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Session 1: Word List

imaginable

adj. capable of being imagined

synonym: conceivable, plausible, possible

(1) easily **imaginable**, (2) worst **imaginable** case

This is the only **imaginable** strategy.

sane

adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind

synonym: rational, sound, normal

(1) for a **sane** reason, (2) **sane** judgment

Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained **sane**.

outpost

n. a small military camp at some distance from the main army, used mainly to observe an enemy's movements, etc.

synonym: frontier, settlement

(1) **outpost** area, (2) military **outpost**

With the war's end, they have begun a gradual retreat from their **outposts**.

platoon

n. a subdivision of a military company consisting of a small group of soldiers, usually about 30, that operates as a unit within a larger military unit; a group of individuals or things that work together or share a common purpose

synonym: squad, unit

(1) **platoon** leader, (2) **platoon** sergeant

The **platoon** of soldiers marched in perfect formation during the parade.

medic

n. a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency

synonym: paramedic, medical professional

(1) **medic** unit, (2) military **medic**

The army **medic** arrived on the scene to provide medical assistance.

plywood

n. a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles

synonym: panel board, veneer panel, plyboard

(1) flexible **plywood**, (2) **plywood** furniture

Manufacturing companies use large sheets of **plywood** to make furniture and fixtures.

cling

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

synonym: stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

bunker

n. a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel

synonym: shelter, fortification, defense

(1) coal **bunker**, (2) **bunker** facility

The soldiers took cover in the dug-out **bunker** during the bombing.

headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym: base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency

headquarter

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

synonym: shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

boredom

n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

synonym: ennui, tedium, monotony

(1) **boredom** relief, (2) chronic **boredom**

The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off **boredom**.

lieutenant

n. a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer

synonym: second-in-command, adjutant, deputy

(1) **lieutenant** general, (2) second **lieutenant**

After years of hard work, he finally got promoted to **lieutenant**.

mutter

v. to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath

synonym: grumble, mumble, complain

(1) **mutter** in a low voice, (2) **mutter** to myself

He **muttered** under his breath about the job relocation.

neurological

adj. of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system

synonym: nervous, neural, brain-related

(1) fever with **neurological** signs, (2) **neurological** symptoms

The patient was diagnosed with a **neurological** disorder affecting their motor skills.

beforehand

adv. ahead of time; in advance

synonym: in advance, preceding, earlier

(1) take a seat **beforehand**, (2) three months **beforehand**

She packed her sunscreen **beforehand** to remember it on the beach trip.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

abrupt

adj. sudden and unexpected

synonym: sudden, unexpected, quick

(1) **abrupt** departure, (2) speak in an **abrupt** manner

The sudden, **abrupt** change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

strafe

v. to attack or bombard a target, typically from the air, with a continuous stream of fire, missiles, or bombs; to move swiftly along a target and attack it with gunfire or projectiles

synonym: attack, bombard, rake

(1) **strafe** with bullets, (2) **strafe** a target

The fighter jets were ordered to **strafe** the enemy's positions before the ground troops moved in.

adrenaline

n. (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger

synonym: epinephrine

(1) **adrenaline** receptor, (2) **adrenaline** addiction

The band has released a lot of **adrenaline-pumping** rock music.

firefight

n. a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used

synonym: battle, conflict, fight

(1) killed in a **firefight**, (2) turn into a **firefight**

The platoon experienced a full-scale **firefight**.

deviate

v. to depart from an established course or plan; to change direction or take a different route or approach

synonym: stray, diverge, veer

(1) **deviate** from the norm, (2) **deviate** from the plan

It's important not to **deviate** from the established safety procedures.

psychopath

n. a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

synonym: sociopath, antisocial, monster

(1) **psychopath** tendencies, (2) violent **psychopath**

The detective identified the **psychopath** who had been terrorizing the city for months.

brotherhood

n. a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest

synonym: fraternity, camaraderie, companionship

(1) spirit of **brotherhood**, (2) **brotherhood** among coworkers

The **brotherhood** between the firefighters was evident in their teamwork and bravery during the blaze.

rejoin

v. to return to someone or something

synonym: come back, return, reunite

(1) **rejoin** their mother ship, (2) **rejoin** the party

After the battle, the soldier managed to **rejoin** his unit.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

alienation

n. the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment

synonym : estrangement, separation, detachment

(1) human **alienation**, (2) international **alienation**

His feelings of **alienation** from society led to depression.

Session 2: Spelling

1. neu_____cal symptoms *adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
2. killed in a fi_____ht *n.* a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used
3. turn into a fi_____ht *n.* a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used
4. mu___r to myself *v.* to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath
5. bro_____od among coworkers *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
6. pl_____n sergeant *n.* a subdivision of a military company consisting of a small group of soldiers, usually about 30, that operates as a unit within a larger military unit; a group of individuals or things that work together or share a common purpose
7. re___n the party *v.* to return to someone or something
8. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
9. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
10. pl_____n leader *n.* a subdivision of a military company consisting of a small group of soldiers, usually about 30, that operates as a unit within a larger military unit; a group of individuals or things that work together or share a common purpose

ANSWERS: 1. neurological, 2. firefight, 3. firefight, 4. mutter, 5. brotherhood, 6. platoon, 7. rejoin, 8. afterward, 9. afterward, 10. platoon

19. bu___r facility *n.* a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel
20. s__e judgment *adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
21. second lie_____nt *n.* a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer
22. mu___r in a low voice *v.* to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath
23. lie_____nt general *n.* a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer
24. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
25. administrative hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
26. de_____e from the plan *v.* to depart from an established course or plan; to change direction or take a different route or approach
27. fever with neu_____cal signs *adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
28. easily ima_____le *adj.* capable of being imagined
29. bo_____m relief *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

ANSWERS: 19. bunker, 20. sane, 21. lieutenant, 22. mutter, 23. lieutenant, 24. terrifying, 25. headquarter, 26. deviate, 27. neurological, 28. imaginable, 29. boredom

30. pl____d furniture *n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
31. chronic bo____m *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
32. s__n an audience *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
33. me__c unit *n.* a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency
34. take a seat bef____nd *adv.* ahead of time; in advance
35. an emergency hea____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
36. spirit of bro____od *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
37. cl__g tightly to the skin *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
38. three months bef____nd *adv.* ahead of time; in advance
39. international ali____on *n.* the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment

ANSWERS: 30. plywood, 31. boredom, 32. stun, 33. medic, 34. beforehand, 35. headquarter, 36. brotherhood, 37. cling, 38. beforehand, 39. alienation

40. for a s__e reason *adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
41. military ou____t *n.* a small military camp at some distance from the main army, used mainly to observe an enemy's movements, etc.
42. s__n fish *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
43. re___n their mother ship *v.* to return to someone or something
44. de_____e from the norm *v.* to depart from an established course or plan; to change direction or take a different route or approach
45. speak in an ab___t manner *adj.* sudden and unexpected
46. worst ima_____le case *adj.* capable of being imagined
47. ab___t departure *adj.* sudden and unexpected
48. flexible pl_____d *n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
49. st___e with bullets *v.* to attack or bombard a target, typically from the air, with a continuous stream of fire, missiles, or bombs; to move swiftly along a target and attack it with gunfire or projectiles
50. military me__c *n.* a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency

ANSWERS: 40. sane, 41. outpost, 42. stun, 43. rejoin, 44. deviate, 45. abrupt, 46. imaginable, 47. abrupt, 48. plywood, 49. strafe, 50. medic

51. coal bu___r

n. a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel

52. adr_____ne addiction

n. (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger

ANSWERS: 51. bunker, 52. adrenaline

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained _____.
adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind

2. It's important not to _____ from the established safety procedures.
v. to depart from an established course or plan; to change direction or take a different route or approach

3. The _____ between the firefighters was evident in their teamwork and bravery during the blaze.
n. a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest

4. This is the only _____ strategy.
adj. capable of being imagined

5. The soldiers took cover in the dug-out _____ during the bombing.
n. a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel

6. Manufacturing companies use large sheets of _____ to make furniture and fixtures.
n. a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles

7. He _____ under his breath about the job relocation.
v. to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath

ANSWERS: 1. sane, 2. deviate, 3. brotherhood, 4. imaginable, 5. bunker, 6. plywood, 7. muttered

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10. The company decided to move its _____ to New York City.
n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
11. She packed her sunscreen _____ to remember it on the beach trip.
adv. ahead of time; in advance
12. After the battle, the soldier managed to _____ his unit.
v. to return to someone or something
13. After years of hard work, he finally got promoted to _____.
n. a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer
14. His feelings of _____ from society led to depression.
n. the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment
15. The band has released a lot of _____ rock music.
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ANSWERS: 8. platoon, 9. terrifying, 10. headquarters, 11. beforehand, 12. rejoin, 13. lieutenant, 14. alienation, 15. adrenaline-pumping

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22. The detective identified the _____ who had been terrorizing the city for months.
- n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
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ANSWERS: 16. clings, 17. firefight, 18. afterward, 19. boredom, 20. stunned, 21. medic, 22. psychopath, 23. outposts

24. The sudden, _____ change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

adj. sudden and unexpected

25. The fighter jets were ordered to _____ the enemy's positions before the ground troops moved in.

v. to attack or bombard a target, typically from the air, with a continuous stream of fire, missiles, or bombs; to move swiftly along a target and attack it with gunfire or projectiles

26. The patient was diagnosed with a _____ disorder affecting their motor skills.

adj. of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system

ANSWERS: 24. abrupt, 25. strafe, 26. neurological