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Session 1: Word List

meaningless

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

synonym: pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task

This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical.

rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

synonym: recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

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.

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.

baroque

adj. of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama

synonym: ornate, elaborate, decorative

(1) **baroque** music, (2) **baroque** architecture

The ornate architecture of the palace is a perfect example of the **baroque** style.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ba____e architecture *adj.* of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama
2. 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
3. red_____er a value *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
4. 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
5. do a mea_____ss task *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
6. a mea_____ss endeavor *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
7. 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
8. red_____er an old truth *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

ANSWERS: 1. baroque, 2. leprosy, 3. rediscover, 4. indescribable, 5. meaningless, 6. meaningless, 7. indescribable, 8. rediscover

9. ba____e music

adj. of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama

10. 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: 9. baroque, 10. leprosy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
2. The beauty of the sunset was _____ leaving me in awe of its splendor.
 - adj.* not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language
3. The ornate architecture of the palace is a perfect example of the _____ style.
 - adj.* of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama
4. This experiment's results are _____ because the other conditions are not identical.
 - adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
5. The painting was _____ in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.
 - v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

ANSWERS: 1. leprosy, 2. indescribable, 3. baroque, 4. meaningless, 5. rediscovered