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Session 1: Word List

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym : agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

psychiatry

n. the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

synonym : mental health, psychology, psychoanalysis

(1) **psychiatry** therapy, (2) biological **psychiatry**

The field of **psychiatry** is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym : mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

odyssey

n. a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

(1) go on a serious **odyssey**, (2) cross-country **odyssey**
He continued the extraordinary **odyssey** with his brother.

interdependent

adj. depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected

synonym: interconnected, interrelated, mutual

(1) **interdependent** systems, (2) develop **interdependent** skills

In nature, all living things are **interdependent** and rely on each other for survival.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

ivy

n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

(1) poison **ivy**, (2) **ivy** plant

The overgrown **ivy** cleaved to the ruined castle walls.

idol

n. an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered

synonym: icon, hero, legend

(1) **idol** worship, (2) **idol** singer

He was an **idol** to his fans, who looked up to him as a role model.

savage

adj. extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized

synonym: brutal, fierce, barbarous

(1) reply in a **savage** voice, (2) **savage** attack

The animal was injured and became **savage**, attacking anyone who approached.

stepfather

n. a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father

synonym: stepdad, father figure, dad-in-law

(1) supportive **stepfather**, (2) **stepfather** role

I didn't get along with my **stepfather** when I was young, but now we're like best friends.

adore

v. to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence

synonym: cherish, worship, idolize

(1) truly **adore** him, (2) **adore** the way she styles her hair

Children seem to **adore** chocolate ice cream no matter where they're from.

dictate

v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

synonym: read out, prescribe, order

(1) **dictate** a letter to secretary, (2) **dictate** to the associate

The allies **dictated** the terms of surrender to the country.

seduce

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

synonym: tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind

He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

coworker

n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization

synonym: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

bruise

n. a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin

synonym: contusion, injury, wound

(1) livid **bruise**, (2) earlier emotional **bruise**

She had a **bruise** on her arm from where she fell on the playground.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

headfirst

adv. with the head leading or going first or in front of the rest of the body while moving forward; in a daring, impulsive, or reckless manner without proper caution or preparation

synonym: dive, plunge, recklessly

(1) jump **headfirst**, (2) dive **headfirst**

She dove **headfirst** into the ocean, eager to cool off from the summer heat.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym: legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

chokehold

n. a wrestling or martial arts hold in which the arms are used to exert pressure on an opponent's neck, cutting off their air supply and temporarily incapacitating them

synonym: stranglehold, grip, lock

(1) **chokehold** technique, (2) police **chokehold**

The wrestler put his opponent in a **chokehold** and won the match.

stalk

v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit;

the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

synonym: follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room

The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking the shot

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

synonym: mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

batter

v. to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

synonym: beat, pound, strike

(1) **batter** the eggs, (2) the **batter's** box

He got so angry that he **battered** the door down.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

sadistic

adj. deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer

synonym: cruel, brutal, inhumane

(1) **sadistic** pleasure, (2) **sadistic** behavior

The **sadistic** character in the movie enjoyed inflicting pain on others for pleasure.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

grisly

adj. causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality

synonym: gruesome, horrific, ghastly

(1) **grisly** death, (2) **grisly** details

The **grisly** scene of the crime horrified the witnesses.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

recast

v. to change the form of something, such as a metal object, by melting it down and reshaping it; to change the actors or the role of a particular actor in a play or film

synonym: modify, remake, remodel

(1) **recast** the Republican party, (2) **recast** the story

He had to **recast** his image to convince the electorate in his home state.

lovable

adj. deserving or inspiring love and affection

synonym: adorable, charming, dear

(1) **lovable** personality, (2) a **lovable** creature

The little puppy was **lovable** and had a playful personality.

conscientious

adj. characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility; diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions

synonym: diligent, thorough, meticulous

(1) **conscientious** worker, (2) **conscientious** objection

Conscientious student always turned in their assignments on time.

escalate

v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

synonym: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to

escalate

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

Session 2: Spelling

1. di____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
2. st__k of celery *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
3. psy_____ry therapy *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
4. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
5. ba____r the eggs *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
6. re____t the Republican party *v.* to change the form of something, such as a metal object, by melting it down and reshaping it; to change the actors or the role of a particular actor in a play or film
7. di____e to the associate *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

ANSWERS: 1. disguise, 2. stalk, 3. psychiatry, 4. moth, 5. batter, 6. recast, 7. dictate

8. se___e him into crime *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
9. con_____ous objection *adj.* characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility; diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions
10. the ba___r's box *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
11. co___e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
12. sa___ic behavior *adj.* deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer
13. truly ad___e him *v.* to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence
14. i___l worship *n.* an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered
15. di___b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
16. issue a w___t *n.* a written legal order or command
17. serial qu___r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
18. co___er relationship *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization

ANSWERS: 8. seduce, 9. conscientious, 10. batter, 11. confuse, 12. sadistic, 13. adore, 14. idol, 15. disturb, 16. writ, 17. quitter, 18. coworker

19. di____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
20. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
21. se___e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
22. negative ste____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
23. a lo____e creature *adj.* deserving or inspiring love and affection
24. int_____ent systems *adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected
25. dive he____st *adv.* with the head leading or going first or in front of the rest of the body while moving forward; in a daring, impulsive, or reckless manner without proper caution or preparation
26. gr__d away at my work *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
27. livid br___e *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
28. go on a serious od____y *n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

ANSWERS: 19. disturb, 20. writ, 21. seduce, 22. stereotype, 23. lovable, 24. interdependent, 25. headfirst, 26. grind, 27. bruise, 28. odyssey

29. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
30. st__k from the room *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
31. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
32. to es____te *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
33. co____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
34. argue with a co____er *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
35. ad__e the way she styles her hair *v.* to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence
36. ch____ld technique *n.* a wrestling or martial arts hold in which the arms are used to exert pressure on an opponent's neck, cutting off their air supply and temporarily incapacitating them
37. di____e a letter to secretary *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

ANSWERS: 29. quitter, 30. stalk, 31. moth, 32. escalate, 33. confuse, 34. coworker, 35. adore, 36. chokehold, 37. dictate

38. i_y plant *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
39. cross-country od_____y *n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
40. police ch_____ld *n.* a wrestling or martial arts hold in which the arms are used to exert pressure on an opponent's neck, cutting off their air supply and temporarily incapacitating them
41. biological psy_____ry *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
42. sa___e attack *adj.* extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized
43. lo_____e personality *adj.* deserving or inspiring love and affection
44. poison i_y *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
45. con_____ous worker *adj.* characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility; diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions
46. sa_____ic pleasure *adj.* deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer
47. develop int_____ent skills *adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected

ANSWERS: 38. ivy, 39. odyssey, 40. chokehold, 41. psychiatry, 42. savage, 43. lovable, 44. ivy, 45. conscientious, 46. sadistic, 47. interdependent

48. gr___y death *adj.* causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality
49. di_____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
50. supportive ste_____er *n.* a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father
51. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
52. gr___y details *adj.* causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality
53. jump he_____st *adv.* with the head leading or going first or in front of the rest of the body while moving forward; in a daring, impulsive, or reckless manner without proper caution or preparation
54. earlier emotional br___e *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
55. es_____te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
56. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
57. re___t the story *v.* to change the form of something, such as a metal object, by melting it down and reshaping it; to change the actors or the role of a particular actor in a play or film

ANSWERS: 48. grisly, 49. disguise, 50. stepfather, 51. terrify, 52. grisly, 53. headfirst, 54. bruise, 55. escalate, 56. stereotype, 57. recast

58. gr__d your teeth *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
59. te____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
60. reply in a sa___e voice *adj.* extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized
61. ste_____er role *n.* a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father
62. i__l singer *n.* an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered

ANSWERS: 58. grind, 59. terrify, 60. savage, 61. stepfather, 62. idol

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

2. The overgrown _____ cleaved to the ruined castle walls.
n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

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ANSWERS: 8. grind, 9. stalked, 10. terrify, 11. interdependent, 12. Conscientious, 13. stereotypes, 14. escalated

15. I didn't get along with my _____ when I was young, but now we're like best friends.
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ANSWERS: 31. idol