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Session 1: Word List

ninja

n. a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan

synonym: assassin, spy

(1) **ninja** costume, (2) **ninja** warrior

The skilled **ninja** moved stealthily through the shadows to carry out their mission.

pajama

n. a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging

synonym: nightgown, nightdress

(1) care **pajama**, (2) **pajama** pants

My little sister loves to have **pajama** parties with her friends on the weekends.

toxin

n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

synonym: poison, venom, contaminant

(1) **toxin** exposure, (2) **toxin** production

Mold exposure can release dangerous **toxins** into the air.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

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.

pollutant

n. a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil

synonym: contaminant, toxic substance

(1) noxious **pollutant**, (2) water **pollutant**

The factory's use of chemicals has made it a significant **pollutant** in the area.

preservative

adj. used to preserve or protect something, especially food or other perishable items, from decay or spoilage; tending to prevent or delay change or deterioration

synonym: conservative, preservative, saving

(1) **preservative-free**, (2) natural **preservative**

The **preservative** chemicals in packaged foods have been a cause of concern for many health experts.

cannibal

n. a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice

synonym: man-eater, anthropophagite

(1) **cannibal** tribe, (2) habitual **cannibal**

The horror movie portrayed a group of **cannibals** who hunted humans in the woods.

storehouse

n. a large building or room used for storing goods

synonym: warehouse, depository, repository

(1) **storehouse** supplies, (2) **storehouse** inventory

The security of a **storehouse** is essential to prevent theft or damage to the stored items.

cremate

v. to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual

synonym: burn, incinerate, immolate

(1) **cremate** a body, (2) **cremate** the remains

They plan to **cremate** their loved ones according to their cultural traditions.

formaldehyde

n. a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products

synonym: methanal

(1) **formaldehyde** solution, (2) **formaldehyde** odor

Exposure to high levels of **formaldehyde** can irritate the eyes, nose, and throat, as well as respiratory problems and cancer.

embalm

v. preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral

synonym: preserve, treat, mummify

(1) **embalm** a corpse, (2) **embalm** the body

The funeral director **embalmed** the body to make it presentable for the wake.

mushroom

n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

synonym: fungus, toadstool

(1) **mushroom** spores, (2) **mushroom** cultivation

The **mushroom** risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

decompose

v. to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements

synonym: break down, rot, spoil

(1) **decompose** matter, (2) **decompose** into simpler molecules

After the earthquake, many of the buildings in the city were left in ruins and began to **decompose**.

compost

n. a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil

synonym: fertilizer, humus, manure

(1) organic **compost**, (2) **compost** pile

You can add coffee grounds and crushed eggshells to your **compost** to improve the pH balance.

slough

v. to shed or cast off a dead layer of skin, tissue, or surface; to discard or get rid of something unwanted or unnecessary; (noun) marshy areas or wetlands

synonym: discard, shed, cast off

(1) **slough** off his responsibilities, (2) salt marsh **slough**

Exfoliating treatments help to **slough** off dead skin, revealing a fresher complexion underneath.

imprint

v. to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

synonym: impress, stamp, engrave

(1) DNA **imprint**, (2) **imprint** a memory

He wanted to **imprint** his brand logo on the product.

afterlife

n. life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions

synonym: eternal life, immortality, hereafter

(1) **afterlife** name, (2) corporate **afterlife**

The belief in an **afterlife** comforted those mourning the loss of their loved ones.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym: aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

entomology

n. the scientific study of insects, including their physical characteristics, life cycles, behaviors, and relationships with other organisms in their environment

synonym: insect science, bug study, insectology

(1) **entomology** lab, (2) **entomology** book

The museum offered a guided tour of its **entomology** exhibit featuring various insects.

remediate

v. to correct, repair, or improve a problem or pitfall, often in a technological, environmental, or medical context

synonym: correct, rectify, fix

(1) **remediate** damage, (2) **remediate** the situation

We need to **remediate** the contaminated soil before it is safe to use.

infuse

v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

synonym: instill, fill, permeate

(1) **infuse** with spirit, (2) **infuse** life with meaning

She **infused** fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

spore

n. a reproductive cell that is capable of developing into a new individual without fertilization, especially one produced by certain bacteria, fungi, and algae

synonym: seed, reproductive cell, particle

(1) anthrax **spore**, (2) **spore** reproduction

Bacteria and some algae also produce **spores** as a means of survival and dispersal, and they are often found in soil, water, and other environments.

crochet

n. a type of needlework or fabric-making that involves creating loops of thread or yarn with a hooked needle; an item or piece of clothing made using this technique

synonym: knitting, needlework, lacework

(1) **crochet** pattern, (2) **crochet** kit

She passed the time on the plane by doing some **crochet** work.

dendroid

adj. resembling a tree or branching pattern; having the characteristics of a tree

synonym: branching, tree-like, dendritic

(1) **dendroid** branches, (2) **dendroid** pattern

The **dendroid** structure of the coral reef offers a unique environment for many marine species.

mycelium

n. the vegetative part of a fungus, consisting of a mass of branching, thread-like hyphae

(1) **mycelium** growth, (2) aerial **mycelium**

The **mycelium** of the mushroom spread through the soil, absorbing nutrients.

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym: disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

cultivate

v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants

synonym: boost, foster, nurture

(1) **cultivate** a field, (2) **cultivate** relationships

University is a great place to **cultivate** our minds and expertise.

postmortem

adj. relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment

synonym : autopsied, deceased, dead

(1) **postmortem** findings, (2) **postmortem** analysis

The medical examiner performed a **postmortem** examination to determine the cause of death.

accepting

adj. willing to receive or to take something offered

synonym : tolerant, open-minded, receptive

(1) **accepting** attitude, (2) **accepting** of diversity

He was an **accepting** person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.

Session 2: Spelling

1. neu_____cal symptoms
adj. of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
2. in___e with spirit
v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
3. aerial my_____um
n. the vegetative part of a fungus, consisting of a mass of branching, thread-like hyphae
4. de_____id pattern
adj. resembling a tree or branching pattern; having the characteristics of a tree
5. to__n exposure
n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
6. natural pre_____ive
adj. used to preserve or protect something, especially food or other perishable items, from decay or spoilage; tending to prevent or delay change or deterioration
7. pos_____em analysis
adj. relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment
8. re_____te the situation
v. to correct, repair, or improve a problem or pitfall, often in a technological, environmental, or medical context

ANSWERS: 1. neurological, 2. infuse, 3. mycelium, 4. dendroid, 5. toxin, 6. preservative, 7. postmortem, 8. remediate

9. ni__a warrior *n.* a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan
10. ent_____gy lab *n.* the scientific study of insects, including their physical characteristics, life cycles, behaviors, and relationships with other organisms in their environment
11. fever with neu_____cal signs *adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
12. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
13. pos_____em findings *adj.* relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment
14. re_____te damage *v.* to correct, repair, or improve a problem or pitfall, often in a technological, environmental, or medical context
15. sto_____se supplies *n.* a large building or room used for storing goods
16. ac_____ng attitude *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
17. officially di_____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
18. anthrax sp__e *n.* a reproductive cell that is capable of developing into a new individual without fertilization, especially one produced by certain bacteria, fungi, and algae

ANSWERS: 9. ninja, 10. entomology, 11. neurological, 12. mimic, 13. postmortem, 14. remediate, 15. storehouse, 16. accepting, 17. dissolve, 18. spore

19. sl___h off his responsibilities *v.* to shed or cast off a dead layer of skin, tissue, or surface; to discard or get rid of something unwanted or unnecessary; (noun) marshy areas or wetlands
20. cr_____e a body *v.* to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual
21. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
22. to__n production *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
23. salt marsh sl___h *v.* to shed or cast off a dead layer of skin, tissue, or surface; to discard or get rid of something unwanted or unnecessary; (noun) marshy areas or wetlands
24. em___m the body *v.* preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral
25. corporate af_____fe *n.* life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions
26. ni__a costume *n.* a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan
27. cr_____t pattern *n.* a type of needlework or fabric-making that involves creating loops of thread or yarn with a hooked needle; an item or piece of clothing made using this technique

ANSWERS: 19. slough, 20. cremate, 21. mimic, 22. toxin, 23. slough, 24. embalm, 25. afterlife, 26. ninja, 27. crochet

28. cr_____t kit *n.* a type of needlework or fabric-making that involves creating loops of thread or yarn with a hooked needle; an item or piece of clothing made using this technique
29. cu_____te relationships *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
30. sto_____se inventory *n.* a large building or room used for storing goods
31. ac_____ng of diversity *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
32. de_____id branches *adj.* resembling a tree or branching pattern; having the characteristics of a tree
33. em___m a corpse *v.* preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral
34. af_____fe name *n.* life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions
35. mu_____om spores *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
36. as___e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
37. im_____t a memory *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

ANSWERS: 28. crochet, 29. cultivate, 30. storehouse, 31. accepting, 32. dendroid, 33. embalm, 34. afterlife, 35. mushroom, 36. aspire, 37. imprint

38. sp__e reproduction *n.* a reproductive cell that is capable of developing into a new individual without fertilization, especially one produced by certain bacteria, fungi, and algae
39. for_____yde odor *n.* a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products
40. as___e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
41. care pa___a *n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
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43. de_____se matter *v.* to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements
44. cu_____te a field *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
45. cr_____e the remains *v.* to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual
46. organic co_____t *n.* a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil
47. for_____yde solution *n.* a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products

ANSWERS: 38. spore, 39. formaldehyde, 40. aspire, 41. pajama, 42. pajama, 43. decompose, 44. cultivate, 45. cremate, 46. compost, 47. formaldehyde

48. habitual ca____al *n.* a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice
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54. ent____gy book *n.* the scientific study of insects, including their physical characteristics, life cycles, behaviors, and relationships with other organisms in their environment
55. co____t pile *n.* a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil
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ANSWERS: 48. cannibal, 49. cannibal, 50. infuse, 51. dissolve, 52. decompose, 53.

preservative, 54. entomology, 55. compost, 56. imprint

57. mu_____om cultivation *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
58. my_____um growth *n.* the vegetative part of a fungus, consisting of a mass of branching, thread-like hyphae
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60. noxious po_____nt *n.* a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil

ANSWERS: 57. mushroom, 58. mycelium, 59. pollutant, 60. pollutant

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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