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Session 1: Word List

stepfather

n. a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father

synonym: stepdad, father figure, dad-in-law

(1) supportive **stepfather**, (2) **stepfather** role

I didn't get along with my **stepfather** when I was young, but now we're like best friends.

surrogate

adj. acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose

synonym: substitute, replacement, deputy

(1) **surrogate** pregnancy, (2) **surrogate** decision

The **surrogate** mother gave birth to a healthy baby for the couple who couldn't conceive independently.

heterosexual

adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

synonym: straight, conventional

(1) **heterosexual** relationship, (2) **heterosexual** marriage

He identified as **heterosexual** and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**
Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

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.

insemination

n. the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy

synonym: fertilization, insemination, impregnation

(1) artificial **insemination**, (2) bovine **insemination**

The couple opted for donor **insemination** after struggling with infertility.

semen

n. the fluid that contains sperm and is ejaculated during sexual activity, which may fertilize an egg and lead to pregnancy

synonym: sperm, reproductive fluid, seed

(1) **semen** donation, (2) **semen** volume

After undergoing a **semen** analysis, the doctor told him that he had a low sperm count.

disapprove

v. to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone

synonym: object, reject, condemn

(1) **disapprove** of the government, (2) publicly **disapprove**

I **disapprove** of my friend's decision to drop out of school and pursue a career in music instead.

heteronormative

adj. denoting or relating to a worldview that assumes heterosexual relationships as the norm or default, often excluding or marginalizing other sexual orientations or gender identities

(1) **heteronormative** society, (2) **heteronormative** assumptions

The film challenged traditional gender roles by critiquing **heteronormative** ideals.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
synonym: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can
When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

outburst

n. a sudden, violent, and uncontrolled expression of emotion, usually anger or excitement; a sudden release of energy or feeling
synonym: outcry, eruption, explosion

(1) **outburst** of applause, (2) violent **outburst**
My boss's sudden **outburst** shocked and scared me.

puberty

n. the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
synonym: adolescence, young adulthood

(1) at the height of **puberty** ., (2) the onset of **puberty**
In this culture, men are initiated when they reach **puberty**.

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**.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap
There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. publicly dis_____ve
v. to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
2. great-gra_____nt
n. a parent of one's father or mother
3. het_____ive society
adj. denoting or relating to a worldview that assumes heterosexual relationships as the norm or default, often excluding or marginalizing other sexual orientations or gender identities
4. ou_____st of applause
n. a sudden, violent, and uncontrolled expression of emotion, usually anger or excitement; a sudden release of energy or feeling
5. se__n donation
n. the fluid that contains sperm and is ejaculated during sexual activity, which may fertilize an egg and lead to pregnancy
6. at the height of pu_____y.
n. the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
7. y__l as loud as we can
v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
8. the pa_____x of the heap
n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

ANSWERS: 1. disapprove, 2. grandparent, 3. heteronormative, 4. outburst, 5. semen, 6. puberty, 7. yell, 8. paradox

9. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
10. su_____te pregnancy *adj.* acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose
11. the onset of pu_____y *n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
12. French pa_____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
13. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
14. bovine ins_____ion *n.* the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy
15. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
16. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
17. violent ou_____st *n.* a sudden, violent, and uncontrolled expression of emotion, usually anger or excitement; a sudden release of energy or feeling
18. ste_____er role *n.* a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father
19. het_____ual marriage *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

ANSWERS: 9. sibling, 10. surrogate, 11. puberty, 12. paradox, 13. grandparent, 14. insemination, 15. yell, 16. improvisation, 17. outburst, 18. stepfather, 19. heterosexual

20. se__n volume *n.* the fluid that contains sperm and is ejaculated during sexual activity, which may fertilize an egg and lead to pregnancy
21. have a si____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
22. su____te decision *adj.* acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose
23. imp____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
24. dis____ve of the government *v.* to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
25. het____ual relationship *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
26. het____ive assumptions *adj.* denoting or relating to a worldview that assumes heterosexual relationships as the norm or default, often excluding or marginalizing other sexual orientations or gender identities
27. artificial ins____ion *n.* the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy
28. supportive ste____er *n.* a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father

ANSWERS: 20. semen, 21. sibling, 22. surrogate, 23. improvisation, 24. disapprove, 25. heterosexual, 26. heteronormative, 27. insemination, 28. stepfather

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The couple opted for donor _____ after struggling with infertility.
n. the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy
2. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
3. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
n. a parent of one's father or mother
4. My boss's sudden _____ shocked and scared me.
n. a sudden, violent, and uncontrolled expression of emotion, usually anger or excitement; a sudden release of energy or feeling
5. There are many theories to explain this _____.
n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
6. The _____ mother gave birth to a healthy baby for the couple who couldn't conceive independently.
adj. acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose
7. He identified as _____ and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.
adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

ANSWERS: 1. insemination, 2. yelled, 3. grandparents, 4. outburst, 5. paradox, 6. surrogate, 7. heterosexual

8. I _____ of my friend's decision to drop out of school and pursue a career in music instead.
- v.* to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
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10. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
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12. The film challenged traditional gender roles by critiquing _____ ideals.
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13. After undergoing a _____ analysis, the doctor told him that he had a low sperm count.
- n.* the fluid that contains sperm and is ejaculated during sexual activity, which may fertilize an egg and lead to pregnancy
14. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
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ANSWERS: 8. disapprove, 9. stepfather, 10. siblings, 11. puberty, 12. heteronormative, 13. semen, 14. improvisation

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