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Session 1: Word List

spade

n. a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil

synonym : shovel, scoop, hoe

(1) **spade** blade, (2) dig with a **spade**

I used an iron **spade** to dig a hole for the new tree in the backyard.

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.

embalm

v. preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral

synonym : preserve, treat, mummify

(1) **embalm** a corpse, (2) **embalm** the body

The funeral director **embalmed** the body to make it presentable for the wake.

corpse

n. the dead body of a human being

synonym : body, remains, cadaver

(1) desiccated **corpse**, (2) the **corpse** of an animal

The police found the **corpse** in the abandoned building.

lifelike

adj. resembling or appearing similar to something alive or real, often realistically or vividly; convincing or authentic in appearance or behavior

synonym : realistic, naturalistic, vivid

(1) **lifelike** painting, (2) **lifelike** animation

The artist created a **lifelike** sculpture of a famous politician for the town square.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

casket

n. a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation

synonym : coffin, sarcophagus, chest

(1) plain **casket**, (2) wooden **casket**

The funeral director closed the **casket** and secured it with screws.

formaldehyde

n. a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products

synonym : methanal

(1) **formaldehyde** solution, (2) **formaldehyde** odor

Exposure to high levels of **formaldehyde** can irritate the eyes, nose, and throat, as well as respiratory problems and cancer.

cremate

v. to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual

synonym : burn, incinerate, immolate

(1) **cremate** a body, (2) **cremate** the remains

They plan to **cremate** their loved ones according to their

cultural traditions.

incinerate

v. to burn something, especially waste material completely
synonym : burn

(1) **incinerate** waste, (2) the power to **incinerate** nations
For safety reasons, we must completely **incinerate** contaminated protective clothing.

deathbed

n. a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life

synonym : dying bed, death watch, last moments

(1) **deathbed** confession, (2) **deathbed** scene

The family gathered around their grandfather's **deathbed** to say goodbye.

pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

synonym : contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

emit

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

synonym : give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym : status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

humanly

adv. in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish

synonym : physically, mundanely, practically

(1) **humanly** possible, (2) **humanly** acceptable

It is **humanly** difficult to understand why some people choose to harm others for no reason

stave

n. a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening

synonym : stick, rod, staff

(1) **stave** off a conspiracy, (2) barrel **stave**

They used iron **staves** to hit the ships and prevent them from approaching the harbor.

decompose

v. to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements

synonym : break down, rot, spoil

(1) **decompose** matter, (2) **decompose** into simpler molecules

After the earthquake, many of the buildings in the city were left in ruins and began to **decompose**.

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.

mull

v. to think over carefully; to consider or ponder; to mix or stir thoroughly

synonym : ponder, contemplate, meditate

(1) **mull** ways to retaliate, (2) **mull** a decision

I need to **mull** over the job offer before making a decision.

compost

n. a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil

synonym : fertilizer, humus, manure

(1) organic **compost**, (2) **compost** pile

You can add coffee grounds and crushed eggshells to your **compost** to improve the pH balance.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

aerobic

adj. relating to or requiring oxygen; (noun) an exercise or form of physical activity that enhances cardiovascular fitness and endurance, such as running or cycling

synonym : cardiovascular, aerophilous, heart-healthy

(1) **aerobic** bacteria, (2) **aerobic** respiration

Aerobic exercise is important for maintaining a healthy heart and lungs.

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym : geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

synonym : reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

shroud

n. a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically

synonym : cover, veil, cloak

(1) **shroud** of mystery, (2) **shroud** of suspicion

The protective **shroud** covered the body in the coffin at the funeral.

earthy

adj. relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature

synonym : loamy, soil-like

(1) an **earthy** sense of humor, (2) **earthy** material

This building used **earthy** elements such as stone, brick, and wood.

meringue

n. a sweet, whipped dessert topping made from egg whites and sugar, usually baked or cooked and used to top pies, cakes, or pastries

(1) **meringue** topping, (2) chocolate **meringue** pie

The **meringue** on the lemon pie was perfectly fluffy and sweet.

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym : mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

repurpose

v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

synonym : reutilize, recycle, reuse

(1) **repurpose** an old building, (2) **repurpose** a used car

The old barn was **repurposed** into a modern event space.

dilute

v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

synonym : weaken, thin, reduce

(1) **dilute** acid with water, (2) **dilute** a great idea
She **diluted** the concentrated juice with water.

toolkit

n. a set of tools, materials, or resources that are designed to be used together for a specific purpose or task; a collection of information or techniques that can be used to address a problem or achieve a goal

synonym: tool set, equipment, utility kit

(1) handy **toolkit**, (2) digital **toolkit**

The DIY **toolkit** includes a variety of power and hand tools for home repair.

banish

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

synonym: exile, deport, expel

(1) **banish** doubt, (2) **banish** my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

bewilder

v. to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception

synonym: perplex, confound, puzzle

(1) **bewilder** the reader, (2) **bewilder** scientists

The complex instructions on the assignment sheet **bewilder** most students.

disempower

v. to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective

synonym: disenfranchise, weaken, undermine

(1) **disempower** the employees, (2) **disempower** the opposition

The politician's efforts to **disempower** marginalized communities were met with widespread criticism.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past

human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

amalgam

n. an alloy of mercury with another metal, used especially to fill holes in teeth; a mixture or combination of diverse things

synonym: mixture, alloy, admixture

(1) **amalgam** alloy, (2) an **amalgam** of hope and fear

His theory is an **amalgam** of earlier ideas.

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.

chemo

n. short for chemotherapy, a treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells

synonym: chemotherapy, antineoplastic

(1) **chemo** patient, (2) **chemo-radiotherapy**

The side effects of **chemo**, such as nausea and hair loss, were a major concern for the patient.

remediate

v. to correct, repair, or improve a problem or pitfall, often in a technological, environmental, or medical context

synonym: correct, rectify, fix

(1) **remediate** damage, (2) **remediate** the situation

We need to **remediate** the contaminated soil before it is safe to use.

mound

n. a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

synonym : hill, knoll, rise

(1) **mound** of dirt, (2) burial **mound**

The team discovered a hidden **mound** in the desert.

Session 2: Spelling

1. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
2. inc_____te waste *v.* to burn something, especially waste material completely
3. di___e a great idea *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
4. re_____se an old building *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
5. for_____yde odor *n.* a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products
6. ch__o-radiotherapy *n.* short for chemotherapy, a treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells
7. st__e off a conspiracy *n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; *(verb)* to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening
8. digital to_____t *n.* a set of tools, materials, or resources that are designed to be used together for a specific purpose or task; a collection of information or techniques that can be used to address a problem or achieve a goal

ANSWERS: 1. medicinal, 2. incinerate, 3. dilute, 4. repurpose, 5. formaldehyde, 6. chemo, 7. stave, 8. toolkit

9. chocolate me_____ue pie *n.* a sweet, whipped dessert topping made from egg whites and sugar, usually baked or cooked and used to top pies, cakes, or pastries
10. plain ca____t *n.* a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation
11. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
12. be_____er the reader *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
13. ae_____c respiration *adj.* relating to or requiring oxygen; (noun) an exercise or form of physical activity that enhances cardiovascular fitness and endurance, such as running or cycling
14. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
15. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
16. li_____ke painting *adj.* resembling or appearing similar to something alive or real, often realistically or vividly; convincing or authentic in appearance or behavior
17. handy to_____t *n.* a set of tools, materials, or resources that are designed to be used together for a specific purpose or task; a collection of information or techniques that can be used to address a problem or achieve a goal

ANSWERS: 9. meringue, 10. casket, 11. bury, 12. bewilder, 13. aerobic, 14. nerd, 15. institutionalize, 16. lifelike, 17. toolkit

18. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
19. ea___y material *adj.* relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature
20. li_____ke animation *adj.* resembling or appearing similar to something alive or real, often realistically or vividly; convincing or authentic in appearance or behavior
21. co_____t pile *n.* a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil
22. sp__e blade *n.* a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil
23. cr_____e the remains *v.* to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual
24. dig with a sp__e *n.* a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil
25. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
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

ANSWERS: 18. nerd, 19. earthy, 20. lifelike, 21. compost, 22. spade, 23. cremate, 24. spade, 25. anthropology, 26. determinant

27. e__t air pollution *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
28. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
29. sh___d of mystery *n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically
30. barrel st__e *n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening
31. di___e acid with water *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
32. me_____ue topping *n.* a sweet, whipped dessert topping made from egg whites and sugar, usually baked or cooked and used to top pies, cakes, or pastries
33. am_____m alloy *n.* an alloy of mercury with another metal, used especially to fill holes in teeth; a mixture or combination of diverse things
34. ba___h my wrinkles *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

ANSWERS: 27. emit, 28. determinant, 29. shroud, 30. stave, 31. dilute, 32. meringue, 33. amalgam, 34. banish

35. mo__d of dirt *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
36. re_____se a used car *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
37. mi_____es sterilizer *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
38. fo_____yde solution *n.* a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products
39. e__t a gamma ray *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
40. pathogenic mi_____e *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
41. burial mo__d *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
42. ch__o patient *n.* short for chemotherapy, a treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells
43. de_____ed confession *n.* a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life

ANSWERS: 35. mound, 36. repurpose, 37. microbe, 38. formaldehyde, 39. emit, 40. microbe, 41. mound, 42. chemo, 43. deathbed

44. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
45. sh___d of suspicion *n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically
46. gr___e at the sad news *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
47. de_____se matter *v.* to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements
48. ae_____c bacteria *adj.* relating to or requiring oxygen; (noun) an exercise or form of physical activity that enhances cardiovascular fitness and endurance, such as running or cycling
49. m__l a decision *v.* to think over carefully; to consider or ponder; to mix or stir thoroughly
50. em___m the body *v.* preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral
51. ant_____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
52. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 44. quo, 45. shroud, 46. grieve, 47. decompose, 48. aerobic, 49. mull, 50. embalm, 51. anthropology, 52. medicinal

53. hu____y acceptable *adv.* in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish
54. an ea____y sense of humor *adj.* relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature
55. desiccated co____e *n.* the dead body of a human being
56. gr____e for loss *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
57. cr____e a body *v.* to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual
58. the co____e of an animal *n.* the dead body of a human being
59. be____er scientists *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
60. dis____er the employees *v.* to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective
61. organic co____t *n.* a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil
62. de____se into simpler molecules *v.* to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements
63. re____te damage *v.* to correct, repair, or improve a problem or pitfall, often in a technological, environmental, or medical context

ANSWERS: 53. humanly, 54. earthy, 55. corpse, 56. grieve, 57. cremate, 58. corpse, 59. bewilder, 60. disempower, 61. compost, 62. decompose, 63. remediate

64. re_____ct a telephone *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
65. de_____ed scene *n.* a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life
66. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
67. re_____ct with family *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
68. hu_____y possible *adv.* in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish
69. re_____te the situation *v.* to correct, repair, or improve a problem or pitfall, often in a technological, environmental, or medical context
70. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
71. wooden ca____t *n.* a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation
72. po_____e the thread *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
73. the power to inc_____te nations *v.* to burn something, especially waste material completely

ANSWERS: 64. reconnect, 65. deathbed, 66. institutionalize, 67. reconnect, 68. humanly, 69. remediate, 70. bury, 71. casket, 72. pollute, 73. incinerate

74. em___m a corpse *v.* preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral
75. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
76. m__l ways to retaliate *v.* to think over carefully; to consider or ponder; to mix or stir thoroughly
77. ba___h doubt *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
78. an am_____m of hope and fear *n.* an alloy of mercury with another metal, used especially to fill holes in teeth; a mixture or combination of diverse things
79. dis_____er the opposition *v.* to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective
80. po_____e the air *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

ANSWERS: 74. embalm, 75. quo, 76. mull, 77. banish, 78. amalgam, 79. disempower, 80. pollute

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The queen _____ the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.
 - v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

2. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
 - n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

3. _____ 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

4. They plan to _____ their loved ones according to their cultural traditions.
 - v. to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual

5. It is _____ difficult to understand why some people choose to harm others for no reason
 - adv. in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish

6. The protective _____ covered the body in the coffin at the funeral.
 - n. a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically

7. After the earthquake, many of the buildings in the city were left in ruins and began to _____.
 - v. to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements

ANSWERS: 1. banished, 2. anthropology, 3. Microbes, 4. cremate, 5. humanly, 6. shroud, 7. decompose

8. His theory is an _____ of earlier ideas.
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9. Exposure to high levels of _____ can irritate the eyes, nose, and throat, as well as respiratory problems and cancer.
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ANSWERS: 8. amalgam, 9. formaldehyde, 10. Aerobic, 11. nerd, 12. determinant, 13. embalmed, 14. deathbed

15. I need to _____ over the job offer before making a decision.
v. to think over carefully; to consider or ponder; to mix or stir thoroughly
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ANSWERS: 15. mull, 16. earthy, 17. casket, 18. grieved, 19. meringue, 20. bury, 21. mound, 22. chemo,

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ANSWERS: 23. quo, 24. toolkit, 25. diluted, 26. lifelike, 27. emits, 28. remediate, 29. incinerate, 30. pollute

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34. The old barn was _____ into a modern event space.
v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
35. The complex instructions on the assignment sheet _____ most students.
v. to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
36. The police found the _____ in the abandoned building.
n. the dead body of a human being
37. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
38. The politician's efforts to _____ marginalized communities were met with widespread criticism.
v. to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective

ANSWERS: 31. medicinal, 32. reconnected, 33. staves, 34. repurposed, 35. bewilder, 36. corpse, 37. institutionalize, 38. disempower

39. I used an iron _____ to dig a hole for the new tree in the backyard.
- n.* a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil
40. You can add coffee grounds and crushed eggshells to your _____ to improve the pH balance.
- n.* a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil

ANSWERS: 39. spade, 40. compost