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Session 1: Word List

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

cholera

n. a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes

synonym: infectious disease, epidemic, plague

(1) **cholera** toxin, (2) **cholera** epidemic

The outbreak of **cholera** was a major health crisis in the 19th century.

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym: foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

wail

v. to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger

synonym : moan, keen, lament

(1) **wail** in sorrow, (2) **wail** in pain

The baby **wailed** loudly, signaling its hunger.

overvalue

v. to value or estimate something too high; to assign too much worth or importance to something; to assess or appraise something beyond its actual market or intrinsic value

synonym : overestimate, inflate, exaggerate

(1) **overvalue** stocks, (2) **overvalue** assets

It is important not to **overvalue** material possessions, as they do not bring true happiness.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym : misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

typhus

n. an infectious disease caused by the bacterium *Rickettsia*, transmitted by fleas or lice, and marked by high fever, headache, rash, and often delirium or stupor

synonym : plague, fever, infection

(1) abdominal **typhus**, (2) **typhus** epidemic

The **typhus** outbreak in the refugee camp was a major concern for health officials.

leprosy

n. a chronic infectious disease that affects the skin, nerves, and mucous membranes and is caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium leprae*, characterized by disfiguring skin lesions, nerve damage, and the loss of sensation in affected areas

synonym : Hansen's disease

(1) **leprosy** treatment, (2) the spread of **leprosy**

The World Health Organization is working to eradicate **leprosy** from all parts of the world.

moat

n. a deep, wide ditch, typically filled with water, surrounding a castle, fort, or town, primarily as a defense

synonym : ditch, trench, channel

(1) the **moat** around the castle, (2) fill in a **moat**

The castle had a deep **moat** around it to protect it from attackers.

dungeon

n. a room or cell in which prisoners are held, especially underground

synonym : prison, cell, lockup

(1) medieval **dungeon**, (2) a murky **dungeon**

The prisoner has been languishing for years in the castle **dungeon**.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

contagious

adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

synonym : infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus

The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

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.

remodel

v. to change the structure or form of something

synonym : refurbish, remake, revamp

(1) **remodel** the car, (2) **remodel** portfolio

We are **remodeling** these rooms now.

reframe

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

synonym : redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem

The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

prominence

n. the state of being important, easily seen, or well known

synonym : notability, eminence, distinction

(1) earn **prominence**, (2) **prominence** in society

He achieved **prominence** in the field of medicine with his groundbreaking research.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ch____a epidemic *n.* a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes
2. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
3. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
4. w__l in pain *v.* to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger
5. in___t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
6. earn pro_____ce *n.* the state of being important, easily seen, or well known
7. a murky du_____n *n.* a room or cell in which prisoners are held, especially underground
8. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
9. ov_____ue assets *v.* to value or estimate something too high; to assign too much worth or importance to something; to assess or appraise something beyond its actual market or intrinsic value
10. ty___s epidemic *n.* an infectious disease caused by the bacterium *Rickettsia*, transmitted by fleas or lice, and marked by high fever, headache, rash, and often delirium or stupor

ANSWERS: 1. cholera, 2. opportune, 3. industrious, 4. wail, 5. infect, 6. prominence, 7. dungeon, 8. misunderstand, 9. overvalue, 10. typhus

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| 11. w__l in sorrow | <i>v.</i> | to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger |
| 12. the branch of neu_____nce | <i>n.</i> | the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system |
| 13. mis_____and entirely about her | <i>v.</i> | to interpret or understand something in the wrong way |
| 14. the m__t around the castle | <i>n.</i> | a deep, wide ditch, typically filled with water, surrounding a castle, fort, or town, primarily as a defense |
| 15. con_____us enthusiasm | <i>adj.</i> | able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease |
| 16. medieval du_____n | <i>n.</i> | a room or cell in which prisoners are held, especially underground |
| 17. pro_____ce in society | <i>n.</i> | the state of being important, easily seen, or well known |
| 18. in___t a computer with a virus | <i>v.</i> | to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism |
| 19. re_____e resource allocation | <i>v.</i> | to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way |
| 20. gr__t an idea | <i>v.</i> | to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone |
| 21. co___r honor | <i>v.</i> | to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something |
| 22. abdominal ty___s | <i>n.</i> | an infectious disease caused by the bacterium <i>Rickettsia</i> , transmitted by fleas or lice, and marked by high fever, headache, rash, and often delirium or stupor |

ANSWERS: 11. wail, 12. neuroscience, 13. misunderstand, 14. moat, 15. contagious, 16. dungeon, 17. prominence, 18. infect, 19. reframe, 20. greet, 21. confer, 22. typhus

23. le____y treatment *n.* a chronic infectious disease that affects the skin, nerves, and mucous membranes and is caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium leprae*, characterized by disfiguring skin lesions, nerve damage, and the loss of sensation in affected areas
24. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
25. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
26. re_____l portfolio *v.* to change the structure or form of something
27. re_____l the car *v.* to change the structure or form of something
28. re_____e problem *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
29. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
30. fill in a m__t *n.* a deep, wide ditch, typically filled with water, surrounding a castle, fort, or town, primarily as a defense
31. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
32. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
33. the spread of le____y *n.* a chronic infectious disease that affects the skin, nerves, and mucous membranes and is caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium leprae*, characterized by disfiguring skin lesions, nerve damage, and the loss of sensation in affected areas

ANSWERS: 23. leprosy, 24. medicinal, 25. rethink, 26. remodel, 27. remodel, 28. reframe, 29. opportune, 30. moat, 31. medicinal, 32. greet, 33. leprosy

34. con_____us virus *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
35. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
36. ov_____a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
37. ch_____a toxin *n.* a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes
38. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
39. ov_____ue stocks *v.* to value or estimate something too high; to assign too much worth or importance to something; to assess or appraise something beyond its actual market or intrinsic value
40. for ov_____a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
41. a theoretical concept in neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
42. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 34. contagious, 35. confer, 36. oversea, 37. cholera, 38. rethink, 39. overvalue, 40. oversea, 41. neuroscience, 42. industrious

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
 - v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

2. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.
 - v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

3. The outbreak of _____ was a major health crisis in the 19th century.
 - n. a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes

4. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
 - v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

5. The therapist tried to _____ his negative thoughts.
 - v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

6. The castle had a deep _____ around it to protect it from attackers.
 - n. a deep, wide ditch, typically filled with water, surrounding a castle, fort, or town, primarily as a defense

7. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
 - adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 1. confer, 2. greeted, 3. cholera, 4. rethink, 5. reframe, 6. moat, 7. medicinal

8. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral _____.
- n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
9. The prisoner has been languishing for years in the castle _____.
- n.* a room or cell in which prisoners are held, especially underground
10. We are _____ these rooms now.
- v.* to change the structure or form of something
11. The baby _____ loudly, signaling its hunger.
- v.* to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger
12. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.
- v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
13. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
- v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
14. The disease is highly _____ and spreads quickly.
- adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
15. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
16. The _____ outbreak in the refugee camp was a major concern for health officials.
- n.* an infectious disease caused by the bacterium *Rickettsia*, transmitted by fleas or lice, and marked by high fever, headache, rash, and often delirium or stupor

ANSWERS: 8. neuroscience, 9. dungeon, 10. remodeling, 11. wailed, 12. infect, 13. misunderstand, 14. contagious, 15. industrious, 16. typhus

17. He achieved _____ in the field of medicine with his groundbreaking research.

n. the state of being important, easily seen, or well known

18. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

19. The World Health Organization is working to eradicate _____ from all parts of the world.

n. a chronic infectious disease that affects the skin, nerves, and mucous membranes and is caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium leprae*, characterized by disfiguring skin lesions, nerve damage, and the loss of sensation in affected areas

20. It is important not to _____ material possessions, as they do not bring true happiness.

v. to value or estimate something too high; to assign too much worth or importance to something; to assess or appraise something beyond its actual market or intrinsic value

21. The company enhanced _____ operations to tap into new markets.

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

ANSWERS: 17. prominence, 18. opportune, 19. leprosy, 20. overvalue, 21. oversea