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Session 1: Word List

deserted

adj. empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind

synonym : abandoned, empty, vacated

(1) **deserted** city, (2) **deserted** island

The **deserted** street was quiet and eerie, with no signs of life.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym : shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

repercussion

n. an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action

synonym : impact, consequence, outcome

(1) the **repercussion** of an action, (2) cultural **repercussion**

The decision had far-reaching **repercussions** and affected many people.

munition

n. weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition

synonym : armament, weaponry, ordnance

(1) **munitions** factory, (2) military **munitions**

The soldiers had stored their **munitions** in a secure bunker.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym : comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

inflexible

adj. not able to be changed or adapted; rigid or unyielding

synonym : rigid, unyielding, unadaptable

(1) **inflexible** rule, (2) take an **inflexible** stance

His **inflexible** schedule did not allow for any changes.

prosthetic

adj. of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant

(1) have **prosthetic** arms, (2) **prosthetic** limbs

New **prosthetic** joints are less prone to metal poisoning.

indiscriminate

adj. done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless

synonym : random, haphazard, eclectic

(1) **indiscriminate** violence, (2) **indiscriminate** use of force

The **indiscriminate** spraying of pesticides is harmful to both the environment and people's health.

midair

n. some point in the air; above ground level

(1) a **midair** collision, (2) thrown out into **midair**

She flawlessly performed a **midair** somersault.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
synonym : disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet
The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

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.

landmine

n. an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle
synonym : mine, explosive device, antipersonnel mine

(1) destroy a **landmine**, (2) **landmine** removal
The antipersonnel **landmine** was a dangerous obstacle in the war-torn area.

physiotherapy

n. (also physio) a branch of healthcare that focuses on the prevention, management, and rehabilitation of disabilities, injuries, and illnesses through physical exercises, massage, and other therapeutic techniques
synonym : physical therapy, rehab, rehabilitation

(1) **physiotherapy** equipment, (2) pediatric **physiotherapy**
The **physiotherapy** sessions helped the patient recover from the injury and regain mobility.

threefold

adj. three times as great or as many
synonym : three, triple, three times

(1) rise nearly **threefold**, (2) **threefold** increase
The price of the item was reduced **threefold** after the sale.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project
He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

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.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

lifesaving

n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

(1) **lifesaving** efforts, (2) **lifesaving** device

The patient needs a **lifesaving** transplant operation.

stockpile

n. a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve

synonym: reserve, hoard, cache

(1) **stockpile** weapons, (2) nuclear **stockpile**

The farmer had a huge **stockpile** of hay for the winter.

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

casualty

n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

synonym: victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

illiterate

adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

synonym: unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

Arabic

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. em_____ss political enemy | v. | to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed |
| 2. destroy a la_____ne | n. | an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle |
| 3. em___k on a foolish adventure | v. | to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something |
| 4. ind_____ate violence | adj. | done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless |
| 5. di_____ce the explosive power | v. | to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation |
| 6. military mu_____ons | n. | weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition |
| 7. computer-ill_____te | adj. | unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing |
| 8. em_____ss my project | v. | to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed |
| 9. con_____te with a disease | v. | to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture |

ANSWERS: 1. embarrass, 2. landmine, 3. embark, 4. indiscriminate, 5. displace, 6. munition, 7. illiterate, 8. embarrass, 9. contaminate

10. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
11. em___k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
12. ind_____ate use of force *adj.* done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless
13. la_____ne removal *n.* an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle
14. take an inf_____le stance *adj.* not able to be changed or adapted; rigid or unyielding
15. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
16. con_____te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
17. military ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
18. st_____le weapons *n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve
19. lif_____ng efforts *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

ANSWERS: 10. scar, 11. embark, 12. indiscriminate, 13. landmine, 14. inflexible, 15. scar, 16. contaminate, 17. casualty, 18. stockpile, 19. lifesaving

20. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
21. de_____ed city *adj.* empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind
22. mu_____ons factory *n.* weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition
23. cultural rep_____ion *n.* an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action
24. national ob_____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
25. pro_____ic limbs *adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
26. Ar____c cuisine *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
27. re_____re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
28. thrown out into mi____r *n.* some point in the air; above ground level

ANSWERS: 20. obsession, 21. deserted, 22. munition, 23. repercussion, 24. obsession, 25. prosthetic, 26. Arabic, 27. reassure, 28. midair

29. th_____ld increase *adj.* three times as great or as many
30. phy_____apy equipment *n.* (also physio) a branch of healthcare that focuses on the prevention, management, and rehabilitation of disabilities, injuries, and illnesses through physical exercises, massage, and other therapeutic techniques
31. civilian ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
32. rise nearly th_____ld *adj.* three times as great or as many
33. re_____re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
34. nuclear st_____le *n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve
35. sc_____r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
36. inf_____le rule *adj.* not able to be changed or adapted; rigid or unyielding
37. ill_____te population *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
38. the rep_____ion of an action *n.* an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action

ANSWERS: 29. threefold, 30. physiotherapy, 31. casualty, 32. threefold, 33. reassure, 34. stockpile, 35. scatter, 36. inflexible, 37. illiterate, 38. repercussion

39. de____ed island *adj.* empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind
40. Ar____c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
41. lif_____ng device *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
42. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
43. have pro_____ic arms *adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
44. ho_____y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
45. pediatric phy_____apy *n.* (also physio) a branch of healthcare that focuses on the prevention, management, and rehabilitation of disabilities, injuries, and illnesses through physical exercises, massage, and other therapeutic techniques
46. sc_____r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
47. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
48. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

ANSWERS: 39. deserted, 40. Arabic, 41. lifesaving, 42. explode, 43. prosthetic, 44. horrify, 45. physiotherapy, 46. scatter, 47. explode, 48. displace

49. ho____y victims

v. to shock or disgust greatly

50. a mi____r collision

n. some point in the air; above ground level

ANSWERS: 49. horrify, 50. midair

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ street was quiet and eerie, with no signs of life.
adj. empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind
2. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.
n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
3. His _____ schedule did not allow for any changes.
adj. not able to be changed or adapted; rigid or unyielding
4. The antipersonnel _____ was a dangerous obstacle in the war-torn area.
n. an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle
5. The _____ spraying of pesticides is harmful to both the environment and people's health.
adj. done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless
6. Despite attending school, he remained _____ and unable to read or write.
adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
7. The pilot tried to _____ the customers that the planes were safe.
v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
8. New _____ joints are less prone to metal poisoning.
adj. of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant

ANSWERS: 1. deserted, 2. obsession, 3. inflexible, 4. landmine, 5. indiscriminate, 6. illiterate, 7. reassure, 8. prosthetic

9. The price of the item was reduced _____ after the sale.
adj. three times as great or as many
10. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
11. We _____ on a new project.
v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
12. The patient needs a _____ transplant operation.
n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
13. She flawlessly performed a _____ somersault.
n. some point in the air; above ground level
14. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.
n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
15. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.
v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
16. The farmer had a huge _____ of hay for the winter.
n. a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve

ANSWERS: 9. threefold, 10. exploded, 11. embarked, 12. lifesaving, 13. midair, 14. scar, 15. contaminate, 16. stockpile

17. The _____ sessions helped the patient recover from the injury and regain mobility.
- n.* (also physio) a branch of healthcare that focuses on the prevention, management, and rehabilitation of disabilities, injuries, and illnesses through physical exercises, massage, and other therapeutic techniques
18. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
- v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
19. I'm studying _____ calligraphy as part of my art class.
- n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
20. The decision had far-reaching _____ and affected many people.
- n.* an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action
21. The soldiers had stored their _____ in a secure bunker.
- n.* weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition
22. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.
- v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
23. The series of terrorist attacks _____ the entire nation.
- v.* to shock or disgust greatly

ANSWERS: 17. physiotherapy, 18. embarrass, 19. Arabic, 20. repercussions, 21. munitions, 22. displace, 23. horrify

24. Unfortunately, the driver was the only _____ in the car accident.

n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

25. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

ANSWERS: 24. casualty, 25. scattered