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Session 1: Word List

uterus

n. a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth

synonym : womb

(1) **uterus** cancer, (2) bleeding from **uterus**

The physician prescribed medication to relieve the contraction of the **uterus**.

fallopian

n. one of a pair of tubes that connect the ovaries to the uterus in female reproductive systems, through which eggs travel from the ovaries to the uterus

synonym : uterine, oviductal, tubal

(1) ruptured **fallopian** tube, (2) **fallopian** cancer

Tubal ligation is a permanent birth control method that involves blocking or cutting the **fallopian** tubes.

ovulation

n. the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which an ovary releases an egg

synonym : egg-releasing, ovary-releasing, ovum-releasing

(1) **ovulation** cycle, (2) inhibit **ovulation**

The woman tracked her **ovulation** using a fertility app on her smartphone.

fertilize

v. to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

synonym : pollinate, inseminate, enrich

(1) **fertilize** the soil, (2) **fertilize** the female egg

The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to **fertilize** a wife.

contraceptive

adj. relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception

synonym : preventive, prophylactic, antifertility

(1) **contraceptive** measures, (2) hormonal **contraceptive**

The **contraceptive** patch offers a convenient and effective method of birth control.

condom

n. a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

synonym : prophylactic, rubber, sheath

(1) **condom** brand, (2) safe **condom** use

Using a **condom** during sexual activity is one of the most effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.

diaphragm

n. a large, dome-shaped muscle located at the bottom of the chest cavity, essential for breathing and separating the chest and abdomen; a shallow, dome-shaped device with a flexible rim that is inserted into the vagina to cover the cervix and prevent sperm from reaching the uterus, serving as a method of birth control

synonym : midriff, pessary, shield

(1) **diaphragm** birth control, (2) **diaphragm** activity

Individuals with a weak **diaphragm** may experience difficulty breathing during physical activity.

sponge

n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

(1) sea **sponge**, (2) metallic **sponge**

The tiny marine **sponge** has existed for more than 500 million years.

barricade

n. a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack

synonym: barrier, obstacle, blockade

(1) **barricade** fencing, (2) police **barricade**

The protestors built a **barricade** to prevent police from entering the area.

immobilize

v. to render someone or something unable to move or function normally; to restrain, inhibit, or stop

synonym: incapacitate, paralyze, disable

(1) **immobilize** the city, (2) **immobilize** our opponent

The paramedics had to **immobilize** the accident victim to prevent further injury during transport to the hospital.

suppository

n. a small, often cone-shaped, medicated or lubricating object designed to be inserted into the rectum or vagina to treat a medical condition or provide relief

synonym: supplication, pessary, pellet

(1) **suppository** medication, (2) **suppository** for constipation

The doctor prescribed a rectal **suppository** to alleviate the patient's constipation.

translucent

adj. allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent

synonym: semi-transparent, see-through

(1) **translucent** glass, (2) **translucent** skin

The sunlight shone through the **translucent** curtains, casting a warm glow in the room.

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym : disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

ovary

n. either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower

(1) **ovary** atrophy, (2) salted **ovary** of walleye pollack

They found **ovary** cancer in an early stage.

progesterone

n. a hormone mainly produced in the ovaries of females that helps regulate the menstrual cycle and plays a crucial role in pregnancy

synonym : progestin, gestagen, luteal hormone

(1) **progesterone** receptor, (2) synthetic **progesterone**

During pregnancy, **progesterone** levels rise to support the growth of the fetus.

sequester

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

synonym : isolate, set apart, segregate

(1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions,

(2) **sequester** myself from the world

He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ba_____de fencing *n.* a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack
2. imm_____ze our opponent *v.* to render someone or something unable to move or function normally; to restrain, inhibit, or stop
3. con_____ive measures *adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception
4. hormonal con_____ive *adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception
5. ut____s cancer *n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth
6. sup_____ry medication *n.* a small, often cone-shaped, medicated or lubricating object designed to be inserted into the rectum or vagina to treat a medical condition or provide relief
7. se_____er myself from the world *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
8. se_____er ten percent of the annual carbon emissions *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
9. di_____ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

ANSWERS: 1. barricade, 2. immobilize, 3. contraceptive, 4. contraceptive, 5. uterus, 6. suppository, 7. sequester, 8. sequester, 9. dissolve

10. di_____gm birth control *n.* a large, dome-shaped muscle located at the bottom of the chest cavity, essential for breathing and separating the chest and abdomen; a shallow, dome-shaped device with a flexible rim that is inserted into the vagina to cover the cervix and prevent sperm from reaching the uterus, serving as a method of birth control
11. ruptured fa_____an tube *n.* one of a pair of tubes that connect the ovaries to the uterus in female reproductive systems, through which eggs travel from the ovaries to the uterus
12. synthetic pro_____one *n.* a hormone mainly produced in the ovaries of females that helps regulate the menstrual cycle and plays a crucial role in pregnancy
13. pro_____one receptor *n.* a hormone mainly produced in the ovaries of females that helps regulate the menstrual cycle and plays a crucial role in pregnancy
14. bleeding from ut___s *n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth
15. di_____gm activity *n.* a large, dome-shaped muscle located at the bottom of the chest cavity, essential for breathing and separating the chest and abdomen; a shallow, dome-shaped device with a flexible rim that is inserted into the vagina to cover the cervix and prevent sperm from reaching the uterus, serving as a method of birth control

ANSWERS: 10. diaphragm, 11. fallopian, 12. progesterone, 13. progesterone, 14. uterus, 15. diaphragm

16. fe_____ze the female egg *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
17. officially di_____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
18. co____m brand *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
19. fa_____an cancer *n.* one of a pair of tubes that connect the ovaries to the uterus in female reproductive systems, through which eggs travel from the ovaries to the uterus
20. police ba_____de *n.* a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack
21. fe_____ze the soil *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
22. safe co____m use *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

ANSWERS: 16. fertilize, 17. dissolve, 18. condom, 19. fallopian, 20. barricade, 21. fertilize, 22. condom

23. tra_____nt glass *adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
24. tra_____nt skin *adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
25. metallic sp___e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
26. nasal mu__s *n.* a slimy liquid produced inside the nose and other body parts for lubrication, protection, etc.
27. salted ov__y of walleye pollack *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
28. ov__y atrophy *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
29. ov_____on cycle *n.* the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which an ovary releases an egg
30. sea sp___e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

ANSWERS: 23. translucent, 24. translucent, 25. sponge, 26. mucus, 27. ovary, 28. ovary, 29. ovulation, 30. sponge

31. inhibit ov_____on *n.* the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which an ovary releases an egg
32. imm_____ze the city *v.* to render someone or something unable to move or function normally; to restrain, inhibit, or stop
33. sup_____ry for constipation *n.* a small, often cone-shaped, medicated or lubricating object designed to be inserted into the rectum or vagina to treat a medical condition or provide relief
34. airway mu__s *n.* a slimy liquid produced inside the nose and other body parts for lubrication, protection, etc.

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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6. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.
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7. The physician prescribed medication to relieve the contraction of the _____.
- n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth
8. Tubal ligation is a permanent birth control method that involves blocking or cutting the _____ tubes.
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ANSWERS: 7. uterus, 8. fallopian, 9. condom, 10. fertilize, 11. ovulation, 12. mucus, 13. progesterone

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