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Session 1: Word List

mercenary

n. a professional soldier who will fight for any country or organization that offers payment

synonym: soldier of fortune, financially-motivated

(1) **mercenary** killers, (2) a **mercenary** enterprise

It would be best if you did your work without any **mercenary** spirit.

insomnia

n. the condition of being unable to sleep, usually a chronic one

synonym: sleeplessness, wakefulness, restlessness

(1) medication for **insomnia**, (2) alcohol-dependent

insomnia

He suffered **insomnia** and loss of appetite after he began taking that medication.

heartbeat

n. the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force

synonym: beat, pulse, force

(1) **heartbeat** abnormality, (2) a pounding **heartbeat**

New York is the commercial **heartbeat** of America.

indigestion

n. discomfort or pain in the stomach or upper abdomen, typically occurring after eating or drinking; difficulty or impaired digestion

synonym : upset stomach, dyspepsia, stomachache

(1) severe **indigestion**, (2) chronic **indigestion**

After eating a heavy meal, he experienced a painful bout of **indigestion**.

yearn

v. to strongly desire or long for something

synonym : long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love

She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

dub

v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language

synonym : name, designate, nickname

(1) **dub** the film in English, (2) **dub** data

We **dubbed** him Ironman because of his toughness.

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym : longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

homecoming

n. a return to one's home or hometown, often following an extended period of absence, such as after graduation, military service, or travel; a celebratory event or tradition welcoming someone back home

synonym : return, arrival, reunion

(1) high school **homecoming**, (2) plan a **homecoming** event

An annual **homecoming** parade is a big event for the local high school.

affliction

n. a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief

synonym : anguish, distress, suffering

(1) mental **affliction**, (2) autoimmune **affliction**

Chronic pain can be a debilitating **affliction** that affects every aspect of one's life.

forbid

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

synonym : prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

neurological

adj. of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system

synonym : nervous, neural, brain-related

(1) fever with **neurological** signs, (2) **neurological** symptoms

The patient was diagnosed with a **neurological** disorder affecting their motor skills.

fetus

n. an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal

(1) development of the **fetus**, (2) an aborted **fetus**

The female vagina is elastic enough to allow the passage of a **fetus**.

homesick

adj. feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time

synonym : nostalgic, longing, yearning

(1) suffer from **homesick**, (2) **homesick** for home

The military personnel stationed overseas often feel **homesick** for their loved ones.

poignant

adj. evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching

synonym: touching, moving, emotional

(1) **poignant** moment, (2) **poignant** memories

The movie's **poignant** ending left most of the audience in tears.

cascade

n. a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units

synonym: waterfall, watercourse, step

(1) **cascade** connection, (2) transistor **cascade**

The **cascade** of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.

correlate

v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

synonym: associate, liken, connect

(1) **correlate** closely with the quality, (2) **correlate** to the size

We may frequently **correlate** age with the frequency of disease.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym: alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. mental aff_____on | <i>n.</i> a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief |
| 2. development of the fe__s | <i>n.</i> an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal |
| 3. co_____te closely with the quality | <i>v.</i> to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another |
| 4. fo___d the use of chemical weapons | <i>v.</i> to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising |
| 5. co_____te to the size | <i>v.</i> to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another |
| 6. d_b the film in English | <i>v.</i> to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language |
| 7. d_b data | <i>v.</i> to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language |
| 8. te_____ng offer | <i>adj.</i> likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe |

ANSWERS: 1. affliction, 2. fetus, 3. correlate, 4. forbid, 5. correlate, 6. dub, 7. dub, 8. tempting

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| 9. medication for in_____ia | <i>n.</i> the condition of being unable to sleep, usually a chronic one |
| 10. autoimmune aff_____on | <i>n.</i> a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief |
| 11. the wel_____ng of a nation | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous |
| 12. a sense of wel_____ng | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous |
| 13. ye__n after my old days | <i>v.</i> to strongly desire or long for something |
| 14. an aborted fe__s | <i>n.</i> an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal |
| 15. plan a hom_____ng event | <i>n.</i> a return to one's home or hometown, often following an extended period of absence, such as after graduation, military service, or travel; a celebratory event or tradition welcoming someone back home |
| 16. alcohol-dependent in_____ia | <i>n.</i> the condition of being unable to sleep, usually a chronic one |
| 17. chronic ind_____on | <i>n.</i> discomfort or pain in the stomach or upper abdomen, typically occurring after eating or drinking; difficulty or impaired digestion |
| 18. fever with neu_____cal signs | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system |

ANSWERS: 9. insomnia, 10. affliction, 11. well-being, 12. well-being, 13. yearn, 14. fetus, 15. homecoming, 16. insomnia, 17. indigestion, 18. neurological

19. a me_____ry enterprise *n.* a professional soldier who will fight for any country or organization that offers payment
20. po_____nt memories *adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
21. ho_____ck for home *adj.* feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time
22. no_____ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
23. transistor ca_____e *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
24. sound very te_____ng *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
25. neu_____cal symptoms *adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
26. a pounding he_____at *n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force
27. me_____ry killers *n.* a professional soldier who will fight for any country or organization that offers payment
28. fo____d smoking in public areas *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

ANSWERS: 19. mercenary, 20. poignant, 21. homesick, 22. nostalgia, 23. cascade, 24. tempting, 25. neurological, 26. heartbeat, 27. mercenary, 28. forbid

29. high school hom_____ng *n.* a return to one's home or hometown, often following an extended period of absence, such as after graduation, military service, or travel; a celebratory event or tradition welcoming someone back home
30. ye__n for love *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
31. ca_____e connection *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
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34. suffer from ho_____ck *adj.* feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time
35. po_____nt moment *adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
36. he_____at abnormality *n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force

ANSWERS: 29. homecoming, 30. yearn, 31. cascade, 32. nostalgia, 33. indigestion, 34. homesick, 35. poignant, 36. heartbeat

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. New York is the commercial _____ of America.
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2. An annual _____ parade is a big event for the local high school.
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8. We may frequently _____ age with the frequency of disease.
- v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
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n. discomfort or pain in the stomach or upper abdomen, typically occurring after eating or drinking; difficulty or impaired digestion

18. We _____ him Ironman because of his toughness.

v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language

ANSWERS: 15. yearned, 16. mercenary, 17. indigestion, 18. dubbed