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Session 1: Word List

contraceptive

adj. relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception

synonym : preventive, prophylactic, antifertility

(1) **contraceptive** measures, (2) hormonal **contraceptive**

The **contraceptive** patch offers a convenient and effective method of birth control.

wary

adj. cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience

synonym : cautious, suspicious, leery

(1) a **wary** statesman, (2) **wary** of marriage

She was **wary** of meeting new people because of past experiences.

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.

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym: accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

reversible

adj. capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone

synonym: invertible, changeable, undoable

(1) **reversible** decision, (2) **reversible** fabrics

The jacket is **reversible** so that you can wear it with the fur lining on the outside or the inside.

contraception

n. the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

(1) hormonal **contraception**, (2) **contraception** pills

Condoms are a common method of **contraception** that both men and women can use.

sponge

n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

(1) sea **sponge**, (2) metallic **sponge**

The tiny marine **sponge** has existed for more than 500 million years.

condom

n. a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

synonym: prophylactic, rubber, sheath

(1) **condom** brand, (2) safe **condom** use

Using a **condom** during sexual activity is one of the most effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually

transmitted infections.

vasectomy

n. a surgical procedure involves cutting or blocking the vas deferens (= the tubes that carry sperm from the testicles to the urethra), which is a form of male birth control, resulting in permanent sterilization

synonym: sterilization, sterilizing operation, vas opera

(1) **vasectomy** procedure, (2) reversible **vasectomy**

Many couples choose **vasectomy** as a permanent form of contraception.

drawback

n. a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive

synonym: disadvantage, defect, weakness

(1) the **drawback** of his method, (2) one of the main **drawbacks**

He pointed out all the **drawbacks** to our plan.

clot

n. a thick mass or lump of coagulated liquid, especially blood; a group of people or things that form an obstructive, unsympathetic, or resistant force

synonym: clump, coagulation, thrombus

(1) blood **clot**, (2) **clot** prevention

The **clot** in the blood vessel required immediate medical attention.

progesterone

n. a hormone mainly produced in the ovaries of females that helps regulate the menstrual cycle and plays a crucial role in pregnancy

synonym: progestin, gestagen, luteal hormone

(1) **progesterone** receptor, (2) synthetic **progesterone**

During pregnancy, **progesterone** levels rise to support the growth of the fetus.

regimen

n. a prescribed course of medical treatment, diet, or exercise for the promotion or restoration of health

synonym: 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.

deprive

v. to take away something from someone

synonym: deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status
He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

reintroduce

v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

synonym: bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

ingest

v. to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge

synonym: swallow, consume, devour

(1) **ingest** food, (2) **ingest** medication

People who compulsively **ingest** non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.

blockade

n. a barrier or obstacle designed to prevent the movement or flow of people, goods, or resources; a military tactic that aims to isolate a specific area or territory by preventing it from receiving supplies or reinforcements

synonym: embargo, siege, encirclement

(1) embargo **blockade**, (2) military **blockade**

The country implemented a **blockade** during the war to prevent goods and supplies from entering or leaving.

speculate

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

synonym: assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

stubborn

adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

synonym: persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. co___m brand | <i>n.</i> a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners |
| 2. the dr_____ck of his method | <i>n.</i> a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive |
| 3. sp_____te about the reason | <i>v.</i> to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence |
| 4. rei_____ce capital punishment | <i>v.</i> to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued |
| 5. pro_____one receptor | <i>n.</i> a hormone mainly produced in the ovaries of females that helps regulate the menstrual cycle and plays a crucial role in pregnancy |
| 6. st_____rn stains | <i>adj.</i> refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change |
| 7. de_____e others of profit | <i>v.</i> to take away something from someone |
| 8. rei_____ce species | <i>v.</i> to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued |
| 9. synthetic pro_____one | <i>n.</i> a hormone mainly produced in the ovaries of females that helps regulate the menstrual cycle and plays a crucial role in pregnancy |

ANSWERS: 1. condom, 2. drawback, 3. speculate, 4. reintroduce, 5. progesterone, 6. stubborn, 7. deprive, 8. reintroduce, 9. progesterone

10. hormonal con_____ion *n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures
11. sea sp___e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
12. con_____ion pills *n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures
13. de_____e him of his status *v.* to take away something from someone
14. reversible va_____my *n.* a surgical procedure involves cutting or blocking the vas deferens (= the tubes that carry sperm from the testicles to the urethra), which is a form of male birth control, resulting in permanent sterilization
15. in___t food *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge

ANSWERS: 10. contraception, 11. sponge, 12. contraception, 13. deprive, 14. vasectomy, 15. ingest

16. c__t prevention *n.* a thick mass or lump of coagulated liquid, especially blood; a group of people or things that form an obstructive, unsympathetic, or resistant force
17. blood c__t *n.* a thick mass or lump of coagulated liquid, especially blood; a group of people or things that form an obstructive, unsympathetic, or resistant force
18. metallic sp___e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
19. sp_____te on the outcome *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
20. uni_____ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
21. w__y of marriage *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
22. military bl_____de *n.* a barrier or obstacle designed to prevent the movement or flow of people, goods, or resources; a military tactic that aims to isolate a specific area or territory by preventing it from receiving supplies or reinforcements
23. 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

ANSWERS: 16. clot, 17. clot, 18. sponge, 19. speculate, 20. unintended, 21. wary, 22. blockade, 23. testicle

24. in___t medication *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
25. rev_____le fabrics *adj.* capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone
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27. rev_____le decision *adj.* capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone
28. safe co___m use *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
29. re_____n of chemotherapy *n.* a prescribed course of medical treatment, diet, or exercise for the promotion or restoration of health
30. one of the main dr_____cks *n.* a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive
31. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
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ANSWERS: 24. ingest, 25. reversible, 26. contraceptive, 27. reversible, 28. condom, 29. regimen, 30. drawback, 31. smartphone, 32. testicle

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38. uni____ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
39. fitness re____n *n.* a prescribed course of medical treatment, diet, or exercise for the promotion or restoration of health
40. a w__y statesman *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience

ANSWERS: 33. stubborn, 34. blockade, 35. vasectomy, 36. smartphone, 37. contraceptive, 38. unintended, 39. regimen, 40. wary

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. People who compulsively _____ non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.
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5. He _____ that this investment would lead to success.
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6. My doctor prescribed a strict _____ of exercise and healthy eating to help me lose weight.
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ANSWERS: 8. stubborn, 9. contraceptive, 10. sponge, 11. clot, 12. condom, 13. reversible, 14. drawbacks

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ANSWERS: 15. blockade, 16. reintroduce, 17. vasectomy, 18. testicle, 19. contraception, 20. deprived

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