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Session 1: Word List

breastfeeding

n. the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts

synonym: nursing, lactation, suckling

(1) **breastfeeding** mother, (2) **breastfeeding** support

Getting the hang of **breastfeeding** at first can be challenging, but with patience and practice, it gets easier.

liquefy

v. to turn a solid substance into a liquid state; to make something fluid or easier to flow

synonym: melt, dissolve, thaw

(1) **liquefy** the soil, (2) **liquefy** cement

The butter began to **liquefy** during the heat wave and drip off the countertop.

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym: disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

cannibal

n. a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice

synonym: man-eater, anthropophagite

(1) **cannibal** tribe, (2) habitual **cannibal**

The horror movie portrayed a group of **cannibals** who hunted humans in the woods.

lactation

n. the secretion of milk by the mammary glands of a female mammal, typically the following pregnancy

synonym: nursing, breastfeeding, milk production

(1) **lactation** period, (2) **lactation** support

After giving birth, the mother's body produces milk through **lactation**.

decode

v. to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

synonym: decipher, translate, interpret

(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences

The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

kinship

n. the state or fact of being related to someone

synonym: family, relationship, connection

(1) **kinship** ties, (2) **kinship** relations

She felt a sense of **kinship** with her new colleagues.

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

synonym: catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their

new tagline.

grapple

v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

synonym: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

nuance

n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

synonym: shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**

The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

smack

v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

synonym: hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

dab

v. to touch or apply something lightly, usually several times

synonym: apply, pat, daub

(1) **dab** my cheek with powder, (2) **dab** paint on the wall

She **dabbed** her face with a puff.

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.

microbe

n. a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease

synonym:

germ, microorganism, bacterium

(1) pathogenic **microbe**, (2) **microbes** sterilizer

Microbes thrive on the surface of the human skin.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

pathogen

n. a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease

synonym: germ, microbe, bacterium

(1) plant **pathogen**, (2) the **pathogen** in the air

mRNA vaccines are approved faster because they do not contain inactivated **pathogens**.

homogenize

v. to make something uniform or consistent in composition or character, often by mixing or blending different elements

synonym: standardize, assimilate, conform

(1) **homogenize** data, (2) **homogenize** society

The company aimed to **homogenize** its products to appeal to a broader range of consumers.

biomedical

adj. relating to the application of the natural sciences, especially biology, and physiology, to clinical medicine and healthcare

synonym: medical, clinical, health-related

(1) **biomedical** assay, (2) cutting-edge **biomedical**

Biomedical engineering focuses on developing new medical technologies and innovations to improve patient health outcomes.

erectile

adj. characterized by the ability to become physically erect, particularly in sexual function

synonym: raised, standing, cavernous

(1) **erectile** dysfunction, (2) **erectile** tissues

The drug was found to have significant **erectile** side effects in clinical trials.

neuron

n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

synonym: nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

saliva

n. the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion

synonym: spit, drool, slobber

(1) dog's **saliva**, (2) dry mouth with little **saliva**

The dentist asked him to spit out the excess **saliva** into the sink.

peroxide

n. a compound containing an oxygen-oxygen single bond or the anion O_2^{2-} , often associated with hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2), a common antiseptic

synonym: bleach, hydrogen peroxide, hair dye

(1) **peroxide-based** cleaner, (2) **peroxide** bleach

She applied hydrogen **peroxide** to the wound to clean it.

staphylococcus

n. (also staph) a type of bacteria that can cause various types of infections in humans, including skin infections, pneumonia, and food poisoning

synonym: bacteria, microbe, germ

(1) **staphylococcus** aureus, (2) **staphylococcus** bacteria

The patient was diagnosed with a **staphylococcus** infection.

salmonella

n. a type of bacteria that causes food poisoning and other illnesses, commonly found in contaminated food or water

(1) **salmonella** infection, (2) detect **salmonella**

contamination

A **salmonella** outbreak at the local restaurant caused many people to become sick.

neonatal

adj. relating to the first few weeks after birth; pertaining to newborn infants

synonym: newborn, infant, baby

(1) **neonatal** care, (2) **neonatal** jaundice

The **neonatal** unit at the hospital specializes in caring for premature babies.

endocrine

adj. relating to the glands in the body that secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream to regulate bodily functions and processes

synonym: hormonal, glandular, secretory

(1) **endocrine** disorders, (2) **endocrine** cell

The **endocrine** system regulates many bodily functions, including metabolism and growth.

preterm

adj. referring to a baby born before the expected or normal gestational period, typically before 37 weeks of pregnancy.; any condition or situation that occurs earlier than anticipated or expected

synonym: premature, early, untimely

(1) **preterm** labor, (2) **preterm** infants

The **preterm** baby required specialized care in the neonatal intensive care unit.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

latch

n. a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt

synonym : lock, catch, bolt

(1) set the **latch**, (2) **latch** mechanism

The **latch** on the gate was broken, so the cows got loose.

letdown

n. a feeling of disappointment, disillusionment, or discouragement following high expectations; a failure to live up to expectations or promises; a sudden release or decrease in pressure or tension

synonym : disappointment, failure

(1) a **letdown** feeling, (2) experienced a **letdown**

The **letdown** of losing the game was tough, but we'll try harder next time.

wobble

v. to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down

synonym : sway, rock, totter

(1) **wobble** a few steps, (2) **wobble** chair

The table **wobbled** a little when I put my drink on it.

clinician

n. a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients

synonym : psychiatrist, therapist, doctor

(1) experienced **clinician**, (2) from a **clinician's** perspective

Some **clinicians** believe that psychological characteristics alone may cause mental disorders.

intersect

v. to meet or cross one another

synonym : cross, bisect, cut

(1) **intersect** at a point, (2) railways **intersect** the country

Her multidisciplinary works **intersect** music and picture with writing.

legislator

n. a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

synonym : lawmaker, lawgiver, administrator

(1) a **legislator** appointed by the party, (2) incumbent

legislator

Corporate executives and **legislators** are still overwhelmingly men.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

hydrate

v. to add water or moisture to something; to drink enough fluids to maintain proper moisture; (noun) any compound that contains water of crystallization

synonym: moisturize, water, rehydrate

(1) **hydrate** my skin, (2) acid **hydrate**

She drank water to **hydrate** her body.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym: re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

womanhood

n. the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman

synonym : femininity, womanliness, womanly nature

(1) **womanhood** experience, (2) embrace **womanhood**

The celebration of **womanhood** is often disregarded in male-dominated industries.

facet

n. one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something

synonym : aspect, side, angle

(1) **facet** to a question, (2) important **facet**

The different **facets** of his personality make him a complex individual.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. incumbent leg_____or | <i>n.</i> a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws |
| 2. ki_____p relations | <i>n.</i> the state or fact of being related to someone |
| 3. set the la__h | <i>n.</i> a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt |
| 4. hom_____ze data | <i>v.</i> to make something uniform or consistent in composition or character, often by mixing or blending different elements |
| 5. de___e a message | <i>v.</i> to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand |
| 6. wo_____od experience | <i>n.</i> the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman |
| 7. experienced cl_____an | <i>n.</i> a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients |
| 8. sta_____cus aureus | <i>n.</i> (also staph) a type of bacteria that can cause various types of infections in humans, including skin infections, pneumonia, and food poisoning |
| 9. m__h larva | <i>n.</i> an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light |

ANSWERS: 1. legislator, 2. kinship, 3. latch, 4. homogenize, 5. decode, 6. womanhood, 7. clinician, 8. staphylococcus, 9. moth

10. wo___e a few steps *v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
11. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
12. la_____on period *n.* the secretion of milk by the mammary glands of a female mammal, typically the following pregnancy
13. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
14. pathogenic mi_____e *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
15. bre_____ing mother *n.* the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts
16. a leg_____or appointed by the party *n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
17. wo___e chair *v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
18. gr_____e with each other *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
19. pr_____m infants *adj.* referring to a baby born before the expected or normal gestational period, typically before 37 weeks of pregnancy.; any condition or situation that occurs earlier than anticipated or expected
20. la_____on support *n.* the secretion of milk by the mammary glands of a female mammal, typically the following pregnancy

ANSWERS: 10. wobble, 11. reimagine, 12. lactation, 13. improvisation, 14. microbe, 15. breastfeeding, 16. legislator, 17. wobble, 18. grapple, 19. preterm, 20. lactation

21. subtle cultural nu___e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
22. detect sal_____la contamination *n.* a type of bacteria that causes food poisoning and other illnesses, commonly found in contaminated food or water
23. a le_____n feeling *n.* a feeling of disappointment, disillusionment, or discouragement following high expectations; a failure to live up to expectations or promises; a sudden release or decrease in pressure or tension
24. pe_____de bleach *n.* a compound containing an oxygen-oxygen single bond or the anion O_2^{2-} , often associated with hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2), a common antiseptic
25. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
26. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
27. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
28. er_____le dysfunction *adj.* characterized by the ability to become physically erect, particularly in sexual function

ANSWERS: 21. nuance, 22. salmonella, 23. letdown, 24. peroxide, 25. electrify, 26. disrupt, 27. grandparent, 28. erectile

29. ne___n cell body *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
30. bio_____al assay *adj.* relating to the application of the natural sciences, especially biology, and physiology, to clinical medicine and healthcare
31. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
32. catchy sl___n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
33. ability to de___e the differences *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
34. d_b paint on the wall *v.* to touch or apply something lightly, usually several times
35. rich in nu___e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
36. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
37. important fa__t *n.* one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something

ANSWERS: 29. neuron, 30. biomedical, 31. medicinal, 32. slogan, 33. decode, 34. dab, 35. nuance, 36. disrupt, 37. facet

38. dog's sa___a *n.* the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion
39. en_____ne cell *adj.* relating to the glands in the body that secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream to regulate bodily functions and processes
40. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
41. ki_____p ties *n.* the state or fact of being related to someone
42. en_____ne disorders *adj.* relating to the glands in the body that secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream to regulate bodily functions and processes
43. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
44. ca_____al tribe *n.* a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice
45. habitual ca_____al *n.* a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice
46. in_____ct at a point *v.* to meet or cross one another
47. la__h mechanism *n.* a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt

ANSWERS: 38. saliva, 39. endocrine, 40. moth, 41. kinship, 42. endocrine, 43. improvisation, 44. cannibal, 45. cannibal, 46. intersect, 47. latch

48. dry mouth with little sa___a *n.* the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion
49. plant pa_____en *n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
50. acid hy_____e *v.* to add water or moisture to something; to drink enough fluids to maintain proper moisture; (noun) any compound that contains water of crystallization
51. ne_____al jaundice *adj.* relating to the first few weeks after birth; pertaining to newborn infants
52. sm__k on the lips *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
53. di_____ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
54. re_____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
55. bre_____ing support *n.* the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts
56. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
57. gr_____e with problem *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
58. fa__t to a question *n.* one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something

ANSWERS: 48. saliva, 49. pathogen, 50. hydrate, 51. neonatal, 52. smack, 53. dissolve, 54. reimagine, 55. breastfeeding, 56. grandparent, 57. grapple, 58. facet

59. experienced a le____n *n.* a feeling of disappointment, disillusionment, or discouragement following high expectations; a failure to live up to expectations or promises; a sudden release or decrease in pressure or tension
60. sal____la infection *n.* a type of bacteria that causes food poisoning and other illnesses, commonly found in contaminated food or water
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63. er____le tissues *adj.* characterized by the ability to become physically erect, particularly in sexual function
64. the pa____en in the air *n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
65. excite the ne____ns *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
66. officially di____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
67. sm__k his knee *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

ANSWERS: 59. letdown, 60. salmonella, 61. clinician, 62. staphylococcus, 63. erectile, 64. pathogen, 65. neuron, 66. dissolve, 67. smack

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82. pe____de-based cleaner *n.* a compound containing an oxygen-oxygen single bond or the anion O_2^{2-} , often associated with hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2), a common antiseptic

ANSWERS: 78. preterm, 79. homogenize, 80. womanhood, 81. neonatal, 82. peroxide

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The painter has tried to express every _____ of the woman's expression in his work.
 - n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

2. After giving birth, the mother's body produces milk through _____.
 - n.* the secretion of milk by the mammary glands of a female mammal, typically the following pregnancy

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7. Getting the hang of _____ at first can be challenging, but with patience and practice, it gets easier.
 - n.* the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts

ANSWERS: 1. nuance, 2. lactation, 3. dabbed, 4. peroxide, 5. grapple, 6. endocrine, 7. breastfeeding

8. The _____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
- n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
9. The celebration of _____ is often disregarded in male-dominated industries.
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35. The horror movie portrayed a group of _____ who hunted humans in the woods.
- n.* a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice
36. A _____ outbreak at the local restaurant caused many people to become sick.
- n.* a type of bacteria that causes food poisoning and other illnesses, commonly found in contaminated food or water
37. Corporate executives and _____ are still overwhelmingly men.
- n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
38. The different _____ of his personality make him a complex individual.
- n.* one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something

ANSWERS: 32. pathogens, 33. kinship, 34. slogans, 35. cannibals, 36. salmonella, 37. legislators, 38. facets

39. Our body transfers information along each _____ using an electrical impulse.
- n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
40. _____ thrive on the surface of the human skin.
- n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
41. The company aimed to _____ its products to appeal to a broader range of consumers.
- v.* to make something uniform or consistent in composition or character, often by mixing or blending different elements

ANSWERS: 39. neuron, 40. Microbes, 41. homogenize