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Session 1: Word List

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym : recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

tribulate

v. to cause someone to undergo severe hardship or distress; to afflict; to troubles; to suffer

synonym : afflict, trouble, suffer

(1) was **tribulated** by war, (2) **tribulate** villagers

She had to **tribulate** through many difficulties to achieve her goal.

doomsday

n. the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event

synonym : Day of Judgment, Last Judgement

(1) **doomsday** scenario, (2) economic **doomsday**

This task is going to take me till **doomsday**.

proclamation

n. an official announcement or statement

synonym : announcement, declamation, edict

(1) **proclamation** of innocence, (2) nullify a **proclamation**

The king made a **proclamation** declaring war on the neighboring country.

guesswork

n. the act or process of making an estimate or speculation based on incomplete or uncertain information; conjecture or supposition

synonym: speculation, conjecture, estimation

(1) pure **guesswork**, (2) rely on **guesswork**

Making decisions based on **guesswork** can lead to costly mistakes.

entail

v. to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something

synonym: involve, necessitate, require

(1) **entail** legal consequences, (2) **entail** risks

The job offer **entails** a lot of responsibility and hard work.

wardrobe

n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

synonym: clothing, attire, closet

(1) walk-in **wardrobe**, (2) minimalist **wardrobe**

Her **wardrobe** selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

malfunction

v. to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate

synonym: malfunction, break down, fail

(1) **malfunction** alarm, (2) **malfunction** and start moving unpredictably

The car's engine **malfunctioned** on the highway, so we had to call for a tow truck.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

bleach

v. to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach

synonym: whiten, lighten, blanch

(1) **bleach** stains, (2) **bleach** hair

I need to **bleach** this shirt to remove the stains.

mischief

n. playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage

synonym: impishness, malice, prank

(1) playful **mischief**, (2) malicious **mischief**

The dog's **mischief** led to the destruction of the living room furniture.

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.

biopsy

n. the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease

synonym: examination, autopsy

(1) **biopsy** of bone marrow, (2) liquid **biopsy**

The doctor performed an excisional breast **biopsy**.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

tether

v. to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (noun) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog

synonym : tie, fasten, secure

(1) **tether** a horse, (2) **tether** strap

The hiker **tethered** their dog to a tree while they camped for the night.

clinician

n. a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients

synonym : psychiatrist, therapist, doctor

(1) experienced **clinician**, (2) from a **clinician's** perspective
Some **clinicians** believe that psychological characteristics alone may cause mental disorders.

mortar

n. a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances

synonym : howitzer, cement mixer, masonry tool

(1) **mortar** joints, (2) apply **mortar**

The bricklayer started on the second course of bricks, laying them in fresh **mortar**.

superbug

n. a strain of bacteria that is resistant to multiple types of antibiotics, making it difficult or impossible to treat with traditional medications

synonym : super bacteria, antibiotic-resistant bacteria

(1) **superbug** outbreak, (2) **superbug** infection

The hospital is battling a **superbug** that is resistant to antibiotics.

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.

multidisciplinary

adj. integrating or involving various academic fields or different skills in a topic or problem-solving approach

synonym : integrative, interdisciplinary

(1) **multidisciplinary** project, (2) **multidisciplinary** analysis

He adopted a **multidisciplinary** research approach to unravel complex phenomena.

uncoordinated

adj. lacking coordination or control; awkward or clumsy

synonym : awkward, clumsy, ungainly

(1) an **uncoordinated** toddler, (2) in an **uncoordinated** fashion

The **uncoordinated** movements of the robot made it difficult to complete the task.

palpitation

n. a rapid, irregular, or forceful beating of the heart; a sensation of the heart beating abnormally or irregularly

synonym : flutter, pulsation, throb

(1) irregular **palpitation**, (2) anxiety **palpitations**

She experienced **palpitations** and had to go to the hospital for tests.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

weep

v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

synonym : cry, sob, mourn

(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy

I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

offload

v. to transfer the responsibility or burden of something or someone to another person or group; to unload or discharge goods or cargo from a vehicle or ship

synonym: unload, transfer, delegate

(1) **offload** the van, (2) **offload** freight

They **offloaded** the cargo from the ship to the dock.

romanticize

v. to make something seem more attractive or appealing than it is, especially by exaggerating or idealizing its qualities; to view or present something in a romantic or sentimental way

synonym: idealize, glorify, sentimentalize

(1) **romanticize** the past, (2) **romanticize** the idea of love

It is easy to **romanticize** a new job or opportunity, but it is important to remain objective and realistic about the challenges that come with it

relic

n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

synonym: whiff, vestige, antique

(1) historical **relic**, (2) holy **relics**

This bronze sword is a **relic** of ancient times.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

longevity

n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

synonym: seniority, endurance

(1) **longevity** crisis, (2) **longevity** genes
He is proud of the **longevity** of the business.

guinea

n. a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

synonym: coin, money, currency

(1) **guinea** coins, (2) **guinea** pig

The cost of the antique vase is three **guineas**.

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.

mainframe

n. a large and powerful computer with a lot of memory used primarily by large organizations for critical applications

(1) **mainframe** computer, (2) **mainframe** operating system
IBM has consistently been a significant supplier of **mainframes** for a long time.

caregiving

n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

synonym: nurturing, caring, assisting

(1) **caregiving** process, (2) **caregiving** responsibilities

She devoted her life to **caregiving**, looking after her aging parents.

laparoscopy

n. a surgical procedure that involves the insertion of a thin, lighted instrument called a laparoscope through a small incision in the abdomen, allowing doctors to examine and diagnose internal organs or perform minimally invasive surgeries

synonym: endoscopy, keyhole surgery

(1) **laparoscopy** surgery, (2) diagnostic **laparoscopy**

A small camera is inserted into the abdomen during the **laparoscopy** procedure to visualize the internal organs.

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.

abdomen

n. the part of the body between the chest and pelvis that contains the stomach, intestines, liver, pancreas, and other organs; the posterior part of an insect's body, typically divided into segments

synonym: belly, gut, tummy

(1) **abdomen** pain, (2) insect **abdomen**

The weightlifter used his strong **abdomen** muscles to lift the heavy barbell.

trite

adj. lacking originality or freshness; overused, common, or clichéd; lacking in depth or significance due to being overly familiar or predictable

synonym: clichéd, banal, overused

(1) **trite** joke, (2) **trite** melody

The speaker's speech was full of **trite** phrases and platitudes.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. malicious mi____ef | <i>n.</i> playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage |
| 2. su____ug outbreak | <i>n.</i> a strain of bacteria that is resistant to multiple types of antibiotics, making it difficult or impossible to treat with traditional medications |
| 3. from a cl____an's perspective | <i>n.</i> a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients |
| 4. car____ng responsibilities | <i>n.</i> the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly |
| 5. car____ng process | <i>n.</i> the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly |
| 6. in____t a computer with a virus | <i>v.</i> to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism |
| 7. ma____me computer | <i>n.</i> a large and powerful computer with a lot of memory used primarily by large organizations for critical applications |
| 8. en____l legal consequences | <i>v.</i> to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something |
| 9. di____t a well-ordered condition | <i>v.</i> to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance |

ANSWERS: 1. mischief, 2. superbug, 3. clinician, 4. caregiving, 5. caregiving, 6. infect, 7. mainframe, 8. entail, 9. disrupt

10. holy re__cs *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
11. pro_____ion of innocence *n.* an official announcement or statement
12. rom_____ze the past *v.* to make something seem more attractive or appealing than it is, especially by exaggerating or idealizing its qualities; to view or present something in a romantic or sentimental way
13. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
14. historical re__c *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
15. of_____d freight *v.* to transfer the responsibility or burden of something or someone to another person or group; to unload or discharge goods or cargo from a vehicle or ship
16. liquid bi___y *n.* the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease
17. rely on gu_____rk *n.* the act or process of making an estimate or speculation based on incomplete or uncertain information; conjecture or supposition
18. gu___a pig *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

ANSWERS: 10. relic, 11. proclamation, 12. romanticize, 13. opportune, 14. relic, 15. offload, 16. biopsy, 17. guesswork, 18. guinea

19. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
20. su____ug infection *n.* a strain of bacteria that is resistant to multiple types of antibiotics, making it difficult or impossible to treat with traditional medications
21. tr__e melody *adj.* lacking originality or freshness; overused, common, or clichéd; lacking in depth or significance due to being overly familiar or predictable
22. mal_____on alarm *v.* to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate
23. insect ab____n *n.* the part of the body between the chest and pelvis that contains the stomach, intestines, liver, pancreas, and other organs; the posterior part of an insect's body, typically divided into segments
24. mul_____ary project *adj.* integrating or involving various academic fields or different skills in a topic or problem-solving approach
25. diagnostic lap_____py *n.* a surgical procedure that involves the insertion of a thin, lighted instrument called a laparoscope through a small incision in the abdomen, allowing doctors to examine and diagnose internal organs or perform minimally invasive surgeries

ANSWERS: 19. scar, 20. superbug, 21. trite, 22. malfunction, 23. abdomen, 24. multidisciplinary, 25. laparoscopy

26. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
27. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
28. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
29. an unc_____ted toddler *adj.* lacking coordination or control; awkward or clumsy
30. bi___y of bone marrow *n.* the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease
31. w___p for joy *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
32. in an unc_____ted fashion *adj.* lacking coordination or control; awkward or clumsy
33. playful mi_____ef *n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage
34. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
35. lo_____ty genes *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
36. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 26. opportune, 27. smartphone, 28. smartphone, 29. uncoordinated, 30. biopsy, 31. weep, 32. uncoordinated, 33. mischief, 34. medicinal, 35. longevity, 36. disrupt

37. mal_____on and start moving unpredictably *v.* to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate
38. walk-in wa_____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
39. ab_____n pain *n.* the part of the body between the chest and pelvis that contains the stomach, intestines, liver, pancreas, and other organs; the posterior part of an insect's body, typically divided into segments
40. apply mo_____r *n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances
41. in_____t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
42. tr___e joke *adj.* lacking originality or freshness; overused, common, or clichéd; lacking in depth or significance due to being overly familiar or predictable
43. te_____r a horse *v.* to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (noun) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog

ANSWERS: 37. malfunction, 38. wardrobe, 39. abdomen, 40. mortar, 41. infect, 42. trite, 43. tether

44. economic do_____ay *n.* the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event
45. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
46. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
47. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
48. was tr_____ted by war *v.* to cause someone to undergo severe hardship or distress; to afflict; to troubles; to suffer
49. bl_____h stains *v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
50. of_____d the van *v.* to transfer the responsibility or burden of something or someone to another person or group; to unload or discharge goods or cargo from a vehicle or ship
51. te____r strap *v.* to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (noun) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog
52. rom_____ze the idea of love *v.* to make something seem more attractive or appealing than it is, especially by exaggerating or idealizing its qualities; to view or present something in a romantic or sentimental way

ANSWERS: 44. doomsday, 45. reinvent, 46. frightening, 47. medicinal, 48. tribulate, 49. bleach, 50. offload, 51. tether, 52. romanticize

53. mul_____ary analysis *adj.* integrating or involving various academic fields or different skills in a topic or problem-solving approach
54. bl___h hair *v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
55. anxiety pal_____ons *n.* a rapid, irregular, or forceful beating of the heart; a sensation of the heart beating abnormally or irregularly
56. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
57. en___l risks *v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
58. carry a s___r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
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ANSWERS: 53. multidisciplinary, 54. bleach, 55. palpitation, 56. improvisation, 57. entail, 58. scar, 59. guinea, 60. longevity, 61. guesswork

62. experienced cl_____an *n.* a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients
63. do_____ay scenario *n.* the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event
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68. minimalist wa_____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
69. lap_____py surgery *n.* a surgical procedure that involves the insertion of a thin, lighted instrument called a laparoscope through a small incision in the abdomen, allowing doctors to examine and diagnose internal organs or perform minimally invasive surgeries
70. nullify a pro_____ion *n.* an official announcement or statement

ANSWERS: 62. clinician, 63. doomsday, 64. reinvent, 65. mortar, 66. weep, 67. tribulate, 68. wardrobe, 69. laparoscopy, 70. proclamation

71. irregular pal_____on *n.* a rapid, irregular, or forceful beating of the heart; a sensation of the heart beating abnormally or irregularly
72. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
73. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
74. ma_____me operating system *n.* a large and powerful computer with a lot of memory used primarily by large organizations for critical applications

ANSWERS: 71. palpitation, 72. improvisation, 73. frightening, 74. mainframe

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
 - v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

2. The bricklayer started on the second course of bricks, laying them in fresh _____.
 - n. a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances

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4. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
 - v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

5. The _____ movements of the robot made it difficult to complete the task.
 - adj. lacking coordination or control; awkward or clumsy

6. The hospital is battling a _____ that is resistant to antibiotics.
 - n. a strain of bacteria that is resistant to multiple types of antibiotics, making it difficult or impossible to treat with traditional medications

7. He is proud of the _____ of the business.
 - n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

ANSWERS: 1. disrupt, 2. mortar, 3. laparoscopy, 4. reinvent, 5. uncoordinated, 6. superbug, 7. longevity

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ANSWERS: 8. guineas, 9. infect, 10. medicinal, 11. smartphones, 12. wardrobe, 13. bleach, 14. malfunctioned, 15. offloaded

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ANSWERS: 16. mischief, 17. multidisciplinary, 18. weep, 19. doomsday, 20. entails, 21. improvisation, 22. caregiving, 23. trite

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ANSWERS: 24. mainframes, 25. scar, 26. tribulate, 27. clinicians, 28. proclamation, 29. biopsy, 30. abdomen, 31. palpitations

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ANSWERS: 32. tethered, 33. frightening, 34. relic, 35. guesswork, 36. opportune, 37. romanticize