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Session 1: Word List

sonogram

n. a visual representation or image obtained by using ultrasonic waves used for medical purposes such as viewing a fetus during pregnancy or examining internal organs

synonym : ultrasound, echogram

(1) **sonogram** image, (2) fetal **sonogram**

The doctor showed the expectant couple the **sonogram** of their baby during the ultrasound appointment.

anencephaly

n. a congenital condition characterized by the absence of a major portion of the brain, skull, and scalp at birth

synonym : brain malformation, cranial defect

(1) babies with **anencephaly**, (2) **anencephaly** prevention

Women are advised to take folic acid before and during early pregnancy to reduce the risk of **anencephaly** and other neural tube defects.

uterus

n. a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth

synonym : womb

(1) **uterus** cancer, (2) bleeding from **uterus**

The physician prescribed medication to relieve the

contraction of the **uterus**.

trimester

n. approximately three months, especially one of the three three-month periods into which human pregnancy is traditionally divided; one of three divisions of an academic year

synonym : quarter, three months, 13 weeks

(1) second **trimester** ends, (2) **trimester** system

The first **trimester** of pregnancy is the most crucial for the development of the fetus.

procure

v. to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill

synonym : obtain, acquire, secure

(1) **procure** a rare antique, (2) **procure** services

I need to **procure** some supplies for the upcoming project.

cuddle

v. to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something

synonym : embrace, snuggle, hug

(1) **cuddle** buddy, (2) **cuddle** up with a book

I love to **cuddle** with my dog on the couch after a long day.

cornea

n. the transparent layer at the front of the eye that covers the iris and pupil and helps to focus light onto the retina

synonym : eye membrane, eye lens

(1) **cornea** transplant, (2) **cornea** damage

A scratched **cornea** can be very painful and may cause blurry vision.

retina

n. the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball

(1) **retinal** cells, (2) **retina** scanner

Damage to the **retina** may play a role in the development of glaucoma.

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym: mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym: envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

envy

v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

synonym: covet, resent, grudge

(1) **envy** his success, (2) feeling **envy** toward him

I can't help but **envy** my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.

retinoblastoma

n. a rare type of malignant tumor that develops in the retina of the eye, primarily affecting young children, characterized by abnormal cell growth and can lead to vision loss or other eye-related complications if left untreated

synonym : ocular cancer, eye tumor

(1) **retinoblastoma** tumor, (2) **retinoblastoma** gene

Early detection and treatment of **retinoblastoma** can save both vision and lives.

indebted

adj. owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness

synonym : owing, obligated, beholden

(1) **indebted** to creditors, (2) financially **indebted**

He felt **indebted** to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

heirloom

n. a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value

synonym : heritage, inheritance, legacy

(1) **heirloom** jewelry, (2) family **heirloom**

The family recipe for apple pie has become an **heirloom** tradition.

inactivate

v. to make something idle or inoperative; to release from military service or remove from the active list of military service

synonym : assuage, appease, demobilize

(1) **inactivate** growth factor, (2) **inactivate** the vaccine

The system for purifying the air uses UV light to **inactivate** microorganisms.

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.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

gratify

v. to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite

synonym: please, satisfy, fulfill

(1) **gratify** desires, (2) **gratify** curiosity

I always try to **gratify** my boss by achieving the sales target every month.

coworker

n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization

synonym: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

insignificant

adj. of little importance, influence, or power

synonym: unimportant, trivial, irrelevant

(1) **insignificant** amount, (2) an **insignificant** mistake

He made me feel small and **insignificant**.

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**.

everlasting

adj. lasting forever or indefinitely; eternal or infinite in duration, also used to describe something unchanging, constant, or enduring

synonym : perpetual, eternal, enduring

(1) **everlasting** love, (2) **everlasting** memories

The writer's words left an **everlasting** impact on his readers.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ex___e the crowd | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 2. medical in___n | <i>v.</i> to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria |
| 3. argue with a co_____er | <i>n.</i> a person who works with another in the same company or organization |
| 4. financially in_____ed | <i>adj.</i> owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness |
| 5. b__y in the earth | <i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb |
| 6. burn with je_____sy | <i>n.</i> a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire |
| 7. ret_____oma gene | <i>n.</i> a rare type of malignant tumor that develops in the retina of the eye, primarily affecting young children, characterized by abnormal cell growth and can lead to vision loss or other eye-related complications if left untreated |

ANSWERS: 1. excite, 2. intern, 3. coworker, 4. indebted, 5. bury, 6. jealousy, 7. retinoblastoma

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| 8. pr____e services | v. | to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill |
| 9. re___al cells | n. | the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball |
| 10. cu___e up with a book | v. | to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something |
| 11. bleeding from ut___s | n. | a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth |
| 12. gr___e at the sad news | v. | to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died |
| 13. tr_____er system | n. | approximately three months, especially one of the three three-month periods into which human pregnancy is traditionally divided; one of three divisions of an academic year |
| 14. re___a scanner | n. | the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball |
| 15. ane_____ly prevention | n. | a congenital condition characterized by the absence of a major portion of the brain, skull, and scalp at birth |
| 16. cu___e buddy | v. | to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something |
| 17. ex___e rebellion | v. | to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 18. co___a damage | n. | the transparent layer at the front of the eye that covers the iris and pupil and helps to focus light onto the retina |

ANSWERS: 8. procure, 9. retina, 10. cuddle, 11. uterus, 12. grieve, 13. trimester, 14. retina, 15. anencephaly, 16. cuddle, 17. excite, 18. cornea

19. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
20. ina_____te the vaccine *v.* to make something idle or inoperative; to release from military service or remove from the active list of military service
21. ut___s cancer *n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth
22. e__y his success *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
23. eve_____ng love *adj.* lasting forever or indefinitely; eternal or infinite in duration, also used to describe something unchanging, constant, or enduring
24. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
25. co___a transplant *n.* the transparent layer at the front of the eye that covers the iris and pupil and helps to focus light onto the retina

ANSWERS: 19. confer, 20. inactivate, 21. uterus, 22. envy, 23. everlasting, 24. intern, 25. cornea

26. feeling e__y toward him *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
27. family he____om *n.* a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value
28. an ins_____ant mistake *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
29. babies with ane_____ly *n.* a congenital condition characterized by the absence of a major portion of the brain, skull, and scalp at birth
30. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
31. ret_____oma tumor *n.* a rare type of malignant tumor that develops in the retina of the eye, primarily affecting young children, characterized by abnormal cell growth and can lead to vision loss or other eye-related complications if left untreated
32. ina_____te growth factor *v.* to make something idle or inoperative; to release from military service or remove from the active list of military service

ANSWERS: 26. envy, 27. heirloom, 28. insignificant, 29. anencephaly, 30. confer, 31. retinoblastoma, 32. inactivate

33. so_____am image *n.* a visual representation or image obtained by using ultrasonic waves used for medical purposes such as viewing a fetus during pregnancy or examining internal organs
34. co_____er relationship *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
35. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
36. eve_____ng memories *adj.* lasting forever or indefinitely; eternal or infinite in duration, also used to describe something unchanging, constant, or enduring
37. pr_____e a rare antique *v.* to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill
38. 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
39. je_____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
40. gr_____y curiosity *v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite
41. gr_____e for loss *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

ANSWERS: 33. sonogram, 34. coworker, 35. bury, 36. everlasting, 37. procure, 38. rev, 39. jealousy, 40. gratify, 41. grieve

42. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
43. he_____om jewelry *n.* a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value
44. fetal so_____am *n.* a visual representation or image obtained by using ultrasonic waves used for medical purposes such as viewing a fetus during pregnancy or examining internal organs
45. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
46. in_____ed to creditors *adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
47. second tr_____er ends *n.* approximately three months, especially one of the three three-month periods into which human pregnancy is traditionally divided; one of three divisions of an academic year
48. gr_____y desires *v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite

ANSWERS: 42. disappoint, 43. heirloom, 44. sonogram, 45. disappoint, 46. indebted, 47. trimester, 48. gratify

49. ins_____ant amount

adj. of little importance, influence, or power

50. 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

ANSWERS: 49. insignificant, 50. rev

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I need to _____ some supplies for the upcoming project.
v. to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill
2. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
3. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.
n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
4. She _____ the loss of her parents.
v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
5. The system for purifying the air uses UV light to _____ microorganisms.
v. to make something idle or inoperative; to release from military service or remove from the active list of military service
6. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
7. My ex-_____ and I had different working styles but managed to get along.
n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization
8. The first _____ of pregnancy is the most crucial for the development of the fetus.
n. approximately three months, especially one of the three three-month periods into which human pregnancy is traditionally divided; one of three divisions of an academic year

ANSWERS: 1. procure, 2. excited, 3. jealousy, 4. grieved, 5. inactivate, 6. confer, 7. coworker, 8. trimester

9. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.
- 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
10. Early detection and treatment of _____ can save both vision and lives.
- n.* a rare type of malignant tumor that develops in the retina of the eye, primarily affecting young children, characterized by abnormal cell growth and can lead to vision loss or other eye-related complications if left untreated
11. The physician prescribed medication to relieve the contraction of the _____.
- n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth
12. I can't help but ____ my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.
- v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
13. The doctor showed the expectant couple the _____ of their baby during the ultrasound appointment.
- n.* a visual representation or image obtained by using ultrasonic waves used for medical purposes such as viewing a fetus during pregnancy or examining internal organs
14. He felt _____ to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.
- adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness

ANSWERS: 9. rev, 10. retinoblastoma, 11. uterus, 12. envy, 13. sonogram, 14. indebted

15. A scratched _____ can be very painful and may cause blurry vision.
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16. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
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- v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
18. Damage to the _____ may play a role in the development of glaucoma.
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19. I always try to _____ my boss by achieving the sales target every month.
- v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite
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21. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
- v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
22. The writer's words left an _____ impact on his readers.
- adj.* lasting forever or indefinitely; eternal or infinite in duration, also used to describe something unchanging, constant, or enduring

ANSWERS: 15. cornea, 16. interned, 17. disappoint, 18. retina, 19. gratify, 20. heirloom, 21. bury, 22. everlasting

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n. a congenital condition characterized by the absence of a major portion of the brain, skull, and scalp at birth

24. He made me feel small and _____.

adj. of little importance, influence, or power

25. I love to _____ with my dog on the couch after a long day.

v. to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something

ANSWERS: 23. anencephaly, 24. insignificant, 25. cuddle