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Session 1: Word List

reflex

n. an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

synonym : reaction, response, instinct

(1) **reflex** test, (2) knee **reflex**

My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the **reflex** hammer.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym : discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

verge

n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

synonym : brink, edge, margin

(1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears

He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

remembrance

n. the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento

synonym : memory, recollection, commemoration

(1) **remembrance** day, (2) eternal **remembrance**

The annual **remembrance** ceremony honors those who sacrificed their lives for the country.

heartfelt

adj. genuine, sincere, and expressing deep feelings or emotions

synonym : sincere, genuine, heartfelt

(1) **heartfelt** apology, (2) **heartfelt** condolence

The letter was a **heartfelt** expression of gratitude to her parents.

condolence

n. sympathy or expression of sympathy offered to someone who has experienced a loss or tragedy; an expression of comfort or consolation

synonym : sympathy, compassion, consolation

(1) express **condolences**, (2) sincere **condolences**

Sending a **condolence** card is a small gesture that can bring comfort to someone who is grieving.

exposition

n. a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

synonym : explanation, description, account

(1) an international **exposition**, (2) rational **exposition**

The **exposition** in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.

aggress

v. to attack or threaten with violence or offense

synonym : attack, assault, threaten

(1) **aggress** into an enemy's camp, (2) **aggress** on the neighboring countries

The dog barked and **aggressed** towards anyone who approached the gate.

paratrooper

n. an individual soldier trained to be dropped by parachute from an aircraft into an area of operation, which is part of airborne units and is trained for rapid deployment and assault operations

synonym: sky soldier, airborne soldier, jumper

(1) **paratrooper** gear, (2) veteran **paratrooper**

He went through rigorous **paratrooper** training to be part of the airborne unit.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ag____s on the neighboring countries | <i>v.</i> to attack or threaten with violence or offense |
| 2. re___x test | <i>n.</i> an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli |
| 3. sincere con_____ces | <i>n.</i> sympathy or expression of sympathy offered to someone who has experienced a loss or tragedy; an expression of comfort or consolation |
| 4. on the ve__e of tears | <i>n.</i> the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border |
| 5. express con_____ces | <i>n.</i> sympathy or expression of sympathy offered to someone who has experienced a loss or tragedy; an expression of comfort or consolation |
| 6. he_____lt apology | <i>adj.</i> genuine, sincere, and expressing deep feelings or emotions |
| 7. eternal rem_____ce | <i>n.</i> the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento |
| 8. un_____h a hound | <i>v.</i> to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled |
| 9. cou_____us rescue attempt | <i>adj.</i> able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching |

ANSWERS: 1. aggress, 2. reflex, 3. condolence, 4. verge, 5. condolence, 6. heartfelt, 7. remembrance, 8. unleash, 9. courageous

10. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
11. he_____lt condolence *adj.* genuine, sincere, and expressing deep feelings or emotions
12. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
13. par_____er gear *n.* an individual soldier trained to be dropped by parachute from an aircraft into an area of operation, which is part of airborne units and is trained for rapid deployment and assault operations
14. veteran par_____er *n.* an individual soldier trained to be dropped by parachute from an aircraft into an area of operation, which is part of airborne units and is trained for rapid deployment and assault operations
15. un_____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
16. knee re_____x *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
17. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
18. rational exp_____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

ANSWERS: 10. dedicate, 11. heartfelt, 12. dedicate, 13. paratrooper, 14. paratrooper, 15. unleash, 16. reflex, 17. courageous, 18. exposition

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ANSWERS: 19. remembrance, 20. exposition, 21. verge, 22. aggress

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 1. paratrooper, 2. reflex, 3. condolence, 4. remembrance, 5. courageous, 6. unleash, 7. dedicated

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ANSWERS: 8. aggressed, 9. exposition, 10. heartfelt, 11. verge