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Session 1: Word List

haunted

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

synonym : spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

dilapidated

adj. in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition

synonym : rundown, shabby, decaying

(1) **dilapidated** house, (2) **dilapidated** building

The abandoned amusement park was now only a collection of **dilapidated** rides.

spook

v. to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost

synonym : frighten, scare, discomfort

(1) **spook** the fish, (2) **spook** the children

The bankruptcy of that company **spooked** markets.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym : masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

haunting

adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

synonym : lingering, disturbing, unsettling

(1) **haunting** memory, (2) a **haunting** sense of fear

The song's **haunting** melody stayed with me long after I heard it.

whoosh

n. a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound

synonym : swoosh, swish, whizz

(1) **whoosh** of a falling object, (2) hear a **whoosh**

The **whoosh** of the wind through the trees was the only sound in the forest.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym : murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

cleanser

n. a product that cleans or removes dirt or other substances, especially a liquid or cream for cleaning your face

synonym : cleaner, purifier, deodorant

(1) pore refining **cleanser**, (2) powder **cleanser**

I have sensitive skin and use a weakly acidic **cleanser**.

sage

n. a very wise and experienced person; a small evergreen subshrub with flat and light green leaves that has a strong smell and are used as a culinary herb

synonym : philosopher, scholar, thinker

(1) a **sage** of long ago, (2) a **sage** counselor

He was famous for his **sage** advice to younger entrepreneurs.

impotent

adj. lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation

synonym : helpless, worthless, powerless

(1) an **impotent** feeling, (2) sexually **impotent**

Modern medicine was largely **impotent** against the disease.

powerless

adj. lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

synonym : helpless, impotent, feeble

(1) **powerless** position, (2) **powerless** in the organization

During the hurricane, we felt **powerless** against the winds and rain.

psychiatry

n. the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

synonym : mental health, psychology, psychoanalysis

(1) **psychiatry** therapy, (2) biological **psychiatry**

The field of **psychiatry** is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.

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.

schizophrenia

n. a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and

behavior

synonym: psychosis, disorder, mental illness

(1) **schizophrenia** spectrum disorder, (2) **schizophrenia** treatment

The **schizophrenia** patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

haunt

v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

synonym: stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.

skeptic

n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

synonym: doubter, disbeliever, questioner

(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**

He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

monoxide

n. a compound containing one oxygen atom and one other element, such as carbon monoxide (CO) or nitrogen monoxide (NO)

(1) sulfur **monoxide**, (2) nitrogen **monoxide**

Carbon **monoxide** is a deadly gas released by cars and other machinery.

poisonous

adj. containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

synonym: toxic, venomous, deadly

(1) **poisonous** plants, (2) **poisonous** chemicals

Some species of **poisonous snakes** can be deadly to

humans if bitten.

auditory

adj. of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear

synonym : hearing, audible, aural

(1) a good **auditory** memory, (2) **auditory** system

The **auditory** nerve carries sound signals from the ear to the brain.

hallucinate

v. to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use

(1) start to **hallucinate**, (2) **hallucinate** with drug

Sleep-deprived people gradually lose their concentration and may **hallucinate**.

unexplained

adj. not able to be explained or understood, lacking explanation or justification for something unknown or mysterious

synonym : mysterious, inexplicable, enigmatic

(1) **unexplained** phenomenon, (2) **unexplained** disappearance

There was an **unexplained** noise coming from the attic that frightened us all.

dread

v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

synonym : fear, cringe, apprehend

(1) **dread** failure, (2) **dread** getting old

We all **dread** to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

paranormal

adj. relating to phenomena or experiences that are beyond scientific explanation or understanding, often associated with forces or entities that are outside the realm of normal human perception or understanding, such as ghosts, psychic abilities, or supernatural occurrences

synonym : supernatural, mystical, otherworldly

(1) **paranormal** experience, (2) **paranormal** phenomena
The haunted house was said to be a hotspot for **paranormal** activity.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

exorcism

n. the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer

synonym: purification, cleansing, dispossession

(1) **exorcism** ceremony, (2) demonic **exorcism**

The priest performed an **exorcism** to rid the haunted house of its evil spirits.

gimmick

n. a trick, device, or scheme used to attract attention or create a desired effect, often by using novelty or deception

synonym: trick, ploy, tactic

(1) video **gimmick**, (2) accounting **gimmick**

The marketing team devised a clever **gimmick** to attract more customers to the store.

undercover

adj. carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

synonym: covert, hidden, stealthy

(1) **undercover** operation, (2) **undercover** journalist

The **undercover** police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular

outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

purposeful

adj. having a specific aim or purpose; determined

synonym : determined, resolved, resolute

(1) **purposeful** series of actions, (2) at a **purposeful** pace

She had a **purposeful** look and was determined to complete the task.

stopgap

n. something intended for temporary use while you are looking for something more suitable

synonym : impromptu, make-do, expedient

(1) a **stopgap** budget, (2) **stopgap** remedy

He had no choice but to adopt a **stopgap** measure because of his limited budget.

clairvoyant

adj. having the ability to perceive or predict events, facts, or details that are not apparent to the senses; possessing extrasensory perception

synonym : second-sighted, precognitive, psychic

(1) **clairvoyant** powers, (2) **clairvoyant** abilities

He was considered a **clairvoyant** prophet because of his uncanny ability to predict the future.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

compassionate

adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

synonym : empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave
My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

otherworldly

adj. supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world

synonym : celestial, ethereal, unearthly

(1) **otherworldly** experience, (2) **otherworldly** creature
The **otherworldly** landscape was filled with strange, glowing plants.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion
The news of her promotion **excited** her.

jiggle

v. to move or shake with small quick movements, often in a slightly playful or teasing way

synonym : shake, wiggle, twitch

(1) **jiggle** the handle, (2) **jiggle** the keys
The airplane experienced turbulence, causing the passengers to **jiggle** in their seats.

sketchy

adj. lacking in detail or completeness; vague, uncertain, or unreliable; suspicious or questionable

synonym : suspicious, dubious, questionable

(1) **sketchy** sources, (2) **sketchy** behavior
The neighborhood had a **sketchy** reputation due to its high crime rate.

afterlife

n. life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions

synonym : eternal life, immortality, hereafter

(1) **afterlife** name, (2) corporate **afterlife**
The belief in an **afterlife** comforted those mourning the loss of their loved ones.

worldview

n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

synonym: perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

awe-inspiring

adj. making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable

synonym: magnificent, amazing, astonishing

(1) **awe-inspiring** painting, (2) **awe-inspiring** power

The moment the glacier collapses is an **awe-inspiring** sight.

Session 2: Spelling

1. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
2. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
3. a ha_____ng sense of fear *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
4. sp__k the fish *v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
5. und_____er journalist *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
6. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
7. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
8. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
9. cla_____nt powers *adj.* having the ability to perceive or predict events, facts, or details that are not apparent to the senses; possessing extrasensory perception
10. au_____ry system *adj.* of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear

ANSWERS: 1. medicinal, 2. chew, 3. haunting, 4. spook, 5. undercover, 6. medicinal, 7. opportune, 8. chew, 9. clairvoyant, 10. auditory

11. a s__e of long ago *n.* a very wise and experienced person; a small evergreen subshrub with flat and light green leaves that has a strong smell and are used as a culinary herb
12. an ingrained sk____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
13. a com_____ate heart *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
14. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
15. cla_____nt abilities *adj.* having the ability to perceive or predict events, facts, or details that are not apparent to the senses; possessing extrasensory perception
16. hal_____te with drug *v.* to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
17. sch_____nia treatment *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
18. oth_____dly creature *adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world
19. powder cl_____er *n.* a product that cleans or removes dirt or other substances, especially a liquid or cream for cleaning your face

ANSWERS: 11. sage, 12. skeptic, 13. compassionate, 14. excite, 15. clairvoyant, 16. hallucinate, 17. schizophrenia, 18. otherworldly, 19. cleanser

20. corporate af_____fe
n. life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions
21. ha_____ng memory
adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
22. at a pur_____ul pace
adj. having a specific aim or purpose; determined
23. sk_____y behavior
adj. lacking in detail or completeness; vague, uncertain, or unreliable; suspicious or questionable
24. climate sk_____c
n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
25. par_____al experience
adj. relating to phenomena or experiences that are beyond scientific explanation or understanding, often associated with forces or entities that are outside the realm of normal human perception or understanding, such as ghosts, psychic abilities, or supernatural occurrences
26. a det_____nt of crop yields
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
27. dil_____ed building
adj. in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition
28. ha__t memories
v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

ANSWERS: 20. afterlife, 21. haunting, 22. purposeful, 23. sketchy, 24. skeptic, 25. paranormal, 26. determinant, 27. dilapidated, 28. haunt

29. psy_____ry therapy *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
30. demonic ex_____sm *n.* the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer
31. the wh_____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
32. par_____al phenomena *adj.* relating to phenomena or experiences that are beyond scientific explanation or understanding, often associated with forces or entities that are outside the realm of normal human perception or understanding, such as ghosts, psychic abilities, or supernatural occurrences
33. dr__d failure *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
34. ha_____d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
35. a st_____p budget *n.* something intended for temporary use while you are looking for something more suitable
36. mainstream wo_____ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

ANSWERS: 29. psychiatry, 30. exorcism, 31. whisper, 32. paranormal, 33. dread, 34. haunted, 35. stopgap, 36. worldview

37. wh___h of a falling object *n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
38. video gi____k *n.* a trick, device, or scheme used to attract attention or create a desired effect, often by using novelty or deception
39. com_____ate leave *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
40. sulfur mo____de *n.* a compound containing one oxygen atom and one other element, such as carbon monoxide (CO) or nitrogen monoxide (NO)
41. a s__e counselor *n.* a very wise and experienced person; a small evergreen subshrub with flat and light green leaves that has a strong smell and are used as a culinary herb
42. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
43. po_____us plants *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
44. sch_____nia spectrum disorder *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

ANSWERS: 37. whoosh, 38. gimmick, 39. compassionate, 40. monoxide, 41. sage, 42. worldview, 43. poisonous, 44. schizophrenia

45. une_____ed disappearance *adj.* not able to be explained or understood, lacking explanation or justification for something unknown or mysterious
46. oth_____dly experience *adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world
47. ha_____d by memories *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
48. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
49. ji_____e the keys *v.* to move or shake with small quick movements, often in a slightly playful or teasing way
50. po_____us chemicals *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
51. st_____p remedy *n.* something intended for temporary use while you are looking for something more suitable
52. start to hal_____te *v.* to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
53. accounting gi_____k *n.* a trick, device, or scheme used to attract attention or create a desired effect, often by using novelty or deception

ANSWERS: 45. unexplained, 46. otherworldly, 47. haunted, 48. pretension, 49. jiggle, 50. poisonous, 51. stopgap, 52. hallucinate, 53. gimmick

54. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
55. po_____ss in the organization *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
56. awe_____ing power *adj.* making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable
57. dr__d getting old *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
58. dil_____ed house *adj.* in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition
59. hear a wh___h *n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
60. pore refining cl_____er *n.* a product that cleans or removes dirt or other substances, especially a liquid or cream for cleaning your face
61. answer in a wh_____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
62. pur_____ul series of actions *adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined

ANSWERS: 54. pretension, 55. powerless, 56. awe-inspiring, 57. dread, 58. dilapidated, 59. whoosh, 60. cleanser, 61. whisper, 62. purposeful

63. ji___e the handle *v.* to move or shake with small quick movements, often in a slightly playful or teasing way
64. ha__t my conscience *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
65. po_____ss position *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
66. und_____er operation *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
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ANSWERS: 63. jiggle, 64. haunt, 65. powerless, 66. undercover, 67. sketchy, 68. impotent, 69. unexplained, 70. auditory, 71. awe-inspiring, 72. determinant

73. biological psy_____ry *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
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75. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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78. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
79. nitrogen mo_____de *n.* a compound containing one oxygen atom and one other element, such as carbon monoxide (CO) or nitrogen monoxide (NO)
80. sexually im_____nt *adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation

ANSWERS: 73. psychiatry, 74. afterlife, 75. opportune, 76. spook, 77. exorcism, 78. excite, 79. monoxide, 80. impotent

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. My dog loves to _____ on bones.
v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

2. The _____ patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.
n. a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

3. The crowd's boos and jeers continued to _____ the performer long after the show ended.
v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

4. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.
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5. The abandoned amusement park was now only a collection of _____ rides.
adj. in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition

6. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

7. We all _____ to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.
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ANSWERS: 1. chew, 2. schizophrenia, 3. haunt, 4. whispered, 5. dilapidated, 6. excited, 7. dread

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14. The field of _____ is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.
n. the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

ANSWERS: 8. sketchy, 9. monoxide, 10. gimmick, 11. impotent, 12. unexplained, 13. poisonous snakes, 14. psychiatry

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ANSWERS: 15. medicinal, 16. haunted, 17. spooked, 18. purposeful, 19. powerless, 20. compassionate, 21. afterlife, 22. clairvoyant

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ANSWERS: 23. otherworldly, 24. paranormal, 25. whoosh, 26. auditory, 27. awe-inspiring, 28. undercover, 29. opportune

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n. a product that cleans or removes dirt or other substances, especially a liquid or cream for cleaning your face
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n. a very wise and experienced person; a small evergreen subshrub with flat and light green leaves that has a strong smell and are used as a culinary herb
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n. something intended for temporary use while you are looking for something more suitable

ANSWERS: 30. haunting, 31. determinant, 32. hallucinate, 33. exorcism, 34. cleanser, 35. sage, 36. stopgap

37. The airplane experienced turbulence, causing the passengers to _____ in their seats.
- v.* to move or shake with small quick movements, often in a slightly playful or teasing way
38. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
39. The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing _____.
- n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
40. He was a _____ who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.
- n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

ANSWERS: 37. jiggle, 38. pretensions, 39. worldviews, 40. skeptic