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Session 1: Word List

Ebola

n. a highly contagious and often fatal viral disease that causes severe fever and internal bleeding, primarily occurring in remote areas of Central and West Africa

synonym: viral hemorrhagic fever, EVD

(1) **Ebola** epidemic, (2) **Ebola** virus

The **Ebola** outbreak in West Africa caused widespread panic and fear.

guinea

n. a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

synonym: coin, money, currency

(1) **guinea** coins, (2) **guinea** pig

The cost of the antique vase is three **guineas**.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

blueprint

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym : draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**
A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

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.

silo

n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

synonym : storage, warehouse, barn

(1) nuclear **silo**, (2) **silo** organization
The farmer used a **silo** to store feed for the animals.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym : status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto
The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

prognosis

n. the likely outcome or course of a disease or illness based on medical analysis and examination of the patient; a forecast or prediction of future events or developments

synonym : prospect, forecast, diagnosis

(1) **prognosis** of cancer, (2) poor **prognosis**

The doctor gave a positive **prognosis** for her recovery from the illness.

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.

tweak

v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

synonym : nip, pinch, fine-tune

(1) **tweak** his cheek, (2) **tweak** the economy

He didn't **tweak** the plan, even though he had time.

mistrust

v. to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone

synonym : doubt, suspect, question

(1) **mistrust** a young man, (2) **mistrust** the government

He **mistrusted** her apology because of her past lies.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym : divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

translucent

adj. allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent

synonym : semi-transparent, see-through

(1) **translucent** glass, (2) **translucent** skin

The sunlight shone through the **translucent** curtains, casting a warm glow in the room.

microbe

n. a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease

synonym : germ, microorganism, bacterium

(1) pathogenic **microbe**, (2) **microbes** sterilizer

Microbes thrive on the surface of the human skin.

disseminate

v. to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse

synonym : spread, circulate, propagate

(1) **disseminate** propaganda, (2) **disseminate** knowledge

It is important to **disseminate** accurate information to the public to prevent false rumors from spreading.

wrought

adj. made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering

synonym : made, produced, created

(1) well- **wrought** steel, (2) tragedy **wrought** by hurricane

He won an award for his photographs of the ruins **wrought** by the war.

illuminate

v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

synonym : brighten, light, adorn

(1) **illuminate** a dark hall, (2) **illuminate** my understanding

That biologist **illuminated** the mechanism of heredity.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
2. tragedy wr_____t by hurricane *adj.* made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering
3. Eb__a virus *n.* a highly contagious and often fatal viral disease that causes severe fever and internal bleeding, primarily occurring in remote areas of Central and West Africa
4. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
5. dis_____te propaganda *v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
6. gu___a coins *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
7. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
8. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

ANSWERS: 1. frightening, 2. wrought, 3. Ebola, 4. app, 5. disseminate, 6. guinea, 7. quo, 8. quo

9. poor pr_____is *n.* the likely outcome or course of a disease or illness based on medical analysis and examination of the patient; a forecast or prediction of future events or developments
10. Eb__a epidemic *n.* a highly contagious and often fatal viral disease that causes severe fever and internal bleeding, primarily occurring in remote areas of Central and West Africa
11. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
12. dis_____te knowledge *v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
13. tw__k his cheek *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
14. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
15. mi_____st a young man *v.* to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone
16. well-wr_____t steel *adj.* made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering
17. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
18. tw__k the economy *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

ANSWERS: 9. prognosis, 10. Ebola, 11. distract, 12. disseminate, 13. tweak, 14. opportune, 15. mistrust, 16. wrought, 17. distract, 18. tweak

19. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
20. ca_____te measurements *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
21. ill_____te my understanding *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
22. architect's bl_____nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
23. mi_____st the government *v.* to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone
24. ill_____te a dark hall *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
25. pr_____is of cancer *n.* the likely outcome or course of a disease or illness based on medical analysis and examination of the patient; a forecast or prediction of future events or developments
26. gu___a pig *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
27. tra_____nt glass *adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent

ANSWERS: 19. opportune, 20. calibrate, 21. illuminate, 22. blueprint, 23. mistrust, 24. illuminate, 25. prognosis, 26. guinea, 27. translucent

28. nuclear s__o *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
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31. bl_____nt for economic reform *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
32. tra_____nt skin *adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
33. pathogenic mi_____e *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
34. mi_____es sterilizer *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
35. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
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ANSWERS: 28. silo, 29. app, 30. calibrate, 31. blueprint, 32. translucent, 33. microbe, 34. microbe, 35. frightening, 36. silo

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He didn't _____ the plan, even though he had time.
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ANSWERS: 8. app's, 9. Ebola, 10. quo, 11. silo, 12. frightening, 13. distract, 14. Microbes, 15. illuminated

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ANSWERS: 16. prognosis, 17. opportune, 18. guineas