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Session 1: Word List

eyelash

n. any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes

synonym: lash, cilium

(1) **eyelash** brush, (2) not bat an **eyelash**

An **eyelash** curler is a girl's best friend.

inward

adj. directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking

synonym: internal, introspective, interior

(1) **inward** peace, (2) **inward** cargo

The **inward** motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.

scrape

v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

synonym: scratch, graze, rub

(1) **scrape** meat off a bone, (2) **scrape** a hole in the ground

He **scraped** the mud off his boots before entering the house.

eyeball

n. the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen

(1) **eyeball** motion, (2) redness of the **eyeball**

Increased **eyeball** pressure leads to the development of glaucoma.

cornea

n. the transparent layer at the front of the eye that covers the iris and pupil and helps to focus light onto the retina

synonym : eye membrane, eye lens

(1) **cornea** transplant, (2) **cornea** damage

A scratched **cornea** can be very painful and may cause blurry vision.

trachoma

n. an infectious eye disease caused by bacteria, characterized by inflammation, irritation, and scarring of the eye tissues and, if left untreated, can lead to blindness

(1) **trachoma** infection, (2) **trachoma** prevention

The World Health Organization has launched a global campaign to eliminate **trachoma** by 2020.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym : blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

eyelid

n. a thin fold of skin that covers and protects the human eye, which helps to keep the eye moist by spreading tears over the surface and prevents foreign objects from entering the eye

synonym : lid, palpebra, shield

(1) **eyelid** twitch, (2) drooping **eyelid**

Bright light can cause me to squint and strain my eyes, resulting in twitchy **eyelids**.

tweeze

v. to pluck or remove hairs, particularly from the face or other sensitive areas, using a pair of tweezers (= a small hand-held tool used for grasping and manipulating small objects with precision) or other specialized tools

synonym : pluck, pull out, extract

(1) **tweeze** unwanted hair, (2) **tweeze** hairs

She carefully **tweezed** the stray eyebrow hairs.

pluck

v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

synonym : grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

respite

n. a brief period of rest, relief, or delay from something difficult or unpleasant; a short break or vacation from regular activities or responsibilities

synonym : break, interval, pause

(1) **respite** care, (2) a short **respite**

The vacation gave her a much-needed **respite** from work.

impair

v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse

synonym : degrade, mar, deface

(1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity

The accident made his vision **impaired**.

nub

n. the central and most important point or core; a small, pointed piece or protuberance

synonym : heart, core, bump

(1) get to the **nub**, (2) the **nub** of the bone

The **nub** of the problem was that no one knew how to fix the software glitch.

rampant

adj. (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled

synonym : prevalent, dense, uncontrolled

(1) **rampant** growth of weeds, (2) **rampant** corruption

In an overly protective industry, violations of the ethics rules tend to be **rampant**.

anesthetic

n. a substance that is administered to a person or an animal to produce a loss of sensation or consciousness so that medical or surgical procedures can be performed without causing pain

synonym : sedative, anesthesia, painkiller

(1) **anesthetic** injection, (2) local **anesthetic**

The dentist administered an **anesthetic** to numb the patient's mouth before the procedure.

latrine

n. a public or communal toilet, usually located outdoors or in the military, camping, or other semi-permanent settings

synonym : outhouse, lavatory, washroom

(1) outdoor **latrine**, (2) army **latrine**

During the exercise, the troops were forced to use a makeshift **latrine** in the field.

android

n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

synonym : droid, cyborg

(1) household **android**, (2) **Android** tablet

The lab is developing an **android** robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

audacious

adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

synonym : bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

exaggeration

n. an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

synonym : hyperbole, overstatement, embellishment

(1) sensational **exaggeration**, (2) minimal **exaggeration**

His story was filled with obvious **exaggerations**.

agony

n. extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

synonym : anguish, torment, suffering

(1) severe **agony**, (2) emotional **agony**

The athlete fell to the ground in **agony** after injuring their ankle.

intractable

adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

synonym : obstinate, stubborn, unyielding

(1) **intractable** pain, (2) **intractable** situation

The **intractable** problem defied a solution.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ey_____l motion *n.* the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
2. army la_____e *n.* a public or communal toilet, usually located outdoors or in the military, camping, or other semi-permanent settings
3. outdoor la_____e *n.* a public or communal toilet, usually located outdoors or in the military, camping, or other semi-permanent settings
4. local ane_____ic *n.* a substance that is administered to a person or an animal to produce a loss of sensation or consciousness so that medical or surgical procedures can be performed without causing pain
5. co____a damage *n.* the transparent layer at the front of the eye that covers the iris and pupil and helps to focus light onto the retina
6. in____d peace *adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
7. au_____us stunt *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
8. tw____e unwanted hair *v.* to pluck or remove hairs, particularly from the face or other sensitive areas, using a pair of tweezers (= a small hand-held tool used for grasping and manipulating small objects with precision) or other specialized tools

ANSWERS: 1. eyeball, 2. latrine, 3. latrine, 4. anesthetic, 5. cornea, 6. inward, 7. audacious, 8. tweeze

9. sc___e meat off a bone *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
10. drooping ey___d *n.* a thin fold of skin that covers and protects the human eye, which helps to keep the eye moist by spreading tears over the surface and prevents foreign objects from entering the eye
11. int_____le situation *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
12. ey___d twitch *n.* a thin fold of skin that covers and protects the human eye, which helps to keep the eye moist by spreading tears over the surface and prevents foreign objects from entering the eye
13. ra_____t corruption *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
14. pl__k a gray hair *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
15. tr_____ma infection *n.* an infectious eye disease caused by bacteria, characterized by inflammation, irritation, and scarring of the eye tissues and, if left untreated, can lead to blindness
16. re_____e care *n.* a brief period of rest, relief, or delay from something difficult or unpleasant; a short break or vacation from regular activities or responsibilities

ANSWERS: 9. scrape, 10. eyelid, 11. intractable, 12. eyelid, 13. rampant, 14. pluck, 15. trachoma, 16. respite

17. the n_b of the bone *n.* the central and most important point or core; a small, pointed piece or protuberance
18. sc___e a hole in the ground *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
19. redness of the ey_____l *n.* the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
20. pl__k out weeds *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
21. a short re_____e *n.* a brief period of rest, relief, or delay from something difficult or unpleasant; a short break or vacation from regular activities or responsibilities
22. sensational exa_____ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
23. tr_____ma prevention *n.* an infectious eye disease caused by bacteria, characterized by inflammation, irritation, and scarring of the eye tissues and, if left untreated, can lead to blindness
24. minimal exa_____ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
25. im___r my health *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse

ANSWERS: 17. nub, 18. scrape, 19. eyeball, 20. pluck, 21. respite, 22. exaggeration, 23. trachoma, 24. exaggeration, 25. impair

26. ra____t growth of weeds *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
27. An____d tablet *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
28. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
29. ane____ic injection *n.* a substance that is administered to a person or an animal to produce a loss of sensation or consciousness so that medical or surgical procedures can be performed without causing pain
30. get to the n_b *n.* the central and most important point or core; a small, pointed piece or protuberance
31. au____us decision *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
32. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
33. tw___e hairs *v.* to pluck or remove hairs, particularly from the face or other sensitive areas, using a pair of tweezers (= a small hand-held tool used for grasping and manipulating small objects with precision) or other specialized tools
34. emotional ag__y *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

ANSWERS: 26. rampant, 27. android, 28. scar, 29. anesthetic, 30. nub, 31. audacious, 32. scar, 33. tweeze, 34. agony

35. severe ag__y *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
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38. co___a transplant *n.* the transparent layer at the front of the eye that covers the iris and pupil and helps to focus light onto the retina
39. not bat an ey____h *n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
40. household an____d *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
41. int_____le pain *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
42. ey____h brush *n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes

ANSWERS: 35. agony, 36. inward, 37. impair, 38. cornea, 39. eyelash, 40. android, 41. intractable, 42. eyelash

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. During the exercise, the troops were forced to use a makeshift _____ in the field.
 - n.* a public or communal toilet, usually located outdoors or in the military, camping, or other semi-permanent settings
2. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.
 - n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
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ANSWERS: 1. latrine, 2. scar, 3. eyeball, 4. trachoma, 5. inward, 6. eyelids, 7. plucked

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ANSWERS: 16. audacious, 17. rampant, 18. anesthetic, 19. cornea, 20. nub, 21. scraped