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Session 1: Word List

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym : masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

aromatic

adj. having a strong, sweet smell; fragrant

synonym : fragrant, perfumed, redolent

(1) **aromatic** soap, (2) **aromatic** spices

The **aromatic** herbs and spices in the dish made my mouth water.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

scourge

n. a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely

synonym : plague, disaster, curse

(1) **scourge** of AIDS, (2) bring a **scourge** under control

The plague was a **scourge** that killed millions of people.

halitosis

n. a condition characterized by chronic bad breath, typically caused by poor oral hygiene, dental diseases, or other underlying medical conditions affecting the mouth or respiratory system

synonym : bad breath, fetor, oral odor

(1) persistent **halitosis**, (2) chronic **halitosis**

The dentist recommended a specific **halitosis** treatment to address my persistent bad breath.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

feces

n. waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement

synonym : poop, stool, excrement

(1) **feces** sample, (2) human **feces**

Proper disposal of **feces** is essential for maintaining public health and sanitation.

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**.

microorganism

n. a very small living thing that may exist in its single-celled form or as a colony of cells and is too small to be seen without a microscope

synonym : germ, microbe, bacterium

(1) pathogenic **microorganism**, (2) **microorganisms** in his gut

This **microorganism** is a producer of respiratory disease.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym : nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

digestion

n. the process of breaking down food in the body into smaller, more usable components, typically involving enzymes and other bodily processes; the process of assimilating, understanding, or absorbing information or ideas

synonym : absorption, assimilation, metabolism

(1) poor **digestion**, (2) impaired **digestion**

Overeating can lead to discomfort and slower **digestion**.

mucus

n. a slimy liquid produced inside the nose and other body parts for lubrication, protection, etc.

synonym : secretion, slime, saliva

(1) airway **mucus**, (2) nasal **mucus**

When the body temperature drops, **mucus** secretion fails.

remnant

n. a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something

synonym : remainder, leftover, residue

(1) **remnant** of the past, (2) **remnants** of fabric

The only **remnant** left of the ancient civilization was the crumbling ruins of their temples.

byproduct

n. a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else

synonym : side effect, spinoff, outgrowth

(1) toxic **byproducts**, (2) **byproduct** of technology

The **byproduct** of the energy production process is a large amount of carbon dioxide emissions.

cadaverine

n. a foul-smelling organic compound with the chemical formula $C_5H_{14}N_2$, pentamethylenediamine, generated by the breakdown of proteins during the decay of animal or human corpses and is responsible for the characteristic odor of rotting flesh

synonym :

putrescine, corpse diamine

(1) **cadaverine** levels in human tissues, (2) synthetic **cadaverine**

The smell of **cadaverine** emanating from the abandoned house raised suspicions of illegal activities.

waft

v. to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently; (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it
synonym: float, drift, glide

(1) **waft** in the breeze, (2) **waft** of steam

The smell of freshly baked bread began to **waft** through the house.

unsuspecting

adj. unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
synonym: unaware, unassuming, gullible

(1) **unsuspecting** boys and girls, (2) **unsuspecting** victim

The thief stole the wallet from the **unsuspecting** tourist.

primal

adj. of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

synonym: original, fundamental, basic

(1) **primal** eras, (2) **primal** fear

The **primal** instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.

floss

n. a thin thread or cord used to clean the spaces between the teeth

synonym: thread, yarn, string

(1) candy **floss**, (2) dental **floss**

Be sure to use a clean section of **floss** for each tooth to avoid spreading bacteria.

bedtime

n. the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to

promote relaxation or sleepiness

synonym : sleep time, night-time

(1) **bedtime** meditation, (2) regular **bedtime**

Reading **bedtime** stories can help children relax and fall asleep faster.

scrape

v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

synonym : scratch, graze, rub

(1) **scrape** meat off a bone, (2) **scrape** a hole in the ground
He **scraped** the mud off his boots before entering the house.

ailment

n. a slight but often persistent illness

synonym : illness, disorder, infection

(1) heart **ailment**, (2) age-related **ailment**

He got timely treatment for his physical **ailment** of severe back pain.

controllable

adj. able to be controlled or directed

synonym : manageable, governable, submissive

(1) computer- **controllable**, (2) **controllable** aircraft

The new software is much more **controllable** and user-friendly.

recognizable

adj. easy to become aware of or identify

synonym : noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark

His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and

a strong work ethic.

acclimatize

v. to become accustomed or adjusted to a new environment or situation, particularly a more extreme or challenging one

synonym : adapt, adjust, fit

(1) **acclimatize** to cold weather, (2) **acclimatize** recruits
I need to **acclimatize** myself to the high altitude before going for a trek in the mountains.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ter_____ng experience | <i>adj.</i> very frightening or intimidating |
| 2. acc_____ze to cold weather | <i>v.</i> to become accustomed or adjusted to a new environment or situation, particularly a more extreme or challenging one |
| 3. toxic by_____cts | <i>n.</i> a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else |
| 4. heart ai_____t | <i>n.</i> a slight but often persistent illness |
| 5. rec_____ble landmark | <i>adj.</i> easy to become aware of or identify |
| 6. dental fl__s | <i>n.</i> a thin thread or cord used to clean the spaces between the teeth |
| 7. nasal mu__s | <i>n.</i> a slimy liquid produced inside the nose and other body parts for lubrication, protection, etc. |
| 8. uns_____ing boys and girls | <i>adj.</i> unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious |
| 9. c__w a stick of gum | <i>v.</i> to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it |
| 10. synthetic cad_____ne | <i>n.</i> a foul-smelling organic compound with the chemical formula C ₅ H ₁₄ N ₂ , pentamethylenediamine, generated by the breakdown of proteins during the decay of animal or human corpses and is responsible for the characteristic odor of rotting flesh |

ANSWERS: 1. terrifying, 2. acclimatize, 3. byproduct, 4. ailment, 5. recognizable, 6. floss, 7. mucus, 8. unsuspecting, 9. chew, 10. cadaverine

21. w__t of steam
22. pathogenic mic_____ism
23. bring a sc_____e under control
24. uns_____ing victim
25. mic_____isms in his gut
26. sc_____e of AIDS
27. sc___e meat off a bone
28. ar____ic spices
29. to a rec_____ble degree
30. poor di_____on
- v.* to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently; (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it
- n.* a very small living thing that may exist in its single-celled form or as a colony of cells and is too small to be seen without a microscope
- n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
- adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
- n.* a very small living thing that may exist in its single-celled form or as a colony of cells and is too small to be seen without a microscope
- n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
- v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
- adj.* having a strong, sweet smell; fragrant
- adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
- n.* the process of breaking down food in the body into smaller, more usable components, typically involving enzymes and other bodily processes; the process of assimilating, understanding, or absorbing information or ideas

ANSWERS: 21. waft, 22. microorganism, 23. scourge, 24. unsuspecting, 25. microorganism, 26. scourge, 27. scrape, 28. aromatic, 29. recognizable, 30. digestion

31. human fe__s *n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
32. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
33. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
34. fe__s sample *n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
35. re____t of the past *n.* a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something
36. w__t in the breeze *v.* to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently; (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it
37. persistent ha____is *n.* a condition characterized by chronic bad breath, typically caused by poor oral hygiene, dental diseases, or other underlying medical conditions affecting the mouth or respiratory system
38. ter____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
39. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
40. candy fl__s *n.* a thin thread or cord used to clean the spaces between the teeth
41. computer-con____ble *adj.* able to be controlled or directed

ANSWERS: 31. feces, 32. Jewish, 33. rot, 34. feces, 35. remnant, 36. waft, 37. halitosis, 38. terrifying, 39. Jewish, 40. floss, 41. controllable

42. impaired di_____on *n.* the process of breaking down food in the body into smaller, more usable components, typically involving enzymes and other bodily processes; the process of assimilating, understanding, or absorbing information or ideas
43. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
44. acc_____ze recruits *v.* to become accustomed or adjusted to a new environment or situation, particularly a more extreme or challenging one
45. airway mu__s *n.* a slimy liquid produced inside the nose and other body parts for lubrication, protection, etc.
46. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
47. pr___l fear *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
48. cad_____ne levels in human tissues *n.* a foul-smelling organic compound with the chemical formula $C_5H_{14}N_2$, pentamethylenediamine, generated by the breakdown of proteins during the decay of animal or human corpses and is responsible for the characteristic odor of rotting flesh
49. age-related ai_____t *n.* a slight but often persistent illness

ANSWERS: 42. digestion, 43. disgust, 44. acclimatize, 45. mucus, 46. determinant, 47. primal, 48. cadaverine, 49. ailment

50. ar____ic soap

adj. having a strong, sweet smell; fragrant

51. re____ts of fabric

n. a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something

52. chronic ha____is

n. a condition characterized by chronic bad breath, typically caused by poor oral hygiene, dental diseases, or other underlying medical conditions affecting the mouth or respiratory system

ANSWERS: 50. aromatic, 51. remnant, 52. halitosis

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
adj. very frightening or intimidating

2. The smell of _____ emanating from the abandoned house raised suspicions of illegal activities.
n. a foul-smelling organic compound with the chemical formula C₅H₁₄N₂, pentamethylenediamine, generated by the breakdown of proteins during the decay of animal or human corpses and is responsible for the characteristic odor of rotting flesh

3. The plague was a _____ that killed millions of people.
n. a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely

4. Overeating can lead to discomfort and slower _____.
n. the process of breaking down food in the body into smaller, more usable components, typically involving enzymes and other bodily processes; the process of assimilating, understanding, or absorbing information or ideas

5. I need to _____ myself to the high altitude before going for a trek in the mountains.
v. to become accustomed or adjusted to a new environment or situation, particularly a more extreme or challenging one

6. My dog loves to _____ on bones.
v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

7. The thief stole the wallet from the _____ tourist.
adj. unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious

ANSWERS: 1. terrifying, 2. cadaverine, 3. scourge, 4. digestion, 5. acclimatize, 6. chew, 7. unsuspecting

8. Be sure to use a clean section of _____ for each tooth to avoid spreading bacteria.
n. a thin thread or cord used to clean the spaces between the teeth
9. His car was easily _____ in the parking lot.
adj. easy to become aware of or identify
10. The new software is much more _____ and user-friendly.
adj. able to be controlled or directed
11. The dentist recommended a specific _____ treatment to address my persistent bad breath.
n. a condition characterized by chronic bad breath, typically caused by poor oral hygiene, dental diseases, or other underlying medical conditions affecting the mouth or respiratory system
12. The smell of freshly baked bread began to _____ through the house.
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13. When the body temperature drops, _____ secretion fails.
n. a slimy liquid produced inside the nose and other body parts for lubrication, protection, etc.
14. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.
v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
15. The _____ of the energy production process is a large amount of carbon dioxide emissions.
n. a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else

ANSWERS: 8. floss, 9. recognizable, 10. controllable, 11. halitosis, 12. waft, 13. mucus, 14. rot, 15. byproduct

16. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
17. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
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19. This _____ is a producer of respiratory disease.
n. a very small living thing that may exist in its single-celled form or as a colony of cells and is too small to be seen without a microscope
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22. He got timely treatment for his physical _____ of severe back pain.
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ANSWERS: 16. Jewish, 17. determinant, 18. scraped, 19. microorganism, 20. feces, 21. disgust, 22. ailment, 23. remnant

24. The _____ herbs and spices in the dish made my mouth water.

adj. having a strong, sweet smell; fragrant

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adj. of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

26. Reading _____ stories can help children relax and fall asleep faster.

n. the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness

ANSWERS: 24. aromatic, 25. primal, 26. bedtime