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Session 1: Word List

mosquito

n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

synonym : insect, bug, flea

(1) **mosquito** bite, (2) **mosquito** repellent

A stagnant water area are breeding ground for **mosquitos**.

swat

v. to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with

synonym : slap, smack, hit

(1) expertly **swat** back the ball, (2) **SWAT** operation

I had to **swat** away a fly that was buzzing around my head.

repel

v. to force an attack or attacker to withdraw or retreat

synonym : turn away, fight off, force back

(1) **repel** bandits, (2) **repel** bad luck

This material can **repel** moisture swiftly.

stink

v. to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical

synonym :

reek, smell, odor

(1) **stink** up the place, (2) **stink** badly

The garbage in the alley began to **stink** after a few hot days.

sniff

v. to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath

synonym: smell, inhale, scent

(1) **sniff** the air, (2) **sniff** the perfume

The dog stopped to **sniff** around the tree, looking for something interesting.

jumbo

n. an extremely large or heavy object; an African elephant that was exhibited in a circus in the late 19th century and early 20th century and became widely known as "Jumbo"

synonym: elephantine, mammoth, giant

(1) **jumbo** jet, (2) **jumbo** shrimp

I need to buy a **jumbo-sized** bag of dog food for my large-breed puppy.

aroma

n. a distinctive, usually pleasant smell, often of a specific food, plant, or object

synonym: fragrance, scent, smell

(1) **aroma** therapy, (2) coffee **aroma**

The **aroma** of freshly baked bread filled the kitchen.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

larva

n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

synonym : caterpillar, grub, maggot

(1) **larva** of a butterfly, (2) a moth **larva**

The butterfly emerged from its **larva** stage.

immobile

adj. unable to move or be moved, particularly due to injury, sickness, or mechanical defect

synonym : motionless, stationary, still

(1) **immobile** object, (2) **immobile** body

The patient's injury left them **immobile** for weeks.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

synonym : disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

insecticide

n. a substance used to kill insects

synonym : pesticide, bug-killer, rodenticide

(1) **insecticide** spray, (2) **insecticide** residue

The farmer sprayed the crop with **insecticide** to protect it from pests.

tweed

n. a rough, woolen fabric often woven in a twill pattern, commonly used for making suits, jackets, and coats

synonym : twill, fabric, cloth

(1) **tweed** jacket, (2) **tweed** fabric

She wore a stylish **tweed** coat, perfect for the chilly weather.

collie

n. a medium-sized dog breed of Scottish origin, often used as a sheepdog or for herding livestock

(1) **collie** breed, (2) black **collie**

My neighbor's **collie** is very playful and loves to fetch sticks.

parasite

n. an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

synonym : hitchhiker, leech, saprophyte

(1) blood-sucking **parasite**, (2) **parasite** disease

Tapeworms are **parasites** that live in the intestines of humans and animals.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

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.

betterment

n. the act or process of making something or someone better; the state of being made better

synonym: improvement, advancement, progression

(1) **betterment** of the physical condition, (2) educational **betterment**

The government's policies are aimed at the **betterment** of the economy.

Session 2: Spelling

1. mo____to repellent *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
2. im____le body *adj.* unable to move or be moved, particularly due to injury, sickness, or mechanical defect
3. S__T operation *v.* to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with
4. tw__d fabric *n.* a rough, woolen fabric often woven in a twill pattern, commonly used for making suits, jackets, and coats
5. re__l bandits *v.* to force an attack or attacker to withdraw or retreat
6. st__k badly *v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical
7. expertly s__t back the ball *v.* to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with

ANSWERS: 1. mosquito, 2. immobile, 3. swat, 4. tweed, 5. repel, 6. stink, 7. swat

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| 8. ins_____de residue | <i>n.</i> a substance used to kill insects |
| 9. hu_____g bird | <i>adj.</i> producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee |
| 10. pa_____te disease | <i>n.</i> an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense |
| 11. bet_____nt of the physical condition | <i>n.</i> the act or process of making something or someone better; the state of being made better |
| 12. ar__a therapy | <i>n.</i> a distinctive, usually pleasant smell, often of a specific food, plant, or object |
| 13. mo_____to bite | <i>n.</i> a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria |
| 14. sc_____r seeds | <i>v.</i> to cause to separate and go in different directions |
| 15. tw__d jacket | <i>n.</i> a rough, woolen fabric often woven in a twill pattern, commonly used for making suits, jackets, and coats |
| 16. la__a of a butterfly | <i>n.</i> the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose |
| 17. co___e breed | <i>n.</i> a medium-sized dog breed of Scottish origin, often used as a sheepdog or for herding livestock |
| 18. black co___e | <i>n.</i> a medium-sized dog breed of Scottish origin, often used as a sheepdog or for herding livestock |

ANSWERS: 8. insecticide, 9. humming, 10. parasite, 11. betterment, 12. aroma, 13. mosquito, 14. scatter, 15. tweed, 16. larva, 17. collie, 18. collie

19. ju__o jet *n.* an extremely large or heavy object; an African elephant that was exhibited in a circus in the late 19th century and early 20th century and became widely known as "Jumbo"
20. a moth la__a *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
21. educational bet_____nt *n.* the act or process of making something or someone better; the state of being made better
22. sn__f the air *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
23. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
24. coffee ar__a *n.* a distinctive, usually pleasant smell, often of a specific food, plant, or object
25. ins_____de spray *n.* a substance used to kill insects
26. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
27. blood-sucking pa_____te *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
28. re__l bad luck *v.* to force an attack or attacker to withdraw or retreat

ANSWERS: 19. jumbo, 20. larva, 21. betterment, 22. sniff, 23. opportune, 24. aroma, 25. insecticide, 26. opportune, 27. parasite, 28. repel

29. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
30. sc_____r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
31. sn__f the perfume *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
32. in___t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
33. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
34. st__k up the place *v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical
35. im_____le object *adj.* unable to move or be moved, particularly due to injury, sickness, or mechanical defect
36. ju__o shrimp *n.* an extremely large or heavy object; an African elephant that was exhibited in a circus in the late 19th century and early 20th century and became widely known as "Jumbo"

ANSWERS: 29. infect, 30. scatter, 31. sniff, 32. infect, 33. humming, 34. stink, 35. immobile, 36. jumbo

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Tapeworms are _____ that live in the intestines of humans and animals.
 - n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

2. The _____ of freshly baked bread filled the kitchen.
 - n.* a distinctive, usually pleasant smell, often of a specific food, plant, or object

3. The government's policies are aimed at the _____ of the economy.
 - n.* the act or process of making something or someone better; the state of being made better

4. I need to buy a _____ bag of dog food for my large-breed puppy.
 - n.* an extremely large or heavy object; an African elephant that was exhibited in a circus in the late 19th century and early 20th century and became widely known as "Jumbo"

5. I had to _____ away a fly that was buzzing around my head.
 - v.* to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with

6. The garbage in the alley began to _____ after a few hot days.
 - v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical

7. My neighbor's _____ is very playful and loves to fetch sticks.
 - n.* a medium-sized dog breed of Scottish origin, often used as a sheepdog or for herding livestock

ANSWERS: 1. parasites, 2. aroma, 3. betterment, 4. jumbo-sized, 5. swat, 6. stink, 7. collie

8. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.
v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
9. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
10. The dog stopped to _____ around the tree, looking for something interesting.
v. to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
11. The farmer sprayed the crop with _____ to protect it from pests.
n. a substance used to kill insects
12. She wore a stylish _____ coat, perfect for the chilly weather.
n. a rough, woolen fabric often woven in a twill pattern, commonly used for making suits, jackets, and coats
13. This material can _____ moisture swiftly.
v. to force an attack or attacker to withdraw or retreat
14. The butterfly emerged from its _____ stage.
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15. The patient's injury left them _____ for weeks.
adj. unable to move or be moved, particularly due to injury, sickness, or mechanical defect
16. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 8. scattered, 9. humming, 10. sniff, 11. insecticide, 12. tweed, 13. repel, 14. larva, 15. immobile, 16. opportune

17. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

18. A stagnant water area are breeding ground for _____.

n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

ANSWERS: 17. infect, 18. mosquitos