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Session 1: Word List

indescribable

adj. not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language

synonym : uncommunicable, indefinable, unutterable

(1) **indescribable** horror, (2) **indescribable** experience

The beauty of the sunset was **indescribable**, leaving me in awe of its splendor.

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.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym : literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

veto

n. the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president

synonym : rejection, disapproval, interdict

(1) **veto** power, (2) legislative **veto**

The president's **veto** prevented the bill from becoming law.

bud

n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

synonym : shoot, sprout, germ

(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting

The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

lustrous

adj. having a shiny or radiant quality; reflecting light brilliantly; having a smooth, glossy, and attractive appearance

synonym : shiny, gleaming, radiant

(1) **lustrous** hair, (2) **lustrous** pearls

Her hair had a **lustrous** shine after using the new shampoo.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym : blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act

or believe that something is true

synonym : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

cologne

n. a perfumed liquid typically made from essential oils and alcohol and used to give a pleasant scent to the body or living space

synonym : perfume, scent, fragrance

(1) **cologne** smell, (2) **cologne** bottle

He brought back a bottle of **cologne** from France as a souvenir.

pheromone

n. a chemical substance produced by an animal that is secreted into the environment and that affects the behavior or physiology of others of its species

synonym : scent, odor, aroma

(1) **pheromone** trail, (2) sexual **pheromone**

The perfume industry often uses synthetic **pheromones** to enhance their products' appeal.

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.

saliva

n. the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion

synonym : spit, drool, slobber

(1) dog's **saliva**, (2) dry mouth with little **saliva**

The dentist asked him to spit out the excess **saliva** into the sink.

nudge

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

synonym: bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**

The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

attune

v. to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment

synonym: align, harmonize, acclimate

(1) **attune** to nature, (2) **attune** myself to the rhythm

It is important to **attune** yourself to your customers' needs to provide the best service possible.

correlate

v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

synonym: associate, liken, connect

(1) **correlate** closely with the quality, (2) **correlate** to the size

We may frequently **correlate** age with the frequency of disease.

stoic

adj. calm and unemotional, especially in difficult situations; (noun) a member of the ancient Greek school of philosophy founded by Zeno

synonym: unflappable, resigned, unemotional

(1) **stoic** courage, (2) do **stoic** strength training

He was known for his **stoic** demeanor, never showing emotion or weakness.

affectionate

adj. showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in gestures, words, or actions toward others

synonym: loving, tender, fond

(1) **affectionate** relationship, (2) **affectionate** kiss

The elderly couple always stayed **affectionate** towards each other throughout their marriage.

tactile

adj. relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch

synonym: touchable, tangible, palpable

(1) **tactile** stimulation, (2) **tactile** feedback

The **tactile** sensation of the fabric was soft and smooth to the touch.

bloodstream

n. the blood flowing through the body

(1) **bloodstream** in an artery, (2) **bloodstream** to the brain

Cancer cells are often carried throughout the body by the **bloodstream**.

norepinephrine

n. (also noradrenaline) a hormone that is released by the sympathetic nervous system in response to stress and that increases heart rate and blood pressure

synonym: noradrenaline

(1) **norepinephrine** receptor, (2) enhance **norepinephrine** release

Some medications used to treat depression work by increasing the levels of **norepinephrine** in the brain.

dilate

v. to make something wider, larger, or more open

synonym: widen, open, enlarge

(1) **dilate** the bronchial tubes, (2) **dilate** blood vessel

The pupils of the eyes **dilate** in low light.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

warp

v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

synonym : twist, distort, deform

(1) **warp** under pressure, (2) become **warped**

The ship's hull was **warped** from years of use in rough seas.

matchmake

v. to arrange or facilitate a romantic relationship or marriage between two people; to act as a matchmaker

synonym : arrange marriages, pair up, introduce people

(1) **matchmake** a couple, (2) **matchmake** people based on their interests

She tried to **matchmake** her two friends on a blind date, but it was a disaster.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ind_____ble horror
adj. not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language
2. pinch off a b_d
n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
3. po___c genius
adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
4. burn s__r
n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
5. dog's sa___a
n. the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion
6. at___e myself to the rhythm
v. to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
7. aff_____ate relationship
adj. showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in gestures, words, or actions toward others
8. in_____ct for self-preservation
n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 1. indescribable, 2. bud, 3. poetic, 4. scar, 5. saliva, 6. attune, 7. affectionate, 8. instinct

9. v__o power *n.* the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president
10. blo_____am in an artery *n.* the blood flowing through the body
11. ma_____ke a couple *v.* to arrange or facilitate a romantic relationship or marriage between two people; to act as a matchmaker
12. 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
13. st__c courage *adj.* calm and unemotional, especially in difficult situations; (noun) a member of the ancient Greek school of philosophy founded by Zeno
14. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
15. ind_____ble experience *adj.* not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language
16. co_____e bottle *n.* a perfumed liquid typically made from essential oils and alcohol and used to give a pleasant scent to the body or living space

ANSWERS: 9. veto, 10. bloodstream, 11. matchmake, 12. determinant, 13. stoic, 14. instinct, 15. indescribable, 16. cologne

17. ov_____on cycle *n.* the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which an ovary releases an egg
18. co_____te closely with the quality *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
19. legislative v__o *n.* the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president
20. w__p under pressure *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
21. lu_____us hair *adj.* having a shiny or radiant quality; reflecting light brilliantly; having a smooth, glossy, and attractive appearance
22. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
23. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
24. nu__e price levels up *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

ANSWERS: 17. ovulation, 18. correlate, 19. veto, 20. warp, 21. lustrous, 22. distract, 23. doe, 24. nudge

25. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
26. sexual ph_____ne *n.* a chemical substance produced by an animal that is secreted into the environment and that affects the behavior or physiology of others of its species
27. become w__ped *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
28. ta_____e stimulation *adj.* relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch
29. co_____te to the size *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
30. po___c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
31. di___e the bronchial tubes *v.* to make something wider, larger, or more open
32. ph_____ne trail *n.* a chemical substance produced by an animal that is secreted into the environment and that affects the behavior or physiology of others of its species
33. give a person a nu___e *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

ANSWERS: 25. scar, 26. pheromone, 27. warp, 28. tactile, 29. correlate, 30. poetic, 31. dilate, 32. pheromone, 33. nudge

34. lu____us pearls *adj.* having a shiny or radiant quality; reflecting light brilliantly; having a smooth, glossy, and attractive appearance
35. ta____e feedback *adj.* relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch
36. b_d grafting *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
37. di____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
38. aff____ate kiss *adj.* showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in gestures, words, or actions toward others
39. co____e smell *n.* a perfumed liquid typically made from essential oils and alcohol and used to give a pleasant scent to the body or living space
40. environmental det____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
41. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
42. ma____ke people based on their interests *v.* to arrange or facilitate a romantic relationship or marriage between two people; to act as a matchmaker

ANSWERS: 34. lustrous, 35. tactile, 36. bud, 37. distract, 38. affectionate, 39. cologne, 40. determinant, 41. doe, 42. matchmaker

43. blo_____am to the brain *n.* the blood flowing through the body
44. dry mouth with little sa___a *n.* the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion
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46. do st__c strength training *adj.* calm and unemotional, especially in difficult situations; (noun) a member of the ancient Greek school of philosophy founded by Zeno
47. di___e blood vessel *v.* to make something wider, larger, or more open
48. at___e to nature *v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
49. nor_____ine receptor *n.* (also noradrenaline) a hormone that is released by the sympathetic nervous system in response to stress and that increases heart rate and blood pressure
50. enhance nor_____ine release *n.* (also noradrenaline) a hormone that is released by the sympathetic nervous system in response to stress and that increases heart rate and blood pressure

ANSWERS: 43. bloodstream, 44. saliva, 45. ovulation, 46. stoic, 47. dilate, 48. attune, 49. norepinephrine, 50. norepinephrine

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The pupils of the eyes _____ in low light.
v. to make something wider, larger, or more open
2. The flower was starting to show its ____ and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.
n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
3. Cancer cells are often carried throughout the body by the _____.
n. the blood flowing through the body
4. Her hair had a _____ shine after using the new shampoo.
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