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Session 1: Word List

daydreaming

n. the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

synonym: reverie, cloud-castle, imagination

(1) stimulate **daydreaming**, (2) the mental process of **daydreaming**

I often waste a lot of time **daydreaming**.

detour

n. a route that deviates from the main or direct one, usually taken to avoid something such as traffic or construction; a diversion from the usual or expected course of action

synonym: diversion, deviation, bypass

(1) **detour** sign, (2) unnecessary **detour**

We had to take a **detour because** of the road construction ahead.

meningitis

n. inflammation of the protective membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord, typically caused by a bacterial or viral infection and characterized by fever, headache, and a stiff neck

synonym: brain fever, cerebrospinal fever

(1) **meningitis** outbreak, (2) acute **meningitis**

The **meningitis** vaccination is recommended for individuals at a high risk of contracting the illness, such as college students and military personnel.

spleen

n. a large, blood-rich organ located in the upper left region of the abdomen, known for its role in the immune system, blood storage, and blood filtration

synonym: lien, irascibility, temper

(1) **spleen** function, (2) enlarged **spleen**

The doctor explained that the pain in her abdomen was caused by **spleen** inflammation.

patchwork

n. a fabric made by stitching together small pieces of different colored and patterned fabrics; a mixture or grouping of diverse elements or components

synonym: assortment, jumble, mishmash

(1) the **patchwork** of legislation, (2) **patchwork** design

The **patchwork** approach to funding led to an uneven distribution of resources.

bulky

adj. taking up much space or being difficult to move because of its size or weight; large and unwieldy

synonym: large, cumbersome, unwieldy

(1) **bulky** material, (2) **bulky** packaging

The **bulky** furniture made it difficult to move around the small room.

chunky

adj. characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build

synonym: chubby, stocky, bulky

(1) **chunky** sweater, (2) a **chunky** necklace

I prefer **chunky** peanut butter over smooth peanut butter.

confine

v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

synonym: restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

carving

n. the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design

synonym : sculpture, engraving, sculpture

(1) a wood **carving**, (2) **carving** instrument

The intricate **carving** on the wooden box was the work of a master craftsman.

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym : nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

toenail

n. the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance

synonym : nail, claw, hoof

(1) **toenail** fungus, (2) ingrown **toenail**

I accidentally stubbed my toe and broke my **toenail**.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

ignite

v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning

synonym : light, set fire to, ignite

(1) **ignite** a boom, (2) **ignite** passion

He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ig___e passion | <i>v.</i> to set on fire; to cause to start burning |
| 2. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 3. the pa_____rk of legislation | <i>n.</i> a fabric made by stitching together small pieces of different colored and patterned fabrics; a mixture or grouping of diverse elements or components |
| 4. pa_____rk design | <i>n.</i> a fabric made by stitching together small pieces of different colored and patterned fabrics; a mixture or grouping of diverse elements or components |
| 5. late co_____er | <i>n.</i> one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business |
| 6. de___r sign | <i>n.</i> a route that deviates from the main or direct one, usually taken to avoid something such as traffic or construction; a diversion from the usual or expected course of action |
| 7. men_____is outbreak | <i>n.</i> inflammation of the protective membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord, typically caused by a bacterial or viral infection and characterized by fever, headache, and a stiff neck |
| 8. stimulate day_____ng | <i>n.</i> the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you |

ANSWERS: 1. ignite, 2. opportune, 3. patchwork, 4. patchwork, 5. cofounder, 6. detour, 7. meningitis, 8. daydreaming

9. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
10. ca_____g instrument *n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design
11. co_____e themselves solely *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
12. dis_____ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
13. ch_____y sweater *adj.* characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build
14. a wood ca_____g *n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design
15. ig_____e a boom *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
16. unnecessary de_____r *n.* a route that deviates from the main or direct one, usually taken to avoid something such as traffic or construction; a diversion from the usual or expected course of action
17. the mental process of day_____ng *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
18. ingrown to_____l *n.* the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance

ANSWERS: 9. opportune, 10. carving, 11. confine, 12. discotheque, 13. chunky, 14. carving, 15. ignite, 16. detour, 17. daydreaming, 18. toenail

19. co____e the scope of use *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
20. bu__y material *adj.* taking up much space or being difficult to move because of its size or weight; large and unwieldy
21. bu__y packaging *adj.* taking up much space or being difficult to move because of its size or weight; large and unwieldy
22. enlarged sp____n *n.* a large, blood-rich organ located in the upper left region of the abdomen, known for its role in the immune system, blood storage, and blood filtration
23. a ch____y necklace *adj.* characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build
24. co____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
25. sp____n function *n.* a large, blood-rich organ located in the upper left region of the abdomen, known for its role in the immune system, blood storage, and blood filtration
26. dis____ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
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ANSWERS: 19. confine, 20. bulky, 21. bulky, 22. spleen, 23. chunky, 24. cofounder, 25. spleen, 26. discotheque, 27. toenail

28. acute men_____is

n. inflammation of the protective membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord, typically caused by a bacterial or viral infection and characterized by fever, headache, and a stiff neck

ANSWERS: 28. meningitis

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He _____ the fireworks with a single spark.
v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning

2. I prefer _____ peanut butter over smooth peanut butter.
adj. characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build

3. We had to take a _____ of the road construction ahead.
n. a route that deviates from the main or direct one, usually taken to avoid something such as traffic or construction; a diversion from the usual or expected course of action

4. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.
n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

5. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

6. I often waste a lot of time _____.
n. the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

7. I accidentally stubbed my toe and broke my _____.
n. the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance

ANSWERS: 1. ignited, 2. chunky, 3. detour because, 4. cofounder, 5. opportune, 6. daydreaming, 7. toenail

8. The _____ furniture made it difficult to move around the small room.
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10. He couldn't wait to hit the _____ and dance the night away.
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13. The doctor explained that the pain in her abdomen was caused by _____ inflammation.
n. a large, blood-rich organ located in the upper left region of the abdomen, known for its role in the immune system, blood storage, and blood filtration
14. The animal was _____ in a small cage.
v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

ANSWERS: 8. bulky, 9. meningitis, 10. discotheque, 11. carving, 12. patchwork, 13. spleen, 14. confined