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Session 1: Word List

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

severe

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

synonym: harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

depression

n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

synonym: recession, slump, despair

(1) the Great **Depression**, (2) the root problem of her **depression**

Depression symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

despair

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

synonym : dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

violin

n. a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings

synonym : fiddle

(1) **violin** soloist, (2) play the **violin**

The cello is a member of the **violin** family.

grave

n. a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

synonym : tomb, crypt, sepulcher

(1) **grave** an image, (2) **grave** mistake

Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass **graves** outside the city during the war.

burden

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

synonym : obligation, duty, load

(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease

That car has a low environmental **burden**.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym : ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym : facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

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.

midst

n. the middle part of people or things

synonym : middle, core, bosom

(1) in the **midst** of the crowd, (2) in the **midst** of a scandal

He remained serene in the **midst** of turbulence.

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.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle
His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

heal

v. to make a wound or injury to become well again

synonym: recover, bring around, mend

(1) **heal** a broken bone, (2) **heal** the hurt mind
It will take time for her mental scars to **heal**.

boundary

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

synonym: border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

prestigious

adj. having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance

synonym: esteemed, renowned, eminent

(1) **prestigious** award, (2) **prestigious** event

The academy is known for its **prestigious** faculty and rigorous curriculum.

concert

n. a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

synonym: gig, musical, show

(1) have a **concert** again, (2) a benefit **concert**

This artist always packs the **concert** halls.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

restricted

adj. limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.

synonym: limited, determinate, fixed

(1) **restricted** area, (2) lactose **restricted** diet

The country has designated our products as **restricted** import goods.

facility

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

synonym: building, structure, installation

(1) a cell phone with an internet **facility**, (2) **facility** design

This company has an entire recycling **facility**, including major reprocessing plants.

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.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym: client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

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.

disk

n. a flat, circular plate, typically made of metal, glass, or plastic, used for storing data or playing music

synonym : record, platter, plate

(1) **disk** drive, (2) **disk** space

The computer's hard **disk** was full, so she had to delete some files.

recognition

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

synonym : acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym : alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

wit

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

synonym : humor, comedy, funniness

(1) the **wit** of man, (2) full of **wit**

He has the **wit** to keep talking about this topic.

Session 2: Spelling

1. carry a bu___n
n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
2. joint rec_____on
n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
3. play the vi___n
n. a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
4. the br__d of the new car
n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
5. vi___n soloist
n. a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
6. d__k drive
n. a flat, circular plate, typically made of metal, glass, or plastic, used for storing data or playing music
7. have a co_____t again
n. a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. burden, 2. recognition, 3. violin, 4. brand, 5. violin, 6. disk, 7. concert, 8. baroque

9. me____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
10. de____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
11. small ch____h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
12. gr__e an image *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
13. in the mi__t of the crowd *n.* the middle part of people or things
14. ex____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
15. h__l a broken bone *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
16. red____er an old truth *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
17. bu____n of disease *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
18. en____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

ANSWERS: 9. mention, 10. despair, 11. church, 12. grave, 13. midst, 14. exciting, 15. heal, 16. rediscover, 17. burden, 18. encourage

19. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
20. pre_____us event *adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
21. se___e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
22. do a mea_____ss task *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
23. 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
24. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
25. gr__e mistake *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
26. the bo_____ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

ANSWERS: 19. encourage, 20. prestigious, 21. severe, 22. meaningless, 23. baroque, 24. wit, 25. grave, 26. boundary

27. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
28. pre_____us award *adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
29. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
30. in the mi__t of a scandal *n.* the middle part of people or things
31. the root problem of her dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
32. the Great Dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
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
34. a mea_____ss endeavor *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
35. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

ANSWERS: 27. transform, 28. prestigious, 29. church, 30. midst, 31. depression, 32. depression, 33. leprosy, 34. meaningless, 35. perspective

36. red_____er a value *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
37. untold de_____r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
38. fa_____ty design *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
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40. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
41. a se___e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
42. rec_____on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
43. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
44. d__k space *n.* a flat, circular plate, typically made of metal, glass, or plastic, used for storing data or playing music

ANSWERS: 36. rediscover, 37. despair, 38. facility, 39. facility, 40. introduction, 41. severe, 42. recognition, 43. suffer, 44. disk

45. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
46. res_____ed area *adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
47. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
48. lactose res_____ed diet *adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
49. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
50. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
51. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
52. geographical bo_____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
53. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
54. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 45. mention, 46. restricted, 47. brand, 48. restricted, 49. comfort, 50. suffer, 51. perspective, 52. boundary, 53. comfort, 54. introduction

55. ex____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
56. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
57. pa____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
58. h__l the hurt mind *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
59. 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
60. a benefit co____t *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
61. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
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64. 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

ANSWERS: 55. exciting, 56. wit, 57. patient, 58. heal, 59. indescribable, 60. concert, 61. transform, 62. patient, 63. indescribable, 64. leprosy

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It will take time for her mental scars to _____.
v. to make a wound or injury to become well again

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