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Session 1: Word List

hallway

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
synonym : foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor

He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

sternum

n. the flat bone located in the center of the chest that connects the rib cage via cartilage

synonym : breastbone, chestbone, thorax

(1) **sternum** bone, (2) fractured **sternum**

The driver's seatbelt saved their **sternum** from injury in the car accident.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

croup

n. a respiratory condition primarily affecting infants and young children, characterized by a hoarse, barking cough and difficulty in breathing due to swelling of the voice box and windpipe; the contagious disease causing this condition

synonym : barking cough, hoarseness

(1) acute spasmodic **croup**, (2) severe **croup**

My child woke up in the middle of the night with a severe **croup**, causing difficulty breathing.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym : blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

coincident

adj. happening or operating in the same place or at the same time

synonym : concurrent, accompanying, coextensive

(1) **coincident** indicators, (2) a series of **coincident** events

Coincident with the negotiation, the bank was permitted to open a Beijing branch.

psychiatry

n. the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

synonym : mental health, psychology, psychoanalysis

(1) **psychiatry** therapy, (2) biological **psychiatry**

The field of **psychiatry** is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.

neurosis

n. a psychological disorder characterized by excessive anxiety, distress, and irrational thoughts or behaviors, typically less severe than psychosis but can still impact an individual's daily functioning

synonym : anxiety disorder, mental imbalance, psychological distress

(1) hysterical **neurosis**, (2) childhood **neurosis**

Her perfectionism and obsessive-compulsive tendencies were indicative of an underlying **neurosis**.

penetrate

v. to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance

synonym : pierce, stab, go through

(1) **penetrate** a cell, (2) **penetrate** quickly into the skin
Western ideology slowly **penetrates** through the eastern countries.

deformity

n. a physical abnormality or distortion

synonym : abnormality, malformation, disfigurement

(1) **deformity** of character, (2) physical **deformity**

The **deformity** in the steel beam caused the bridge to collapse.

fluffy

adj. soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur

synonym : soft, feathery, puffy

(1) **fluffy** clouds, (2) **fluffy** blanket

The kitten had **fluffy** fur that was soft to the touch.

trance

n. a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions

synonym : stupor, hypnosis, daydreaming

(1) **trance** state, (2) meditative **trance**

The rhythmic beat of the drums kept the audience in a **trance**.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day
He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

alcoholism

n. a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages
synonym: alcohol dependency, alcohol addiction, drunkenness
(1) acute **alcoholism**, (2) **alcoholism** recovery
He lost everything due to his **alcoholism**.

tablecloth

n. a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration
synonym: table cover, linens
(1) checkered **tablecloth**, (2) **tablecloth** size
The beautiful **tablecloth** added a touch of elegance to the dinner party.

hostess

n. a woman who receives or entertains guests at home or in a social setting; a female who is in charge of organizing and overseeing a formal event or gathering
synonym: greeter, server, stewardess
(1) **hostess** duties, (2) gracious **hostess**
The welcoming **hostess** showed us to our table and handed us the menu.

rephrase

v. to express or state something in a different or alternative way, usually to make it clearer, easier to understand, or more appropriate for a particular context or audience
synonym: reword, paraphrase, restate
(1) **rephrase** a sentence, (2) **rephrase** the question
Let me **rephrase** what you just said in simpler terms.

munch

v. to chew or eat something noisily, often with the sound of crunching or crunching
synonym: chew, nibble, gnaw
(1) **munch** on an apple, (2) **munch** away on crisps
I love to **munch** on popcorn while I watch a movie.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

petrify

v. to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding

synonym: fossilize, mineralize, calcify

(1) **petrify** with fear, (2) **petrify** into stone

The thought of public speaking will **petrify** her.

wordless

adj. lacking words or speech; silent; without verbal expression or explanation

synonym: speechless, silent, mute

(1) **wordless** indication, (2) **wordless** wonder

The ending of the movie left the audience in **wordless** awe.

oblivion

n. the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence

synonym: limbo, forgetfulness, unawareness

(1) vanish into **oblivion**, (2) drunken **oblivion**

The author's work was forgotten and fell into **oblivion** after his death.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

defile

v. to pollute, contaminate, or make impure, often in a moral or religious sense; to violate or desecrate something sacred or cherished

synonym: pollute, taint, contaminate

(1) **defile** a river, (2) **defile** the land

The vandals **defiled** the church by spray-painting graffiti on the walls.

dermatology

n. a branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of skin disorders and diseases

synonym: skin care, skin medicine, skin science

(1) pediatric **dermatology**, (2) **dermatology** research

She visited a **dermatology** clinic to get treatment for her skin condition.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym: perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

unbearable

adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

synonym: intolerable, insufferable, unendurable

(1) **unbearable** heat, (2) **unbearable** pain

The loss of his wife was an **unbearable** sorrow that he found hard to overcome.

immortality

n. the state or quality of being able to live or last forever

synonym: endless life, timelessness, agelessness

(1) the **immortality** of the soul, (2) achieve **immortality**

Many people believe in the concept of **immortality** and an

afterlife.

immortal

adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

synonym : eternal, everlasting, undying

(1) **immortal** soul, (2) **immortal** love

Legends often describe mythical creatures as **immortal** beings.

Session 2: Spelling

1. der_____gy research *n.* a branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of skin disorders and diseases
2. de___e the land *v.* to pollute, contaminate, or make impure, often in a moral or religious sense; to violate or desecrate something sacred or cherished
3. acute spasmodic cr__p *n.* a respiratory condition primarily affecting infants and young children, characterized by a hoarse, barking cough and difficulty in breathing due to swelling of the voice box and windpipe; the contagious disease causing this condition
4. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
5. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
6. wo_____ss indication *adj.* lacking words or speech; silent; without verbal expression or explanation
7. de_____ty of character *n.* a physical abnormality or distortion
8. unb_____le pain *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

ANSWERS: 1. dermatology, 2. defile, 3. croup, 4. scar, 5. seize, 6. wordless, 7. deformity, 8. unbearable

9. re____se a sentence *v.* to express or state something in a different or alternative way, usually to make it clearer, easier to understand, or more appropriate for a particular context or audience
10. re____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
11. the head of a ha____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
12. drunken ob____on *n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence
13. the threats te____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
14. checkered tab____th *n.* a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration
15. ob____s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
16. childhood ne____is *n.* a psychological disorder characterized by excessive anxiety, distress, and irrational thoughts or behaviors, typically less severe than psychosis but can still impact an individual's daily functioning
17. severe cr__p *n.* a respiratory condition primarily affecting infants and young children, characterized by a hoarse, barking cough and difficulty in breathing due to swelling of the voice box and windpipe; the contagious disease causing this condition

ANSWERS: 9. rephrase, 10. reclaim, 11. hallway, 12. oblivion, 13. terrify, 14. tablecloth, 15. obsess, 16. neurosis, 17. croup

28. pe_____te a cell *v.* to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
29. coi_____nt indicators *adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
30. pe_____te quickly into the skin *v.* to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
31. unb_____le heat *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
32. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
33. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
34. psy_____ry therapy *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
35. meditative tr____e *n.* a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions
36. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

ANSWERS: 28. penetrate, 29. coincident, 30. penetrate, 31. unbearable, 32. explode, 33. overwhelm, 34. psychiatry, 35. trance, 36. reclaim

37. alc_____sm recovery *n.* a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages
38. wax a ha_____y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
39. achieve imm_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
40. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
41. tr____e state *n.* a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions
42. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
43. the imm_____ty of the soul *n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
44. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
45. he is ob____sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 37. alcoholism, 38. hallway, 39. immortality, 40. overwhelm, 41. trance, 42. seize, 43. immortality, 44. explode, 45. obsess

46. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
47. im____al love *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
48. tab_____th size *n.* a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration
49. biological psy_____ry *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
50. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
51. fl___y clouds *adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
52. st_____m bone *n.* the flat bone located in the center of the chest that connects the rib cage via cartilage
53. mu__h away on crisps *v.* to chew or eat something noisily, often with the sound of crunching or crunching
54. vanish into ob_____on *n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence
55. de___e a river *v.* to pollute, contaminate, or make impure, often in a moral or religious sense; to violate or desecrate something sacred or cherished

ANSWERS: 46. scar, 47. immortal, 48. tablecloth, 49. psychiatry, 50. rot, 51. fluffy, 52. sternum, 53. munch, 54. oblivion, 55. defile

56. gracious ho____s *n.* a woman who receives or entertains guests at home or in a social setting; a female who is in charge of organizing and overseeing a formal event or gathering
57. im____al soul *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
58. re____se the question *v.* to express or state something in a different or alternative way, usually to make it clearer, easier to understand, or more appropriate for a particular context or audience
59. a series of coi_____nt events *adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
60. physical de_____ty *n.* a physical abnormality or distortion
61. fl___y blanket *adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
62. pediatric der_____gy *n.* a branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of skin disorders and diseases

ANSWERS: 56. hostess, 57. immortal, 58. rephrase, 59. coincident, 60. deformity, 61. fluffy, 62. dermatology

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The beautiful _____ added a touch of elegance to the dinner party.
n. a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration

2. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.
v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

3. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.
v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

4. She visited a _____ clinic to get treatment for her skin condition.
n. a branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of skin disorders and diseases

5. The rhythmic beat of the drums kept the audience in a _____.
n. a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions

6. I love to _____ on popcorn while I watch a movie.
v. to chew or eat something noisily, often with the sound of crunching or crunching

7. The field of _____ is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.
n. the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

ANSWERS: 1. tablecloth, 2. rot, 3. seize, 4. dermatology, 5. trance, 6. munch, 7. psychiatry

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9. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.
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ANSWERS: 8. terrify, 9. scar, 10. overwhelm, 11. oblivion, 12. exploded, 13. unbearable, 14. reclaim, 15. Coincident

16. The thought of public speaking will _____ her.
v. to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding
17. The ending of the movie left the audience in _____ awe.
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23. Legends often describe mythical creatures as _____ beings.
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ANSWERS: 16. petrify, 17. wordless, 18. immortality, 19. rephrase, 20. sternum, 21. penetrates, 22. alcoholism, 23. immortal

24. He dashed down a _____ to a bathroom.
n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
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ANSWERS: 24. hallway, 25. fluffy, 26. deformity, 27. obsessed, 28. neurosis, 29. hostess, 30. defiled, 31. croup,

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