over-the-counter medications.

itch

v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it

synonym: scratch, tingle, irritate

(1) **itch** constantly, (2) **itch** to speak

I can't stop **itching** my arm because of the mosquito bite.

asymptomatic

adj. not experiencing or exhibiting any symptoms of a particular disease or condition, even though the individual may be infected or affected by it

synonym: asymptotic, symptomless, unnoticeable

(1) **asymptomatic** carrier, (2) **asymptomatic** infection
The study showed that one-third of infected individuals could remain **asymptomatic** throughout the disease.

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**.

sliver

n. a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
synonym: splinter, shard, fragment

(1) **sliver** of wood, (2) **sliver** of metal
I had to be careful not to step on a **sliver** of glass on the floor.

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.

elusive

adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
synonym: mysterious, ambiguous, inapproachable

(1) an **elusive** criminal, (2) track down an **elusive** fact
The physicist who found the **elusive** particle won the Nobel Prize.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sl___r of wood
n. a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
2. me_____ly endorsed method
adv. in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury
3. track down an el_____e fact
adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
4. 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
5. tri_____sis infection
n. a sexually transmitted disease caused by the protozoan parasite *Trichomonas vaginalis*, which infects the urinary tract or vagina in women and the urethra in men
6. the ze_____st of the era
n. the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era
7. turn out to be all s__m
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

ANSWERS: 1. sliver, 2. medically, 3. elusive, 4. sham, 5. trichomoniasis, 6. zeitgeist, 7. sham

8. asy_____tic carrier *adj.* not experiencing or exhibiting any symptoms of a particular disease or condition, even though the individual may be infected or affected by it
9. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
10. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
11. i__h constantly *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
12. hormonal con_____ion *n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures
13. in a me_____ly effective manner *adv.* in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury
14. p__t him with stones *v.* to hit or throw things at someone or something repeatedly and forcefully; to rain heavily
15. ve_____al transmission *adj.* relating to or caused by sexual intercourse, specifically referring to a sexually transmitted disease
16. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
17. sp__l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

ANSWERS: 8. asymptomatic, 9. empower, 10. greet, 11. itch, 12. contraception, 13. medically, 14. pelt, 15. venereal, 16. greet, 17. spoil

18. sl___r of metal *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
19. ba___e outside noises *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
20. social st___a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
21. em____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
22. con_____ion pills *n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures
23. i__h to speak *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
24. cu____e disease *adj.* describing an illness or condition that can be treated or remedied to restore health; having the potential to be alleviated or resolved
25. genital tri_____sis *n.* a sexually transmitted disease caused by the protozoan parasite *Trichomonas vaginalis*, which infects the urinary tract or vagina in women and the urethra in men

ANSWERS: 18. sliver, 19. baffle, 20. stigma, 21. empower, 22. contraception, 23. itch, 24. curable, 25. trichomoniasis

26. st___a against obesity *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
27. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
28. ba___e his plan *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
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30. asy_____tic infection *adj.* not experiencing or exhibiting any symptoms of a particular disease or condition, even though the individual may be infected or affected by it
31. sp__l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
32. ge_____l bleeding *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
33. ve_____al syphilis *adj.* relating to or caused by sexual intercourse, specifically referring to a sexually transmitted disease
34. pain in the ge_____l area *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
35. cultural ze_____st *n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era

ANSWERS: 26. stigma, 27. opportune, 28. baffle, 29. curable, 30. asymptomatic, 31. spoil, 32. genital, 33. venereal, 34. genital, 35. zeitgeist

36. an op_____ne remark

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

37. an el_____e criminal

adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

38. p__t with questions

v. to hit or throw things at someone or something repeatedly and forcefully; to rain heavily

ANSWERS: 36. opportune, 37. elusive, 38. pelt

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The study showed that one-third of infected individuals could remain _____ throughout the disease.
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2. Women are more likely to experience symptoms of _____ than men.
n. a sexually transmitted disease caused by the protozoan parasite *Trichomonas vaginalis*, which infects the urinary tract or vagina in women and the urethra in men
3. The _____ disease was a major public health concern.
adj. relating to or caused by sexual intercourse, specifically referring to a sexually transmitted disease
4. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
5. I can't stop _____ my arm because of the mosquito bite.
v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
6. I had to be careful not to step on a _____ of glass on the floor.
n. a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
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ANSWERS: 1. asymptomatic, 2. trichomoniasis, 3. venereal, 4. opportune, 5. itching, 6. sliver, 7. baffled

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- 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
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- v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
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ANSWERS: 8. sham, 9. pelted, 10. elusive, 11. empowered, 12. greeted, 13. zeitgeist, 14. medically, 15. curable

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- v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
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- n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures
19. The _____ organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.
- adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

ANSWERS: 16. spoil, 17. stigma, 18. contraception, 19. genital