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Session 1: Word List

dilute

v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

synonym : weaken, thin, reduce

(1) **dilute** acid with water, (2) **dilute** a great idea

She **diluted** the concentrated juice with water.

Arabic

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

incense

n. a substance that is burned to produce a pleasant scent, often used in religious or spiritual ceremonies; figuratively, something that is pleasing or satisfying to the senses, feelings, or emotions

synonym : fragrance, aroma, perfume

(1) **incense** burner, (2) **incense** stick

In ancient times, people believed that burning **incense** helped ward off evil spirits.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym :

smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

swirl

v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

synonym: spin, whirl, turn

(1) **swirl** the wine, (2) **swirl** up dirt and dust

The chef expertly **swirled** the sauce onto the plate.

glaucoma

n. a group of eye disorders characterized by damage to the optic nerve, often associated with increased pressure within the eye; a leading cause of blindness

synonym: optic nerve damage, ocular hypertension

(1) congenital **glaucoma**, (2) open-angle **glaucoma**

My grandfather was diagnosed with **glaucoma** and had to undergo surgery to prevent further vision loss.

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym: disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

homesick

adj. feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time

synonym: nostalgic, longing, yearning

(1) suffer from **homesick**, (2) **homesick** for home

The military personnel stationed overseas often feel **homesick** for their loved ones.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. in____e stick | <i>n.</i> a substance that is burned to produce a pleasant scent, often used in religious or spiritual ceremonies; figuratively, something that is pleasing or satisfying to the senses, feelings, or emotions |
| 2. motion b__r | <i>n.</i> a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision |
| 3. di____ve the sugar | <i>v.</i> to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss |
| 4. sw__l up dirt and dust | <i>v.</i> to move in a circular or spiral pattern |
| 5. open-angle gl____ma | <i>n.</i> a group of eye disorders characterized by damage to the optic nerve, often associated with increased pressure within the eye; a leading cause of blindness |
| 6. dr__n in a bath | <i>v.</i> to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater |
| 7. di___e acid with water | <i>v.</i> to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it |
| 8. officially di____ved the marriage | <i>v.</i> to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss |

ANSWERS: 1. incense, 2. blur, 3. dissolve, 4. swirl, 5. glaucoma, 6. drown, 7. dilute, 8. dissolve

9. sw__l the wine *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
10. in____e burner *n.* a substance that is burned to produce a pleasant scent, often used in religious or spiritual ceremonies; figuratively, something that is pleasing or satisfying to the senses, feelings, or emotions
11. congenital gl____ma *n.* a group of eye disorders characterized by damage to the optic nerve, often associated with increased pressure within the eye; a leading cause of blindness
12. di___e a great idea *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
13. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
14. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
15. Ar___c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
16. Ar___c cuisine *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

ANSWERS: 9. swirl, 10. incense, 11. glaucoma, 12. dilute, 13. blur, 14. drown, 15. Arabic, 16. Arabic

17. suffer from ho____ck

adj. feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time

18. ho____ck for home

adj. feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time

ANSWERS: 17. homesick, 18. homesick

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. In ancient times, people believed that burning _____ helped ward off evil spirits.
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9. She _____ the concentrated juice with water.
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ANSWERS: 8. blur, 9. diluted