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Session 1: Word List

swamp

n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

synonym: marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym: rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

synonym: shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

metastasize

v. (of a cancerous tumor or disease) to spread or grow to other parts of the body from its original location

synonym: spread, multiply, disseminate

(1) **metastasize** to the liver, (2) **metastasize** from breast cancer

Cancer cells can **metastasize** and spread to other body parts if left untreated.

miraculous

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

synonym: amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

blip

n. a sudden and small, and typically temporary, change or deviation from a general trend

(1) temporary **blip**, (2) minor **blip**

The stock market had one bad **blip** today.

lobe

n. a rounded projection or division, especially of the brain, lung, or liver

synonym: part, section, division

(1) **lobe** of the liver, (2) frontal **lobe**

The lungs are divided into five **lobes**.

leftover

adj. not consumed or used at the end of something

synonym: extra, residual, unused

(1) **leftover** from a party, (2) **leftover** goods

The chef will make soup with the **leftover** ham bone.

quadrant

n. a quarter of a circle or sphere or any of the four parts of an area divided by two intersecting lines or planes

synonym: section, division, sector

(1) Northeast **quadrant**, (2) **quadrant** chart

The map was divided into four **quadrants** to examine the geographical region closely.

recur

v. to happen repeatedly or occur again from time to time;
to come back or return to one's mind or awareness

synonym: reappear, repeat, come back

(1) **recur** repeatedly, (2) **recur** after appropriate treatment

I always have nightmares that **recur** occasionally and prevent me from getting a good night's sleep.

insightful

adj. having or showing a deep understanding and perception
of a situation or subject

synonym: perceptive, astute, perspicacious

(1) acutely **insightful**, (2) **insightful** analysis

His **insightful** comments added a new perspective to the discussion.

horrendous

adj. causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust;
extremely unpleasant or terrifying

synonym: dreadful, terrible, horrifying

(1) **horrendous** traffic, (2) a **horrendous** crime

The **horrendous** storm caused massive flooding in the town and destroyed many houses.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. in___t a personal opinion into a debate | <i>v.</i> to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube) |
| 2. minor b__p | <i>n.</i> a sudden and small, and typically temporary, change or deviation from a general trend |
| 3. a mir_____us encounter | <i>adj.</i> very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected |
| 4. muddy sw__p | <i>n.</i> an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation |
| 5. temporary b__p | <i>n.</i> a sudden and small, and typically temporary, change or deviation from a general trend |
| 6. a hor_____us crime | <i>adj.</i> causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying |
| 7. Northeast qu_____nt | <i>n.</i> a quarter of a circle or sphere or any of the four parts of an area divided by two intersecting lines or planes |
| 8. sp__l the surprise | <i>v.</i> to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad |
| 9. ins_____ul analysis | <i>adj.</i> having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject |

ANSWERS: 1. inject, 2. blip, 3. miraculous, 4. swamp, 5. blip, 6. horrendous, 7. quadrant, 8. spoil, 9. insightful

10. re__r repeatedly *v.* to happen repeatedly or occur again from time to time; to come back or return to one's mind or awareness
11. l__e of the liver *n.* a rounded projection or division, especially of the brain, lung, or liver
12. re__r after appropriate treatment *v.* to happen repeatedly or occur again from time to time; to come back or return to one's mind or awareness
13. acutely ins_____ul *adj.* having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject
14. hor_____us traffic *adj.* causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying
15. le_____er from a party *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something
16. sw__p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
17. frontal l__e *n.* a rounded projection or division, especially of the brain, lung, or liver
18. met_____ze from breast cancer *v.* (of a cancerous tumor or disease) to spread or grow to other parts of the body from its original location
19. in___t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
20. met_____ze to the liver *v.* (of a cancerous tumor or disease) to spread or grow to other parts of the body from its original location

ANSWERS: 10. recur, 11. lobe, 12. recur, 13. insightful, 14. horrendous, 15. leftover, 16. swamp, 17. lobe, 18. metastasize, 19. inject, 20. metastasize

21. go through a mir_____us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
22. sp__l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
23. qu_____nt chart *n.* a quarter of a circle or sphere or any of the four parts of an area divided by two intersecting lines or planes
24. le_____er goods *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something

ANSWERS: 21. miraculous, 22. spoil, 23. quadrant, 24. leftover

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will _____.
v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

2. Let's try to _____ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.
v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

3. The stock market had one bad _____ today.
n. a sudden and small, and typically temporary, change or deviation from a general trend

4. The map was divided into four _____ to examine the geographical region closely.
n. a quarter of a circle or sphere or any of the four parts of an area divided by two intersecting lines or planes

5. The chef will make soup with the _____ ham bone.
adj. not consumed or used at the end of something

6. He made a _____ recovery.
adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

7. The _____ storm caused massive flooding in the town and destroyed many houses.
adj. causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying

ANSWERS: 1. spoil, 2. inject, 3. blip, 4. quadrants, 5. leftover, 6. miraculous, 7. horrendous

8. The lungs are divided into five _____.
- n.* a rounded projection or division, especially of the brain, lung, or liver
9. Cancer cells can _____ and spread to other body parts if left untreated.
- v.* (of a cancerous tumor or disease) to spread or grow to other parts of the body from its original location
10. I always have nightmares that _____ occasionally and prevent me from getting a good night's sleep.
- v.* to happen repeatedly or occur again from time to time; to come back or return to one's mind or awareness
11. The lowland _____ was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.
- n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
12. His _____ comments added a new perspective to the discussion.
- adj.* having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject

ANSWERS: 8. lobes, 9. metastasize, 10. recur, 11. swamp, 12. insightful