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Session 1: Word List

murmur

v. to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

synonym: burble, gurgle, mutter

(1) **murmur** at low wages, (2) **murmur** a greeting

He always **murmurs** at the ill-treatment.

squiggle

n. a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops

synonym: squiggle, doodle, scribble

(1) **squiggle** line, (2) wavy **squiggle**

My signature always has a little **squiggle** at the end.

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.

wavy

adj. characterized by a series of curves, undulations, or bends that create a rippled or serpentine appearance; not straight or flat

synonym: curly, undulating, rippled

(1) **wavy** pattern, (2) **wavy** sea

The model's hair was long and **wavy**, cascading down her back in soft waves.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

apprehensive

adj. anxious, worried, or uneasy about something that may happen in the future; having concerns or doubts about something

synonym: anxious, uneasy, nervous

(1) **apprehensive** of danger, (2) **apprehensive** mood

She was **apprehensive** about speaking in front of a large crowd.

aphasia

n. a language disorder that affects a person's ability to use or understand words, often caused by brain damage, such as stroke, brain injury, or neurological condition, which can result in difficulty speaking, writing, reading, or comprehending language

synonym: dysphasia, speech impairment, language disorder

(1) global **aphasia**, (2) amnesic **aphasia**

After her stroke, my grandmother suffered from expressive **aphasia**, making it difficult for her to articulate her thoughts.

dysphasia

n. a condition characterized by difficulty or impairment in understanding, formulating, or expressing language, often caused by damage or dysfunction in the brain

synonym: aphasia, language disorder, speech difficulty

(1) **dysphasia** symptoms, (2) acquired **dysphasia**

After the stroke, the patient experienced **dysphasia**, struggling to express themselves verbally.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a sk_____al attitude | <i>adj.</i> doubting that something is accurate or useful |
| 2. wavy sq_____le | <i>n.</i> a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops |
| 3. sq_____le line | <i>n.</i> a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops |
| 4. acquired dy_____ia | <i>n.</i> a condition characterized by difficulty or impairment in understanding, formulating, or expressing language, often caused by damage or dysfunction in the brain |
| 5. mu____r at low wages | <i>v.</i> to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath |
| 6. big mu_____he | <i>n.</i> an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip |
| 7. global ap_____a | <i>n.</i> a language disorder that affects a person's ability to use or understand words, often caused by brain damage, such as stroke, brain injury, or neurological condition, which can result in difficulty speaking, writing, reading, or comprehending language |

ANSWERS: 1. skeptical, 2. squiggle, 3. squiggle, 4. dysphasia, 5. murmur, 6. mustache, 7. aphasia

8. amnesic ap_____a *n.* a language disorder that affects a person's ability to use or understand words, often caused by brain damage, such as stroke, brain injury, or neurological condition, which can result in difficulty speaking, writing, reading, or comprehending language
9. w__y pattern *adj.* characterized by a series of curves, undulations, or bends that create a rippled or serpentine appearance; not straight or flat
10. sk_____al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
11. app_____ive of danger *adj.* anxious, worried, or uneasy about something that may happen in the future; having concerns or doubts about something
12. mu___r a greeting *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
13. dy_____ia symptoms *n.* a condition characterized by difficulty or impairment in understanding, formulating, or expressing language, often caused by damage or dysfunction in the brain
14. w__y sea *adj.* characterized by a series of curves, undulations, or bends that create a rippled or serpentine appearance; not straight or flat
15. app_____ive mood *adj.* anxious, worried, or uneasy about something that may happen in the future; having concerns or doubts about something

ANSWERS: 8. aphasia, 9. wavy, 10. skeptical, 11. apprehensive, 12. murmur, 13. dysphasia, 14. wavy, 15. apprehensive

16. a gray mu____he

n. an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip

ANSWERS: 16. mustache

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She was _____ about speaking in front of a large crowd.
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v. to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

3. The actor's _____ has become an icon.
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ANSWERS: 1. apprehensive, 2. murmurs, 3. mustache, 4. wavy, 5. skeptical, 6. dysphasia, 7. squiggle

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ANSWERS: 8. aphasia,