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Session 1: Word List

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.

bravery

n. courage in the face of danger

synonym: courage, valor, heroism

(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire

His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

ovary

n. either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower

(1) **ovary** atrophy, (2) salted **ovary** of walleye pollack

They found **ovary** cancer in an early stage.

intersex

adj. having a biological condition in which a person is born with reproductive or sexual anatomy that does not fit typical male or female definitions, often resulting in physical or hormonal differences

synonym : ambigender, nonbinary, hermaphroditic

(1) **intersex** condition, (2) female **intersex**

The **intersex** community faces discrimination and marginalization in many societies.

puberty

n. the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction

synonym : adolescence, young adulthood

(1) at the height of **puberty** ., (2) the onset of **puberty**

In this culture, men are initiated when they reach **puberty**.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym : envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

uterus

n. a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth

synonym : womb

(1) **uterus** cancer, (2) bleeding from **uterus**

The physician prescribed medication to relieve the contraction of the **uterus**.

menstruate

v. to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus

synonym : period, menstruation, menarche

(1) **menstruate** regularly, (2) failure to **menstruate**

The teenage girl began to **menstruate** last month.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion
The news of her promotion **excited** her.

gonad

n. a reproductive organ that produces gametes, such as testes in males or ovaries in females

synonym: testes, ovary, reproductive gland

(1) **gonad** development, (2) reproductive **gonad**

Certain chemicals can disrupt the proper functioning of **gonads**, leading to reproductive problems.

testicle

n. one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels

synonym: ballock, gonad, ball

(1) **testicle** injury, (2) swollen **testicles**

The athlete was hit in the **testicle** during the game and had to be removed.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

jut

v. to extend out, up, or forward prominently or abruptly; to stick out or protrude

synonym: protrude, stick out, extend

(1) **jut** far out into the lake, (2) **jut** his chin out

The rocky cliff **jutted** out of the ground, making climbing

difficult.

labia

n. the external folds of skin that surround the openings of the female genitalia, specifically the vulva

synonym: lip, rim

(1) **labial** piercing, (2) **labial** melanosis

Some women choose to have **labial** reduction surgery for medical or aesthetic reasons.

ingrained

adj. deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

synonym: inborn, embedded, deep-seated

(1) **ingrained** habit, (2) **ingrained** prejudice

Her fear of dogs was **ingrained** after a traumatic experience in childhood.

anomaly

n. something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand

synonym: abnormality, irregularity, deviation

(1) **anomaly** detection, (2) global temperature **anomaly**

The sudden drop in the stock market was an **anomaly** that puzzled many investors.

needless

adj. describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

synonym: unnecessary, pointless, superfluous

(1) **needless** argument, (2) **needless** waste

This **needless** paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

karyotype

n. the complete set of chromosomes of an individual or species, organized by size, shape, and other characteristics, often used for genetic analysis, diagnosis, and research

(1) chromosomal **karyotype**, (2) abnormal **karyotype**

Doctors analyze a patient's **karyotype**, or chromosome

pattern, to identify potential genetic disorders.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

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**.

faze

v. to disturb or disconcert someone, often causing them to lose their confidence or composure; to unsettle, intimidate, or fluster

synonym: disturb, unsettle, bother

(1) **faze** a decision-maker, (2) unlikely to **faze** him

I won't let a little criticism **faze** me from pursuing my dreams.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

predisposition

n. a tendency or inclination to a particular behavior or condition, often due to genetic or environmental factors

synonym: tendency, inclination, disposition

(1) **predisposition** to anxiety, (2) genetic **predisposition**

Smoking can increase a person's **predisposition** to lung cancer.

complication

n. something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

synonym: confusion, complexity, difficulty

(1) **complication** of structure, (2) resolve without

complication

He also continued to struggle with serious long-term **complications**.

enlightened

adj. having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

synonym: educated, informed, aware

(1) **enlightened** age, (2) make an **enlightened** decision

The **enlightened** teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.

hipster

n. a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices

synonym: trendsetter, nonconformist, bohemian

(1) **hipster** fashion, (2) **hipster** lifestyle

She is always wearing vintage clothing and listening to vinyl records, a true **hipster** at heart.

beard

n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

synonym: facial hair, whiskers, stubble

(1) a black **beard**, (2) shave my **beard**

He grew a thick **beard** to change his appearance.

mustache

n. an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip

synonym: whisker

(1) a gray **mustache**, (2) big **mustache**

The actor's **mustache** has become an icon.

follicle

n. a small sac or cavity in the body, especially in the skin or scalp, that contains and nourishes a hair or feather; a small gland or sac that produces and releases a bodily

secretion

(1) **follicle** cell, (2) damaged **follicle**

The pigments in your hair **follicles** determine the color of your hair.

ballsy

adj. marked by boldness, courage, or nerve; daring or audacious, often to the point of being aggressive or pushy

synonym: courageous, daring, gutsy

(1) **ballsy** play, (2) **ballsy** attitude

The actress's **ballsy** move to turn down the leading role in the blockbuster paid off when she won an Oscar for her smaller, riskier role.

hysteria

n. a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled

synonym: panic, fury, agitation

(1) global warming **hysteria**, (2) anxiety **hysteria**

There was mass **hysteria** when the team won a championship.

epilepsy

n. a neurological disorder characterized by recurrent seizures or convulsions, which can manifest in a variety of ways and be caused by various factors

synonym: seizures, convulsions, fits

(1) **epilepsy** seizure, (2) **epilepsy** medication

The flashing lights at the concert triggered her **epilepsy** and caused a seizure.

facade

n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

synonym: front, camouflage, masquerade

(1) the outside **facade** of a castle, (2) **facade** of wealth

A gentle **facade** concealed his powerfulness.

Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. hi____r lifestyle
n. a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices
3. abnormal ka____pe
n. the complete set of chromosomes of an individual or species, organized by size, shape, and other characteristics, often used for genetic analysis, diagnosis, and research
4. anxiety hy____ia
n. a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled
5. big mu____he
n. an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
6. fo____le cell
n. a small sac or cavity in the body, especially in the skin or scalp, that contains and nourishes a hair or feather; a small gland or sac that produces and releases a bodily secretion
7. pain in the ge____l area
adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
8. an____y detection
n. something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand

ANSWERS: 1. sham, 2. hipster, 3. karyotype, 4. hysteria, 5. mustache, 6. follicle, 7. genital, 8. anomaly

9. global warming hy_____ia *n.* a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled
10. in_____ex condition *adj.* having a biological condition in which a person is born with reproductive or sexual anatomy that does not fit typical male or female definitions, often resulting in physical or hormonal differences
11. j_t his chin out *v.* to extend out, up, or forward prominently or abruptly; to stick out or protrude
12. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
13. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
14. swollen te_____les *n.* one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels
15. a gray mu_____he *n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
16. go__d development *n.* a reproductive organ that produces gametes, such as testes in males or ovaries in females
17. la__al piercing *n.* the external folds of skin that surround the openings of the female genitalia, specifically the vulva

ANSWERS: 9. hysteria, 10. intersex, 11. jut, 12. doe, 13. descend, 14. testicle, 15. mustache, 16. gonad, 17. labia

18. a black be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
19. j_t far out into the lake *v.* to extend out, up, or forward prominently or abruptly; to stick out or protrude
20. damaged fo____le *n.* a small sac or cavity in the body, especially in the skin or scalp, that contains and nourishes a hair or feather; a small gland or sac that produces and releases a bodily secretion
21. ge____l bleeding *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
22. in_____ed prejudice *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
23. at the height of pu____y. *n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
24. chromosomal ka_____pe *n.* the complete set of chromosomes of an individual or species, organized by size, shape, and other characteristics, often used for genetic analysis, diagnosis, and research
25. enl_____ed age *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
26. pre_____ion to anxiety *n.* a tendency or inclination to a particular behavior or condition, often due to genetic or environmental factors

ANSWERS: 18. beard, 19. jut, 20. follicle, 21. genital, 22. ingrained, 23. puberty, 24. karyotype, 25. enlightened, 26. predisposition

27. f__e a decision-maker *v.* to disturb or disconcert someone, often causing them to lose their confidence or composure; to unsettle, intimidate, or fluster
28. in_____ed habit *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
29. ba___y play *adj.* marked by boldness, courage, or nerve; daring or audacious, often to the point of being aggressive or pushy
30. men_____te regularly *v.* to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus
31. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
32. ba___y attitude *adj.* marked by boldness, courage, or nerve; daring or audacious, often to the point of being aggressive or pushy
33. fa___e of wealth *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
34. the outside fa___e of a castle *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
35. resolve without com_____ion *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

ANSWERS: 27. faze, 28. ingrained, 29. ballsy, 30. menstruate, 31. excite, 32. ballsy, 33. facade, 34. facade, 35. complication

36. female in____ex *adj.* having a biological condition in which a person is born with reproductive or sexual anatomy that does not fit typical male or female definitions, often resulting in physical or hormonal differences
37. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
38. ov__y atrophy *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
39. br____y under fire *n.* courage in the face of danger
40. ne____ss argument *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
41. com_____ion of structure *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
42. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
43. bleeding from ut____s *n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth
44. ep____sy seizure *n.* a neurological disorder characterized by recurrent seizures or convulsions, which can manifest in a variety of ways and be caused by various factors

ANSWERS: 36. intersex, 37. doe, 38. ovary, 39. bravery, 40. needless, 41. complication, 42. trait, 43. uterus, 44. epilepsy

45. genetic pre_____ion *n.* a tendency or inclination to a particular behavior or condition, often due to genetic or environmental factors
46. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
47. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
48. salted ov___y of walleye pollack *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
49. te_____le injury *n.* one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels
50. shave my be___d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
51. 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
52. hi_____r fashion *n.* a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices

ANSWERS: 45. predisposition, 46. determinant, 47. determinant, 48. ovary, 49. testicle, 50. beard, 51. sham, 52. hipster

53. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
54. the onset of pu____y *n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
55. la__al melanosis *n.* the external folds of skin that surround the openings of the female genitalia, specifically the vulva
56. failure to men_____te *v.* to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus
57. reproductive go__d *n.* a reproductive organ that produces gametes, such as testes in males or ovaries in females
58. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
59. br____y against the enemy *n.* courage in the face of danger
60. make an enl_____ed decision *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
61. burn with je____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
62. je____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
63. ut___s cancer *n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth

ANSWERS: 53. trait, 54. puberty, 55. labia, 56. menstruate, 57. gonad, 58. excite, 59. bravery, 60. enlightened, 61. jealousy, 62. jealousy, 63. uterus

64. unlikely to f__e him *v.* to disturb or disconcert someone, often causing them to lose their confidence or composure; to unsettle, intimidate, or fluster
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68. ep_____sy medication *n.* a neurological disorder characterized by recurrent seizures or convulsions, which can manifest in a variety of ways and be caused by various factors

ANSWERS: 64. faze, 65. needless, 66. descend, 67. anomaly, 68. epilepsy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

2. Doctors analyze a patient's _____ or chromosome pattern, to identify potential genetic disorders.
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3. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.
n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

4. There was mass _____ when the team won a championship.
n. a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled

5. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
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8. The teenage girl began to _____ last month.
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- adj.* marked by boldness, courage, or nerve; daring or audacious, often to the point of being aggressive or pushy

ANSWERS: 8. menstruate, 9. complications, 10. epilepsy, 11. uterus, 12. labial, 13. intersex, 14. ballsy

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ANSWERS: 15. gonads, 16. doe, 17. anomaly, 18. puberty, 19. needless, 20. sham, 21. jutted, 22. testicle

23. The pigments in your hair _____ determine the color of your hair.
- n.* a small sac or cavity in the body, especially in the skin or scalp, that contains and nourishes a hair or feather; a small gland or sac that produces and releases a bodily secretion
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- n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
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ANSWERS: 23. follicles, 24. ovary, 25. hipster, 26. genital, 27. determinant, 28. predisposition, 29. ingrained

30. The actor's _____ has become an icon.

n. an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip

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n. a particular feature of your nature

32. His _____ in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

n. courage in the face of danger

33. The _____ teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.

adj. having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

34. He grew a thick _____ to change his appearance.

n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

ANSWERS: 30. mustache, 31. traits, 32. bravery, 33. enlightened, 34. beard