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# **Session 1: Word List**

## orthopedic

adj. relating to the branch of medicine concerned with the correction or prevention of deformities, disorders, or injuries of the skeletal system and associated muscles, joints, and ligaments

synonym: skeletal, musculoskeletal, bone-related

(1) orthopedic shoes, (2) orthopedic clinic

The athlete visited the **orthopedic** surgeon to have her injured knee examined and treated.

# oxycodone

- a powerful opioid pain medication often prescribed for moderate to severe pain relief, often with a high risk of addiction and abuse
- (1) **oxycodone** addiction, (2) **oxycodone** withdrawal Some patients are prescribed **oxycodone** for pain management after surgery.

#### nonchalant

adj. relaxed and calm in a way that shows a lack of concern or interest; seemingly indifferent

synonym: casual, relaxed, indifferent

(1) nonchalant attitude, (2) nonchalant behavior

The actor was **nonchalant** about his notoriety and saw it as part of his job.

# opioid

- n. substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted
- (1) an **opioid** analgesic, (2) **opioid** receptor Treatment for **opioid** dependence may be a long-term process.

#### escalate

- v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
- *synonym*: increase, intensify, expand
- (1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

# tapering

adj. gradually becoming narrower or thinner at one end; (noun) the practice of reducing the intensity and volume of training for a period of time before a race or competition; the reduction of monetary stimulus in an economy by a central bank

synonym: narrowing, decreasing, dwindling

(1) **tapering** economy, (2) gradual **tapering** of the dose The **tapering** end of the pencil allowed for precise drawing.

# regimen

- n. a prescribed course of medical treatment, diet, or exercise for the promotion or restoration of healthsynonym: routine, program, schedule
- (1) fitness **regimen**, (2) **regimen** of chemotherapy My doctor prescribed a strict **regimen** of exercise and healthy eating to help me lose weight.

#### nauseate

 to cause feelings of nausea or sickness; to feel sick or queasy; to cause repugnance or disgust

synonym: queasy, sicken, disgust

(1) **nauseate** my stomach, (2) make me **nauseate**The roller coaster ride was so intense that it **nauseated** some passengers.

ache

 to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

synonym: hurt, throb, smart

(1) **ache** abominably, (2) **ache** all the time

I ache all over after running a marathon yesterday.

mangle

v. to damage or alter something by twisting, crushing, or pressing it out of shape

*synonym*: crush, deform, disfigure

(1) mangle my foot, (2) mangled their favorite toy

The machine **mangled** the sheet of metal beyond repair.

restless

adj. unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy

synonym: agitated, anxious, disturbed

(1) a restless person, (2) restless waves

He felt **restless** and constantly changed his postures.

thermostat

 a device that automatically regulates temperature by controlling the heating or cooling system based on the temperature in a room or building

synonym: thermoregulator, climate control

(1) thermostat settings, (2) smart thermostat

The digital **thermostat** has a programmable feature, and it can be controlled through your smartphone.

haywire

adj. out of control or malfunctioning; disordered or chaotic; (noun) a type of wire that is used to tie bales of hay, straw, or other crops

synonym: chaotic, disordered, crazy

(1) haywire behavior, (2) haywire machine

The electronics in my car went haywire after the battery died.

profuse

adj. abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something

synonym: abundant, plentiful, excessive

# (1) profuse growth, (2) profuse apologies

The flu caused a **profuse** amount of sweating and fever.

# goosebump

 a small bump that appears on the skin due to cold, fear, or excitement; a physiological response that causes the skin to contract and produce small bumps

synonym: horripilation, gooseflesh, pilomotor reflex

(1) **goosebump** sensation, (2) **goosebump** moment

The cold wind gave her **goosebumps** on her arms and legs.

# jitter

 a slight and rapid irregular movement or trembling; a sensation of nervousness or unease; a technical term relating to variations in the timing of signals in electronic systems

synonym: nervousness, trembling, shakiness

(1) jitter noise, (2) jittery feeling

The caffeine in my coffee causes me to experience nervous **iitter**.

#### twitch

v. to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body

synonym: spasm, jerk, flinch

(1) **twitch** at his sleeve, (2) **twitch** of an eye

She couldn't stop her leg from **twitching** nervously.

#### disturb

- v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
- synonym: agitate, bother, intrude
- (1) disturb the peace, (2) disturb his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

#### misfire

v. to fail to ignite or explode as intended

*synonym*: fail, miscarry

(1) **misfire** weapon, (2) **misfire** engine

The engine **misfired** and caused the car to stall.

#### writhe

v. to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle

synonym: contort, twist, convulse

(1) writhe in agony, (2) writhe with pleasure

The snake **writhed** and twisted as it tried to escape the trap.

# hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym: despairing, helpless, futile

(1) hopeless situation, (2) hopeless at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

# hospitalize

- v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment synonym: admit, place in hospital
- (1) **hospitalize** patient, (2) **hospitalize** child She had to be **hospitalized** due to her injuries.

# receptionist

 a person employed at a front desk or in a waiting area of an office, hotel, or other organization, whose job is to greet visitors, answer phones, and perform other general administrative tasks

synonym: clerk, secretary

(1) friendly **receptionist**, (2) hotel **receptionist**Our company is looking to hire a bilingual **receptionist** to

serve our diverse clients better.

#### **furious**

adj. extremely angry; full of rage synonym: angry, rageful, livid

(1) furious anger, (2) a furious sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

#### wean

v. to gradually stop feeding a baby or young animal with its mother's milk and to start or accustom to eating other food

synonym: ablactate

(1) **wean** a person from a bad habit, (2) **wean** my baby from the breast

It's difficult to **wean** an addict off drugs once they're hooked.

# 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.

#### buckle

to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat;
 (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap

*synonym*: bend, crumple, contort

(1) buckle down to study, (2) buckle shoe

The severe heat wave buckled railway tracks.

# insomnia

the condition of being unable to sleep, usually a chronic one

synonym: sleeplessness, wakefulness, restlessness

(1) medication for **insomnia**, (2) alcohol-dependent **insomnia** 

He suffered **insomnia** and loss of appetite after he began taking that medication.

#### unbearable

adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

synonym: intolerable, insufferable, unendurable

(1) unbearable heat, (2) unbearable pain

The loss of his wife was an **unbearable** sorrow that he found hard to overcome.

#### feverish

adj. having or showing symptoms of a high temperature, such as sweating and shivering; characterized by or showing strong feelings of excitement or energy synonym: heated, hot, agitated

(1) feel **feverish**, (2) at a **feverish** pitch

She had a **feverish** look in her eyes as she struggled with illness.

# horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) horrify audience, (2) horrify victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

#### rehabilitate

v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

synonym: reform, restore, renovate

(1) rehabilitate prisoners, (2) rehabilitate wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

#### methadone

 a synthetic opioid drug used to treat addiction to other opioid drugs, such as heroin, as well as to manage pain in some cases

synonym: methadon, fixer

(1) **methadone** program, (2) **methadone** treatment

The **methadone** clinic provides daily doses of the medication to patients in recovery.

# crippling

adj. causing someone to become unable to walk or move; causing severe damage or harm

synonym: harmful, damaging, catastrophic

(1) crippling debt, (2) a crippling strike

He is still struggling with a crippling disease.

#### abate

v. to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time

*synonym*: decrease, diminish, reduce

(1) abate a storm, (2) abate a crisis

He tried to abate his anger by taking deep breaths and	
counting to ten.	

#### 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.

# purview

- n. the range or scope of authority, responsibility, or influence of a particular person, group, or organization synonym: scope, range, domain
- (1) the **purview** of the committee, (2) beyond the **purview** of the law

The issue falls within the **purview** of the legal department.

#### overstressed

 adj. experiencing a level of stress or anxiety that exceeds one's capacity to cope; feeling overwhelmed or mentally strained

synonym: overworked, stressed out, overwhelmed

(1) **overstressed** employee, (2) **overstressed** muscles I'm feeling **overstressed** and need to take a break to relax.

# overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) overlook a street, (2) overlook that factWe cannot overlook an opportunity for great success.

# long-lasting

adj. existing or continuing for a long timesynonym: enduring, abiding, durable

(1) **long-lasting** battery, (2) a **long-lasting** friendship They finally decided to solve the **long-lasting** problem.

# judicious

 adj. having or exhibiting sound judgment; wise or prudent in decision-making; characterized by careful consideration or thought synonym: wise, prudent, sensible

(1) **judicious** use of resources, (2) exhibit **judicious** behavior

It's important to make **judicious** decisions when it comes to your finances.

### taper

v. to become or cause something to become gradually narrower at one end

*synonym*: decrease, dwindle, diminish

(1) **taper** the medication slowly, (2) **taper** the dose down Most of the tree trunks **taper** toward the top.

#### reckless

adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

synonym: impetuous, irresponsible, thoughtless

(1) **reckless** driving, (2) in a **reckless** manner **Reckless** youth makes rueful age.

#### indefensible

*adj.* unable to be protected or justified from criticism *synonym*: untenable, unjustifiable, unsupportable

(1) logically **indefensible**, (2) **indefensible** argument The argument was **indefensible**, and the judge dismissed it.

# **Session 2: Spelling**

1.	mene program	n.	a synthetic opioid drug used to treat addiction to other opioid drugs, such as heroin, as well as to manage pain in some cases
2.	maed their favorite toy	v.	to damage or alter something by twisting, crushing, or pressing it out of shape
3.	gomp moment	n.	a small bump that appears on the skin due to cold, fear, or excitement; a physiological response that causes the skin to contract and produce small bumps
4.	hae behavior	adj.	out of control or malfunctioning; disordered or chaotic; (noun) a type of wire that is used to tie bales of hay, straw, or other crops
5.	dib the peace	<i>v</i> .	to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
6.	in a ress manner	adj.	marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
7.	meal chemistry	adj.	of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
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58. alcohol-dependent inia	n.	the condition of being unable to sleep, usually a chronic one
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65. hotel recist	n.	a person employed at a front desk or in a waiting area of an office, hotel, or other organization, whose job is to gree visitors, answer phones, and perform other general administrative tasks
66. a ress person	adj.	unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy
67. traditional meal	adj.	of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
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70. wn my baby from the breast	v.	to gradually stop feeding a baby or young animal with its mother's milk and to start or accustom to eating other food
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73. wn a person from a bad habit	ν.	to gradually stop feeding a baby or young animal with its mother's milk and to start or accustom to eating other food
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75. jir noise	n.	a slight and rapid irregular movement of trembling; a sensation of nervousness or unease; a technical term relating to variations in the timing of signals in electronic systems
76. ress waves	adj.	unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy
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ANSWERS: 86. hospitalize, 87. profuse, 88. profuse

# **Session 3: Fill in the Blanks**

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