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Session 1: Word List

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

unprotected

adj. not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense

synonym: uncovered, defenseless, vulnerable

(1) **unprotected** area, (2) **unprotected** Wi-Fi

It's important never to have **unprotected** sex to prevent the spread of STDs.

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.

fungus

n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do

not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

synonym: mold, mildew, yeast

(1) **fungus** infection, (2) symbiotic **fungus**

Certain types of **fungus** can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

retrovirus

n. a type of RNA virus that uses the enzyme reverse transcriptase to convert its RNA into DNA, which then inserts itself into the host cell's genome, which can cause a variety of diseases in humans and animals, including HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)

(1) **retrovirus** infection, (2) feline **retrovirus**

The patient's condition improved after beginning a **retrovirus-targeted** treatment regimen.

comeback

n. a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult

synonym: return, resurgence, revival

(1) political **comeback**, (2) career **comeback**

The musician made an impressive **comeback** with their latest album.

dormant

adj. in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances

synonym: inactive, sleeping, quiescent

(1) **dormant** volcano, (2) **dormant** account

The disease can remain **dormant** for years before it presents any symptoms.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

immeasurable

adj. too great to be measured or calculated; vast or incalculable in extent or degree; impossible to quantify or express in numerical terms

synonym : boundless, limitless, endless

(1) **immeasurable** joy, (2) **immeasurable** loss

The impact of climate change on the planet is **immeasurable**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. con_____te with a disease
 2. imm_____ble joy
 3. ret_____us infection
 4. feline ret_____us
 5. do_____t account
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ANSWERS: 1. contaminate, 2. immeasurable, 3. retrovirus, 4. retrovirus, 5. dormant, 6. dormant

7. unp_____ed area *adj.* not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense
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ANSWERS: 7. unprotected, 8. comeback, 9. immeasurable, 10. comeback, 11. infect, 12. sub-Saharan, 13. fungus, 14. fungus, 15. infect

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 8. comeback, 9. contaminate