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Session 1: Word List

microbe

 a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease

synonym: germ, microorganism, bacterium

(1) pathogenic **microbe**, (2) **microbes** sterilizer **Microbes** thrive on the surface of the human skin.

unhealthy

adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

synonym: unwholesome, detrimental, insalubrious

(1) unhealthy diet, (2) unhealthy habit

Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered **unhealthy**.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym: creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

cleanse

v. to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body

synonym: purify, detoxify, sanitize

(1) juice **cleanse**, (2) **cleanse** the face

The new diet is designed to **cleanse** toxins from the body.

rag

 a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

synonym: cloth, fragment

(1) a rag of cloud, (2) rag doll

He used an old **rag** to clean the grease off the car's engine.

cob

n. a type of bread made from cornmeal, traditionally associated with Native American cuisine; the central hub or axis of a wheel or turbine; a small, delicately built horse, typically used for riding or light work

synonym: lump, clod, nugget

(1) **cob** construction, (2) **cob** loaf

The chef boiled the corn **cob** in water before roasting it on the grill.

defecate

v. to excrete waste material from the body through the anus; to pass feces

synonym: excrete

(1) cause an impulse to **defecate**, (2) **defecate** out in the open

It is important to clean up after your pet when they **defecate** in public areas.

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feces

- waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement *synonym*: poop, stool, excrement
- (1) feces sample, (2) human feces

Proper disposal of **feces** is essential for maintaining public health and sanitation.

latrine

a public or communal toilet, usually located outdoors or in the military, camping, or other semi-permanent settings

synonym: outhouse, lavatory, washroom

(1) outdoor latrine, (2) army latrine

During the exercise, the troops were forced to use a makeshift **latrine** in the field.

caste

a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

synonym: class, social group, status group

(1) military caste, (2) caste-based discrimination He was born into a lower **caste** and faced discrimination throughout his life.

condemn

- to express strong disapproval or criticism of something synonym: criticize, denounce, censure
- (1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

rethink

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

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.

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.

squatter

n. a person who lives in or occupies a property or land without legal ownership or permission; a person who occupies a place or position without having the proper qualifications, training, or authority

synonym: trespasser, occupant, interloper

(1) squatter settlement, (2) urban squatter

The city has many **squatters living** in abandoned buildings or streets.

pleasurable

adj. giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyablesynonym: comforting, enjoyable, gratifying

(1) a **pleasurable** experience, (2) have a very **pleasurable** time

Our marital life was full of happiness and **pleasurable** excitement.

phosphorus

 a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element

synonym: P, phosphoric, phosphorous

(1) phosphorus element, (2) yellow phosphorus

Phosphorus compounds are commonly used to manufacture fertilizers to promote plant growth.

precipitate

v. to cause something to happen suddenly or unexpectedly; to cause a solid substance to form from a dissolved liquid or gas by means of a chemical reaction or physical process

synonym: hasten, accelerate, expedite

(1) **precipitate** a reaction, (2) **precipitate** a global energy crisis

The sudden rainstorm will **precipitate** flooding in low-lying areas.

disinfect

 to clean something using chemicals or other materials that kill germs or bacteria, making it safe and free from harmful microorganisms

synonym: cleanse, sanitize, sterilize

- (1) **disinfect** a wound, (2) **disinfect** the kitchen It is important to **disinfect** surfaces regularly to prevent the spread of germs.
- a tool or device resembling a large drill bit, typically with a screw-like spiral blade, used for boring or drilling holes, especially in wood or earth; a tool used for digging or excavating

synonym: drill, bit, gimlet

(1) auger bit, (2) spiral auger

The carpenter used a wood **auger** to bore a precise hole in the cabinet.

auger

Session 2: Spelling

army la____e 1. a public or communal toilet, usually located outdoors or in the military, camping, or other semi-permanent settings the state in which a person's mind is 2. national ob on n. filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person de____te out in the open to excrete waste material from the body 3. ν. through the anus; to pass feces c b construction a type of bread made from cornmeal, 4. n. traditionally associated with Native American cuisine: the central hub or axis of a wheel or turbine; a small, delicately built horse, typically used for riding or light work pre te a global energy crisis to cause something to happen suddenly 5. ν. or unexpectedly; to cause a solid substance to form from a dissolved liquid or gas by means of a chemical reaction or physical process yellow pho us a chemical element with the symbol P 6. and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element to consider again a plan, idea, etc., 7. re k the role of the manager ν. especially to change it sq er settlement a person who lives in or occupies a 8. n. property or land without legal ownership or permission; a person who occupies a

ANSWERS: 1. latrine, 2. obsession, 3. defecate, 4. cob, 5. precipitate, 6. phosphorus, 7. rethink, 8. squatter

authority

place or position without having the proper qualifications, training, or

9.	dict a wound	<i>v</i> .	to clean something using chemicals or other materials that kill germs or bacteria, making it safe and free from harmful microorganisms
10.	unhy diet	adj.	not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
11.	cause an impulse to dete	<i>v</i> .	to excrete waste material from the body through the anus; to pass feces
12.	juice cle	<i>v</i> .	to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body
13.	c_b loaf	n.	a type of bread made from cornmeal, traditionally associated with Native American cuisine; the central hub or axis of a wheel or turbine; a small, delicately built horse, typically used for riding or light work
14.	a plele experience	adj.	giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable
15.	a r_g of cloud	n.	a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
16.	cae-based discrimination	n.	a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

ANSWERS: 9. disinfect, 10. unhealthy, 11. defecate, 12. cleanse, 13. cob, 14. pleasurable, 15. rag, 16. caste

17.	dict the kitchen	v.	to clean something using chemicals or other materials that kill germs or bacteria, making it safe and free from harmful microorganisms
18.	urban sqer	n.	a person who lives in or occupies a property or land without legal ownership or permission; a person who occupies a place or position without having the proper qualifications, training, or authority
19.	military cae	n.	a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
20.	snk out of danger	ν.	to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
21.	human fes	n.	waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
22.	con crime	<i>v</i> .	to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
23.	prete a reaction	v.	to cause something to happen suddenly or unexpectedly; to cause a solid substance to form from a dissolved liquid or gas by means of a chemical reaction or physical process
24.	have a very plele time	adj.	giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable
25.	unhy habit	adj.	not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

ANSWERS: 17. disinfect, 18. squatter, 19. caste, 20. sneak, 21. feces, 22. condemn, 23. precipitate, 24. pleasurable, 25. unhealthy

26.	rek a marketing plan	<i>v</i> .	to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
27.	rent local dishes	<i>v</i> .	to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
28.	mies sterilizer	n.	a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
29.	snk a cigarette	ν.	to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
30.	phous element	n.	a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element
31.	aur bit	n.	a tool or device resembling a large drill bit, typically with a screw-like spiral blade, used for boring or drilling holes, especially in wood or earth; a tool used for digging or excavating
32.	obon with character	n.	the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
33.	spiral aur	n.	a tool or device resembling a large drill bit, typically with a screw-like spiral blade, used for boring or drilling holes, especially in wood or earth; a tool used for digging or excavating
34.	rent our life	<i>v</i> .	to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

ANSWERS: 26. rethink, 27. reinvent, 28. microbe, 29. sneak, 30. phosphorus, 31. auger, 32. obsession, 33. auger, 34. reinvent

35. r_g doll	n.	a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
36. cle the face	ν.	to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body
37. fes sample	n.	waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
38. pathogenic mie	n.	a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
39. outdoor lae	n.	a public or communal toilet, usually located outdoors or in the military, camping, or other semi-permanent settings

ANSWERS: 35. rag, 36. cleanse, 37. feces, 38. microbe, 39. latrine, 40. condemn

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to express strong disapproval or

criticism of something

40. co___n violence

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	The carpenter used a wood to bore a precise hole in the cabinet.
n.	a tool or device resembling a large drill bit, typically with a screw-like spiral blade, used for boring or drilling holes, especially in wood or earth; a tool used for digging or excavating
2.	We have to our company's product lineup for further growth.
<i>v</i> .	to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
3.	The sudden rainstorm will flooding in low-lying areas.
v.	to cause something to happen suddenly or unexpectedly; to cause a solid substance to form from a dissolved liquid or gas by means of a chemical reaction or physical process
4.	The chef boiled the corn in water before roasting it on the grill.
n.	a type of bread made from cornmeal, traditionally associated with Native American cuisine; the central hub or axis of a wheel or turbine; a small, delicately built horse, typically used for riding or light work
5.	During the exercise, the troops were forced to use a makeshift in the field.
n.	a public or communal toilet, usually located outdoors or in the military, camping or other semi-permanent settings
6.	It is important to surfaces regularly to prevent the spread of germs.
<i>v</i> .	to clean something using chemicals or other materials that kill germs or bacteria, making it safe and free from harmful microorganisms
7.	Proper disposal of is essential for maintaining public health and sanitation.
n.	waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
AN	SWERS: 1. auger, 2. rethink, 3. precipitate, 4. cob, 5. latrine, 6. disinfect, 7. feces

reinvent, 14. cleanse, 15. caste