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Session 1: Word List

medically

adv. in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury

(1) **medically** endorsed method, (2) in a **medically** effective manner

A decade ago, it was **medically** impossible to cure this disease completely.

shrapnel

n. fragments of a bomb, shell, or other explosive object that are scattered in many directions upon detonation and can cause injury or damage

synonym: fragments, debris, shreds

(1) **shrapnel** wounds, (2) **shrapnel** damage

The soldier suffered injuries from **shrapnel** during the explosion.

hospitalize

v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment

synonym: admit, place in hospital

(1) **hospitalize** patient, (2) **hospitalize** child

She had to be **hospitalized** due to her injuries.

sinew

n. a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience

synonym: tendon, ligament, muscle fiber

(1) flexible **sinews**, (2) **sinew** injury

The hunter aimed at the animal's **sinew**, knowing it would be a fatal shot.

imaginable

adj. capable of being imagined

synonym: conceivable, plausible, possible

(1) easily **imaginable**, (2) worst **imaginable** case

This is the only **imaginable** strategy.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym: dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

peacetime

n. the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war

synonym: peace, non-war, non-conflict

(1) **peacetime** era, (2) **peacetime** treaty

Tensions were high during wartime, but the countries were friendly in **peacetime**.

firefight

n. a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used

synonym: battle, conflict, fight

(1) killed in a **firefight**, (2) turn into a **firefight**

The platoon experienced a full-scale **firefight**.

carnage

n. the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way

synonym : slaughter, massacre, bloodshed

(1) **carnage** on the battlefield, (2) brutal **carnage**

The battlefield was filled with **carnage**, a terrible reminder of the horrors of war.

tote

v. to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another

synonym : carry, haul, transport

(1) **tote** a cell-phone, (2) **tote** her books in a colorful backpack

Can you help me **tote** these groceries to the car?

grenade

n. a hand-held explosive device designed to be thrown or projected toward a target and detonate upon impact or after a specified time

synonym : bomb, explosive, shrapnel

(1) **grenade** explosion, (2) smoke **grenade**

The soldier threw a **grenade** to destroy the enemy's bunker.

ingrained

adj. deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

synonym : inborn, embedded, deep-seated

(1) **ingrained** habit, (2) **ingrained** prejudice

Her fear of dogs was **ingrained** after a traumatic experience in childhood.

calibration

n. the process of ensuring that an instrument, machine, or process is accurate and functioning correctly, often involving comparison to a standard or reference

synonym : adjustment, tuning, standardization

(1) **calibration** error, (2) **calibration** settings

The **calibration** of the equipment was vital to ensure accurate measurements.

calibrate

v. to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

synonym : adjust, fine-tune

(1) **calibrate** machinery, (2) **calibrate** measurements

It's important to **calibrate** the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym : douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

probabilistic

adj. characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

synonym : probable, statistical, likely

(1) **probabilistic** model, (2) **probabilistic** approach

In a **probabilistic** system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.

astronomical

adj. relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude

synonym : huge, vast, enormous

(1) **astronomical** observation, (2) **astronomical** numbers

The cost of the new equipment was **astronomical** and beyond the company's budget.

makeshift

adj. serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised

synonym : improvised, temporary, ad-hoc

(1) **makeshift** shelter, (2) a **makeshift** solution

The team set up a **makeshift** tent for shelter during the storm.

ratchet

n. a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement

synonym : gear, wrench, spanner

(1) **ratchet** wrench, (2) **ratchet** effect

He turned the bolt with the **ratchet**, making sure it was secure.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

Session 2: Spelling

1. im_____e the cloth in the dye
v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
2. sh_____el damage
n. fragments of a bomb, shell, or other explosive object that are scattered in many directions upon detonation and can cause injury or damage
3. turn into a fi_____ht
n. a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used
4. cal_____on settings
n. the process of ensuring that an instrument, machine, or process is accurate and functioning correctly, often involving comparison to a standard or reference
5. killed in a fi_____ht
n. a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used
6. a ma_____ft solution
adj. serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised
7. hos_____ze patient
v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
8. smoke gr_____e
n. a hand-held explosive device designed to be thrown or projected toward a target and detonate upon impact or after a specified time

ANSWERS: 1. immerse, 2. shrapnel, 3. firefight, 4. calibration, 5. firefight, 6. makeshift, 7. hospitalize, 8. grenade

9. in_____ed habit *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
10. ca_____e on the battlefield *n.* the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way
11. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
12. brutal ca_____e *n.* the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way
13. me_____ly endorsed method *adv.* in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury
14. gr_____e explosion *n.* a hand-held explosive device designed to be thrown or projected toward a target and detonate upon impact or after a specified time
15. ca_____te machinery *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
16. ra_____t effect *n.* a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement

ANSWERS: 9. ingrained, 10. carnage, 11. ancestor, 12. carnage, 13. medically, 14. grenade, 15. calibrate, 16. ratchet

17. pe_____me treaty *n.* the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war
18. in_____ed prejudice *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
19. flexible si__ws *n.* a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience
20. ast_____cal observation *adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude
21. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
22. completely im_____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
23. sh_____el wounds *n.* fragments of a bomb, shell, or other explosive object that are scattered in many directions upon detonation and can cause injury or damage
24. t__e her books in a colorful backpack *v.* to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another
25. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
26. pro_____tic approach *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

ANSWERS: 17. peacetime, 18. ingrained, 19. sinew, 20. astronomical, 21. grandchild, 22. immerse, 23. shrapnel, 24. tote, 25. grandchild, 26. probabilistic

27. pe_____me era *n.* the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war
28. in a me_____ly effective manner *adv.* in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury
29. easily ima_____le *adj.* capable of being imagined
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31. pro_____tic model *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
32. worst ima_____le case *adj.* capable of being imagined
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34. si__w injury *n.* a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience
35. cal_____on error *n.* the process of ensuring that an instrument, machine, or process is accurate and functioning correctly, often involving comparison to a standard or reference
36. ma_____ft shelter *adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised

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37. hos_____ze child *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
38. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
39. t__e a cell-phone *v.* to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another
40. ra_____t wrench *n.* a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement
41. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
42. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

ANSWERS: 37. hospitalize, 38. drown, 39. tote, 40. ratchet, 41. ancestor, 42. drown

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This is the only _____ strategy.
adj. capable of being imagined
2. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
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3. The soldier suffered injuries from _____ during the explosion.
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