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Session 1: Word List

Alzheimer

n. a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults

synonym : dementia, memory loss, cognitive decline

(1) **Alzheimer's** brain, (2) **Alzheimer's** risk factors

My grandmother has **Alzheimer's** disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.

societal

adj. relating to society or social relationships

synonym : social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym : direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

caregiving

n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

synonym: nurturing, caring, assisting

(1) **caregiving** process, (2) **caregiving** responsibilities

She devoted her life to **caregiving**, looking after her aging parents.

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.

audible

adj. able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly

synonym: hearable, perceptible, loud enough

(1) **audible** sound, (2) **audible** words

An **audible** sigh from the back of the room broke the silence.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

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.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

snug

adj. comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design

synonym: cozy, comfortable, kempt

(1) **snug** blanket, (2) **snug** little house

The baby was fast asleep in his **snug** cot, swaddled in soft, warm blankets.

conductivity

n. the quality of a material's ability to conduct electricity, heat, etc.

synonym: conduction

(1) low **conductivity**, (2) electrical **conductivity**

High thermal **conductivity** is also essential for the exterior of the machine.

bulky

adj. taking up much space or being difficult to move because of its size or weight; large and unwieldy

synonym: large, cumbersome, unwieldy

(1) **bulky** material, (2) **bulky** packaging

The **bulky** furniture made it difficult to move around the small room.

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**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. so____al norms | <i>adj.</i> relating to society or social relationships |
| 2. person of gra_____nt age | <i>n.</i> a parent of one's father or mother |
| 3. cannot log in to the a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 4. hear customer's voices fi_____nd | <i>adv.</i> from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source |
| 5. bu__y material | <i>adj.</i> taking up much space or being difficult to move because of its size or weight; large and unwieldy |
| 6. bu__y packaging | <i>adj.</i> taking up much space or being difficult to move because of its size or weight; large and unwieldy |
| 7. sma_____ne addict | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |
| 8. car_____ng responsibilities | <i>n.</i> the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly |
| 9. s__g little house | <i>adj.</i> comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design |
| 10. sma_____ne app developer | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |
| 11. great-gra_____nt | <i>n.</i> a parent of one's father or mother |
| 12. s__g blanket | <i>adj.</i> comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design |

ANSWERS: 1. societal, 2. grandparent, 3. app, 4. firsthand, 5. bulky, 6. bulky, 7. smartphone, 8. caregiving, 9. snug, 10. smartphone, 11. grandparent, 12. snug

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| 13. conduct fi_____nd research | <i>adv.</i> from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source |
| 14. low con_____ity | <i>n.</i> the quality of a material's ability to conduct electricity, heat, etc. |
| 15. au_____e sound | <i>adj.</i> able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly |
| 16. electrical con_____ity | <i>n.</i> the quality of a material's ability to conduct electricity, heat, etc. |
| 17. Al_____er's risk factors | <i>n.</i> a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults |
| 18. so_____al expectations | <i>adj.</i> relating to society or social relationships |
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| 20. killer a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 21. imp_____ion on stage | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation |
| 22. jazz imp_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation |
| 23. the wel_____ng of a nation | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous |

ANSWERS: 13. firsthand, 14. conductivity, 15. audible, 16. conductivity, 17. Alzheimer, 18. societal, 19. audible, 20. app, 21. improvisation, 22. improvisation, 23. well-being

24. a sense of wel_____ng

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

25. Al_____er's brain

n. a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults

26. car_____ng process

n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

ANSWERS: 24. well-being, 25. Alzheimer, 26. caregiving

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
2. The _____ furniture made it difficult to move around the small room.
adj. taking up much space or being difficult to move because of its size or weight; large and unwieldy
3. An _____ sigh from the back of the room broke the silence.
adj. able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly
4. The _____ pressure to conform is strong in this community.
adj. relating to society or social relationships
5. She devoted her life to _____ looking after her aging parents.
n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
6. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.
adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
7. My grandmother has _____ disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.
n. a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
8. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
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ANSWERS: 1. improvisation, 2. bulky, 3. audible, 4. societal, 5. caregiving, 6. firsthand, 7. Alzheimer's, 8. app's

9. High thermal _____ is also essential for the exterior of the machine.
n. the quality of a material's ability to conduct electricity, heat, etc.
10. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
n. a parent of one's father or mother
11. The baby was fast asleep in his _____ cot, swaddled in soft, warm blankets.
adj. comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design
12. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
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13. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 9. conductivity, 10. grandparents, 11. snug, 12. well-being, 13. smartphones