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Session 1: Word List

- nap** *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
synonym : rest, doze, drowse
(1) take a **nap**, (2) daytime **nap**
She woke the kids up from their **nap**.
- dugout** *n.* a partially enclosed area or shelter often dug into the ground or located at ground level behind the benches, used for players or coaches in sports such as baseball, cricket, or field hockey
synonym : bench, shelter, dugout seat
(1) baseball **dugout**, (2) construction **dugout**
The baseball players retreated to the **dugout** after the inning was over.
- vulva** *n.* the outside parts of the female sex organs
synonym : genitals, sex organs, reproductive organs
(1) **vulva** cancer, (2) inflammation of the **vulva**
The surgeon decided to remove part of the **vulva** to remedy the patient's skin disease.
- 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.

pubic

adj. relating to or situated in the region of the pubes, the lower part of the human abdomen where the genitalia and certain other structures are located

synonym : inguinal, crural

(1) **pubic** osteitis, (2) **pubic** bone

The **pubic** hair is a secondary sex characteristic that typically appears during puberty.

heterosexual

adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

synonym : straight, conventional

(1) **heterosexual** relationship, (2) **heterosexual** marriage

He identified as **heterosexual** and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

promenade

n. a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

synonym : stroll, walkway, boulevard

(1) evening **promenade**, (2) **promenade** in the park

The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful **promenade** for tourists and locals alike.

batter

v. to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

synonym : beat, pound, strike

(1) **batter** the eggs, (2) the **batter's** box

He got so angry that he **battered** the door down.

mushroom

n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

synonym : fungus, toadstool

(1) **mushroom** spores, (2) **mushroom** cultivation

The **mushroom** risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

adventurous

adj. willing to take risks and try new or difficult things

synonym : daring, risk-taking, bold

(1) lead an **adventurous** life, (2) **adventurous** pioneers

He has an **adventurous** spirit and is unafraid of risks.

unhealthy

adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

synonym : unwholesome, detrimental, insalubrious

(1) **unhealthy** diet, (2) **unhealthy** habit

Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered **unhealthy**.

exclamation

n. a sudden outcry or shout, especially one expressing strong emotion

synonym : outcry, shout, yell

(1) an **exclamation** of surprise, (2) **exclamation** mark

Her sudden **exclamation** drew everyone's attention.

Session 2: Spelling

1. het_____ual marriage *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
2. het_____ual relationship *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
3. baseball du____t *n.* a partially enclosed area or shelter often dug into the ground or located at ground level behind the benches, used for players or coaches in sports such as baseball, cricket, or field hockey
4. daytime n_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
5. an exc_____on of surprise *n.* a sudden outcry or shout, especially one expressing strong emotion
6. vu__a cancer *n.* the outside parts of the female sex organs
7. mu_____om cultivation *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
8. mu_____om spores *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
9. construction du____t *n.* a partially enclosed area or shelter often dug into the ground or located at ground level behind the benches, used for players or coaches in sports such as baseball, cricket, or field hockey
10. pu__c osteitis *adj.* relating to or situated in the region of the pubes, the lower part of the human abdomen where the genitalia and certain other structures are located

ANSWERS: 1. heterosexual, 2. heterosexual, 3. dugout, 4. nap, 5. exclamation, 6. vulva, 7. mushroom, 8. mushroom, 9. dugout, 10. pubic

11. inflammation of the vu__a *n.* the outside parts of the female sex organs
12. 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
13. adv_____us pioneers *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
14. 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
15. pr_____de in the park *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
16. un_____hy habit *adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
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ANSWERS: 11. vulva, 12. condom, 13. adventurous, 14. condom, 15. promenade, 16. unhealthy, 17. exclamation, 18. pubic, 19. promenade

20. ba___r the eggs *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
21. lead an adv _____us life *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
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23. take a n_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
24. un_____hy diet *adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

ANSWERS: 20. batter, 21. adventurous, 22. batter, 23. nap, 24. unhealthy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 8. unhealthy, 9. exclamation, 10. pubic, 11. nap, 12. condom