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Session 1: Word List

anesthesia

n. a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes

(1) **anesthesia** for surgery, (2) local **anesthesia**

He is in general **anesthesia** under the surgeon.

unsatisfactory

adj. not meeting the desired or expected standard or quality
synonym: inadequate, subpar, lacking

(1) **unsatisfactory** performance, (2) **unsatisfactory** on several counts

The service was **unsatisfactory**, and the customer demanded a refund.

buyout

n. the acquisition of a controlling interest in a company or business by an outside entity or individual, typically involving the purchase of shares or assets

synonym: acquisition, takeover, purchase

(1) corporate **buyout**, (2) staged **buyout**

The company announced a major **buyout** of its competitor, which caused the stock price to soar.

electrocardiogram

n. a test that uses electrodes placed on the chest, arms, and legs to record the electrical signals of the heart and create a graph that shows the heart's rhythm and activity

synonym: ECG, heart monitor, cardiac monitor

(1) **electrocardiogram** technician, (2) abnormal **electrocardiogram**

The hospital invested in state-of-the-art **electrocardiogram** machines to improve patient care.

mammography

n. the process of using X-rays to examine the breast for the early detection of breast cancer

synonym: breast imaging, mammogram, breast X-ray

(1) diagnostic **mammography**, (2) digital **mammography**

Women should get regular **mammography** screenings as a preventative measure for breast cancer.

mash

v. to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

synonym: crush, grind, pulverize

(1) **mash** his words, (2) potato **mash**

She **mashed** the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth and creamy.

kayak

n. a small, narrow boat traditionally used by the Inuit people for hunting and fishing, which has a covered deck and is propelled using a double-bladed paddle

synonym: canoe, skiff, paddle boat

(1) **kayak** adventure, (2) **kayak** paddle

We're planning a **kayak** trip down the river next weekend.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

crowdsourcing

n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

(1) **crowdsourcing** apps, (2) **crowdsourcing** in climate policy

The company used this **crowdsourcing** platform to gather ideas for its next product.

overt

adj. open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret

synonym: open, unhidden, obvious

(1) **overt** hostility, (2) **overt** symptoms

His **overt** lack of enthusiasm was noticeable to everyone in the room.

appendectomy

n. a surgical procedure to remove the appendix, typically performed in cases of appendicitis or other conditions that cause inflammation or infection of the appendix

synonym: removal, excision, surgery

(1) **appendectomy** surgery, (2) **appendectomy** scar

After several hours of abdominal pain, the patient was diagnosed with acute appendicitis and underwent an **appendectomy**.

transgress

v. to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something

synonym: trespass, violate, infringe

(1) **transgress** boundaries, (2) **transgress** against the rules

The company was fined for **transgressing** environmental regulations.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 6. app_____omy surgery | <i>n.</i> a surgical procedure to remove the appendix, typically performed in cases of appendicitis or other conditions that cause inflammation or infection of the appendix |
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