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Session 1: Word List

ambience

n. the atmosphere or feeling that is created by a specific environment, usually physical or sensory; the mood or character of a particular place or setting

synonym: atmosphere, vibe, feeling

(1) tropical **ambience**, (2) sophisticated **ambience**

The **ambience** of the restaurant was carefully curated to create a romantic atmosphere.

acoustics

n. a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound

(1) specialize in **acoustics**, (2) the engineer of **acoustics**

The physicist specializes in **acoustics**.

dispense

v. to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients

synonym: distribute, allocate, deal out

(1) **dispense** with ceremony, (2) **dispense** justice

The pharmacist started to **dispense** medication to patients.

regenerate

v. to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful

synonym

: renew, revive, improve

(1) **regenerate** bone tissue, (2) a **regenerate** sinner
The new CEO's primary mission is to **regenerate** the company on the verge of bankruptcy.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym: demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym: base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency **headquarter**

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

atrium

n. a central or main hall or open space in a building, typically with a skylight or large window, often serving as a gathering area or focal point; (of anatomy) a chamber or cavity within the heart or inner ear

synonym: lobby, hall, chamber

(1) **atrium** architecture, (2) **atrium** valve

The office building had a beautiful **atrium** in the center, filled with natural light and plants.

intelligibility

n. the quality or state of being intelligible or easily understood; clarity of expression or communication

synonym: clarity, comprehensibility, understandability

(1) **intelligibility** test, (2) visual **intelligibility**

The teacher emphasized the importance of clear enunciation

to increase her students' speech **intelligibility**.

reverberate

v. to be repeated several times as an echo

synonym: echo, resonate, resound

(1) **reverberate** through the hall, (2) **reverberate** in my head

The effects might **reverberate** across the oceans in unexpected ways.

inaudible

adj. unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard

synonym: unhearable, faint, unheard

(1) **inaudible** whisper, (2) **inaudible** sound

The speaker's voice was **inaudible** over the background noise.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

liken

v. to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way

synonym: compare, equate, analogize

(1) **liken** to a flower, (2) **liken** to a bird

Some people **liken** meditation to a mental shower, refreshing and rejuvenating the mind.

evaporate

v. to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually

synonym: vaporize, disappear, vanish

(1) **evaporate** the water, (2) **evaporate** almost overnight

The sun will **evaporate** the mist.

impair

v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse

synonym: degrade, mar, deface

(1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity

The accident made his vision **impaired**.

introvert

n. a shy and reticent person

synonym: observer, loner, solitary

(1) **introvert** personality, (2) **introvert** behavior

Being an **introvert** is not a weakness, and it's just a different way of interacting with the world.

decibel

n. (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale

synonym: dB, sound level, volume

(1) **decibel** level, (2) adjust the **decibel**

The concert reached 100 **decibels**, causing many people to cover their ears.

myocardial

adj. relating to the muscular tissue of the heart

synonym: cardiac, heart-related, ventricular

(1) **myocardial** infarction, (2) **myocardial** fibrosis

The physical examination revealed no abnormalities in the patient's **myocardial** structure.

infarction

n. the obstruction or blockage of blood flow to a specific area or organ, leading to tissue damage or death, commonly used to describe a myocardial infarction (heart attack)

synonym: heart attack, coronary, thrombosis

(1) acute **infarction**, (2) cerebral **infarction**

Time is critical when treating a myocardial **infarction**.

incidentally

adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing

synonym: by chance, by accident, inadvertently

(1) **incidentally** discovered, (2) **incidentally** mentioned

Incidentally, I know the answer to that question.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

broaden

v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

synonym: expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

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.

teamwork

n. the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal

synonym: collaboration, cooperation, coordination

(1) poor **teamwork**, (2) **teamwork** in business

Harmonious **teamwork** is essential to the success of this project.

Session 2: Spelling

1. myo_____al fibrosis
adj. relating to the muscular tissue of the heart
2. cerebral inf_____on
n. the obstruction or blockage of blood flow to a specific area or organ, leading to tissue damage or death, commonly used to describe a myocardial infarction (heart attack)
3. rev_____te through the hall
v. to be repeated several times as an echo
4. sophisticated am_____ce
n. the atmosphere or feeling that is created by a specific environment, usually physical or sensory; the mood or character of a particular place or setting
5. te_____rk in business
n. the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal
6. li__n to a bird
v. to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way
7. ev_____te the water
v. to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually
8. at___m architecture
n. a central or main hall or open space in a building, typically with a skylight or large window, often serving as a gathering area or focal point; (of anatomy) a chamber or cavity within the heart or inner ear

ANSWERS: 1. myocardial, 2. infarction, 3. reverberate, 4. ambience, 5. teamwork, 6. liken, 7. evaporate, 8. atrium

9. reg_____te bone tissue *v.* to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful
10. ev_____te almost overnight *v.* to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually
11. in_____le sound *adj.* unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard
12. a reg_____te sinner *v.* to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful
13. int_____ity test *n.* the quality or state of being intelligible or easily understood; clarity of expression or communication
14. tropical am_____ce *n.* the atmosphere or feeling that is created by a specific environment, usually physical or sensory; the mood or character of a particular place or setting
15. br_____n students' knowledge *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
16. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
17. inc_____lly mentioned *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
18. in_____le whisper *adj.* unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard
19. myo_____al infarction *adj.* relating to the muscular tissue of the heart

ANSWERS: 9. regenerate, 10. evaporate, 11. inaudible, 12. regenerate, 13. intelligibility, 14. ambience, 15. broaden, 16. improvisation, 17. incidentally, 18. inaudible, 19. myocardial

20. the engineer of ac_____cs *n.* a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound
21. an emergency hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
22. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
23. li__n to a flower *v.* to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way
24. br_____n their horizon *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
25. rev_____te in my head *v.* to be repeated several times as an echo
26. in_____rt personality *n.* a shy and reticent person
27. im____r my health *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
28. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
29. at____m valve *n.* a central or main hall or open space in a building, typically with a skylight or large window, often serving as a gathering area or focal point; (of anatomy) a chamber or cavity within the heart or inner ear

ANSWERS: 20. acoustics, 21. headquarter, 22. opportune, 23. liken, 24. broaden, 25. reverberate, 26. introvert, 27. impair, 28. opportune, 29. atrium

30. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
31. inc_____lly discovered *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
32. im___r insulin sensitivity *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
33. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
34. in_____rt behavior *n.* a shy and reticent person
35. administrative hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
36. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
37. adjust the de_____l *n.* (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale
38. de_____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
39. de_____l level *n.* (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale

ANSWERS: 30. confer, 31. incidentally, 32. impair, 33. numb, 34. introvert, 35. headquarter, 36. improvisation, 37. decibel, 38. degrade, 39. decibel

40. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
41. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
42. poor te____rk *n.* the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal
43. di____se with ceremony *v.* to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients
44. specialize in ac____cs *n.* a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound
45. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
46. visual int_____ity *n.* the quality or state of being intelligible or easily understood; clarity of expression or communication
47. de____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
48. acute inf____on *n.* the obstruction or blockage of blood flow to a specific area or organ, leading to tissue damage or death, commonly used to describe a myocardial infarction (heart attack)

ANSWERS: 40. app, 41. numb, 42. teamwork, 43. dispense, 44. acoustics, 45. app, 46. intelligibility, 47. degrade, 48. infarction

49. di____se justice

v. to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients

50. co____r honor

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 49. dispense, 50. confer

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The physical examination revealed no abnormalities in the patient's _____ structure.
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ANSWERS: 1. myocardial, 2. confer, 3. introvert, 4. reverberate, 5. regenerate, 6. atrium, 7. dispense

8. _____ I know the answer to that question.

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ANSWERS: 8. Incidentally, 9. infarction, 10. numb, 11. liken, 12. degrade, 13. improvisation, 14. app's

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ANSWERS: 15. decibels, 16. evaporate, 17. ambience, 18. impaired, 19. broadened, 20. headquarters, 21. teamwork, 22. opportune

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- n.* the quality or state of being intelligible or easily understood; clarity of expression or communication

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ANSWERS: 23. intelligibility, 24. inaudible, 25. acoustics