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Session 1: Word List

kidnapping

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

synonym : abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

psychotic

adj. relating to or characterized by a loss of touch with reality; exhibiting or suffering from a severe mental disorder characterized by delusions, hallucinations, or disordered thinking

synonym : deranged, unstable, certifiable

(1) **psychotic** medication, (2) **psychotic** episode

Her husband's death caused her to experience a **psychotic** break.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym : creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

tiptoe

n. a way of walking quietly and cautiously, with the weight balanced mainly on the balls of the feet and the heels lifted off the ground; a type of shoe or slipper that has a thin sole and is designed for quiet walking; (verb) to walk quietly and carefully, balancing on the tips of one's toes or the balls of one's feet

synonym : stealth, sneak

(1) **tiptoe** approach, (2) **tiptoe** around the issue

I walked on **tiptoe** to avoid waking up my sleeping baby.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

omelet

n. a dish made from beaten eggs that are often mixed with other ingredients, such as vegetables, cheese, or ham, and then cooked in a pan

synonym : omelette, frittata, scramble

(1) **omelet** recipe, (2) spinach **omelet**

I had an **omelet** with cheese and mushrooms for breakfast this morning.

latch

n. a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt

synonym : lock, catch, bolt

(1) set the **latch**, (2) **latch** mechanism

The **latch** on the gate was broken, so the cows got loose.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

buckle

v. to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a

belt or strap

synonym : bend, crumple, contort

(1) **buckle** down to study, (2) **buckle** shoe

The severe heat wave **buckled** railway tracks.

gore

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death;
(noun) coagulated blood from a wound

synonym : pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

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**.

sedentary

adj. characterized by or involving a lot of sitting or little physical activity; inactive or lacking in exercise or movement

synonym : inactive, stationary, immobile

(1) **sedentary** desk job, (2) **sedentary** behavior

His **sedentary** lifestyle and lack of exercise contributed to his declining health.

myocardial

adj. relating to the muscular tissue of the heart

synonym :

cardiac, heart-related, ventricular

(1) **myocardial** infarction, (2) **myocardial** fibrosis

The physical examination revealed no abnormalities in the patient's **myocardial** structure.

infarction

n. the obstruction or blockage of blood flow to a specific area or organ, leading to tissue damage or death, commonly used to describe a myocardial infarction (heart attack)

synonym: heart attack, coronary, thrombosis

(1) acute **infarction**, (2) cerebral **infarction**

Time is critical when treating a myocardial **infarction**.

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.

incubator

n. an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

synonym: hatchery, brooder, nursery

(1) infant **incubator**, (2) business **incubator** program

The eggs were placed in an artificial **incubator** to ensure proper hatching conditions.

dent

v. to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface

synonym: indent, depress, mark

(1) **dent** removal, (2) **dent** his pride

He acci **dentally** dented his car when he bumped into a tree.

Session 2: Spelling

1. r_v up the crowd
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
2. bu___e down to study
v. to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
3. g__e him with a weapon
v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
4. co___r honor
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
5. ti___e around the issue
n. a way of walking quietly and cautiously, with the weight balanced mainly on the balls of the feet and the heels lifted off the ground; a type of shoe or slipper that has a thin sole and is designed for quiet walking; (verb) to walk quietly and carefully, balancing on the tips of one's toes or the balls of one's feet
6. se_____ry behavior
adj. characterized by or involving a lot of sitting or little physical activity; inactive or lacking in exercise or movement
7. low-r_v engine
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 1. rev, 2. buckle, 3. gore, 4. confer, 5. tiptoe, 6. sedentary, 7. rev

8. g__e scene *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
9. mass kid_____ng *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
10. d__t his pride *v.* to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface
11. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
12. bu___e shoe *v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
13. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
14. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
15. business in_____or program *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
16. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 8. gore, 9. kidnapping, 10. dent, 11. cofounder, 12. buckle, 13. confer, 14. sneak, 15. incubator, 16. improvisation

17. cerebral inf_____on *n.* the obstruction or blockage of blood flow to a specific area or organ, leading to tissue damage or death, commonly used to describe a myocardial infarction (heart attack)
18. ps_____ic medication *adj.* relating to or characterized by a loss of touch with reality; exhibiting or suffering from a severe mental disorder characterized by delusions, hallucinations, or disordered thinking
19. myo_____al infarction *adj.* relating to the muscular tissue of the heart
20. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
21. d__t removal *v.* to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface
22. om___t recipe *n.* a dish made from beaten eggs that are often mixed with other ingredients, such as vegetables, cheese, or ham, and then cooked in a pan
23. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
24. acute inf_____on *n.* the obstruction or blockage of blood flow to a specific area or organ, leading to tissue damage or death, commonly used to describe a myocardial infarction (heart attack)

ANSWERS: 17. infarction, 18. psychotic, 19. myocardial, 20. cofounder, 21. dent, 22. omelet, 23. sneak, 24. infarction

25. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
26. la__h mechanism *n.* a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt
27. ti___e approach *n.* a way of walking quietly and cautiously, with the weight balanced mainly on the balls of the feet and the heels lifted off the ground; a type of shoe or slipper that has a thin sole and is designed for quiet walking; (verb) to walk quietly and carefully, balancing on the tips of one's toes or the balls of one's feet
28. myo_____al fibrosis *adj.* relating to the muscular tissue of the heart
29. ps_____ic episode *adj.* relating to or characterized by a loss of touch with reality; exhibiting or suffering from a severe mental disorder characterized by delusions, hallucinations, or disordered thinking
30. spinach om___t *n.* a dish made from beaten eggs that are often mixed with other ingredients, such as vegetables, cheese, or ham, and then cooked in a pan
31. kid_____ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
32. infant in_____or *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

ANSWERS: 25. improvisation, 26. latch, 27. tiptoe, 28. myocardial, 29. psychotic, 30. omelet, 31. kidnapping, 32. incubator

33. re_____se an old building *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
34. re_____se a used car *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
35. set the la__h *n.* a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt
36. se_____ry desk job *adj.* characterized by or involving a lot of sitting or little physical activity; inactive or lacking in exercise or movement

ANSWERS: 33. repurpose, 34. repurpose, 35. latch, 36. sedentary

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I had an _____ with cheese and mushrooms for breakfast this morning.
n. a dish made from beaten eggs that are often mixed with other ingredients, such as vegetables, cheese, or ham, and then cooked in a pan

2. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated _____.
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3. Her husband's death caused her to experience a _____ break.
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5. His _____ lifestyle and lack of exercise contributed to his declining health.
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ANSWERS: 1. omelet, 2. kidnapping, 3. psychotic, 4. infarction, 5. sedentary, 6. rev, 7. latch

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ANSWERS: 8. gored, 9. improvisation, 10. cofounder, 11. myocardial, 12. repurposed, 13. tiptoe, 14. dentally, 15. buckled

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ANSWERS: 16. confer, 17. sneak, 18. incubator