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Session 1: Word List

morbid

adj. characterized by a preoccupation with death or unhealthy topics or behaviors; gruesome or disturbing

synonym: unhealthy, sickly, gruesome

(1) **morbid** fascination, (2) **morbid** joke

The decayed and **morbid** atmosphere of the abandoned house scared her.

miller

n. a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill

synonym: grinder, pulverizer, crusher

(1) **miller** flour, (2) water **miller**

The **miller's** work was a vital component of the local economy, providing flour to the bakeries and farmers in the area.

curate

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

synonym: minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

indefinitely

adv. without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time

synonym: endlessly, permanently, perpetually

(1) postpone a meeting **indefinitely**, (2) **indefinitely** suspended

The construction project has been delayed **indefinitely** due to the pandemic.

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.

foursquare

adj. characterized by or conforming to a square shape or arrangement; sturdy and solidly built; firm and unwavering in behavior or character, often used to describe someone who adheres strictly to rules or principles

synonym: square, solid, stable

(1) **foursquare** check-in, (2) **foursquare** court

The adventurous kids explored the forest with a **foursquare**

determination to find hidden treasures.

creepy

adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

synonym : eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the chills.

impersonate

v. to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire

synonym : imitate, mimic, copy

(1) **impersonate** a government official, (2) **impersonate** a character

The comedian is famous for his ability to **impersonate** famous politicians.

hologram

n. a three-dimensional image produced by the interference of light beams from a laser or other coherent light sources used for artistic, scientific, or commercial applications

synonym : 3D image, virtual image, projection

(1) **hologram** projection, (2) **hologram** technology

The museum had a **hologram** exhibit that was very popular with visitors.

lifelike

adj. resembling or appearing similar to something alive or real, often realistically or vividly; convincing or authentic in appearance or behavior

synonym : realistic, naturalistic, vivid

(1) **lifelike** painting, (2) **lifelike** animation

The artist created a **lifelike** sculpture of a famous politician for the town square.

Session 2: Spelling

1. mo___d joke *adj.* characterized by a preoccupation with death or unhealthy topics or behaviors; gruesome or disturbing
2. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
3. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
4. perpetual cu___e *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
5. imp_____te a character *v.* to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire
6. cr___y atmosphere *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
7. li_____ke painting *adj.* resembling or appearing similar to something alive or real, often realistically or vividly; convincing or authentic in appearance or behavior
8. ind_____ely suspended *adv.* without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time

ANSWERS: 1. morbid, 2. grandparent, 3. tweet, 4. curate, 5. impersonate, 6. creepy, 7. lifelike, 8. indefinitely

9. feel cr___y *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
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ANSWERS: 9. creepy, 10. opportune, 11. morbid, 12. indefinitely, 13. curate, 14. lifelike, 15. foursquare, 16. impersonate

17. water mi___r *n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill
18. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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24. ho_____am projection *n.* a three-dimensional image produced by the interference of light beams from a laser or other coherent light sources used for artistic, scientific, or commercial applications

ANSWERS: 17. miller, 18. opportune, 19. grandparent, 20. miller, 21. foursquare, 22. hologram, 23. tweet, 24. hologram

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The artist created a _____ sculpture of a famous politician for the town square.
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ANSWERS: 1. lifelike, 2. grandparents, 3. morbid, 4. impersonate, 5. tweet, 6. creepy, 7. foursquare

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12. The construction project has been delayed _____ due to the pandemic.
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ANSWERS: 8. curate, 9. opportune, 10. hologram, 11. miller's, 12. indefinitely