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Session 1: Word List

incubator

n. an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

synonym: hatchery, brooder, nursery

(1) infant **incubator**, (2) business **incubator** program

The eggs were placed in an artificial **incubator** to ensure proper hatching conditions.

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym: foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

constellation

n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

synonym: asterism, array, pattern

(1) the stars of the Scorpion **constellation**, (2) northern **constellation**

Navigators still use the Little Bear **constellation** at sea.

affluence

n. an abundance of wealth, resources, or property; prosperity

synonym: wealth, prosperity, richness

(1) postwar **affluence**, (2) material **affluence**

She lived a life of **affluence**, with all the money and possessions she could ever want.

infertile

adj. unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable

synonym: barren, sterile, unproductive

(1) **infertile** woman, (2) **infertile** land

The soil in the desert is **infertile**, making it difficult to grow crops.

jaundice

n. a medical condition in which the skin and whites of the eyes take on a yellowish tint due to an excess of bilirubin in the blood; a metaphorical state of mind characterized by suspicion, cynicism, or bitterness

synonym: icterus, yellowing, animosity

(1) **jaundice** liver, (2) acute **jaundice**

The yellowing of the eyes is a common symptom of **jaundice**.

mind-boggling

adj. extremely surprising or overwhelming and, therefore, difficult to understand or imagine

synonym: overwhelming, amazing, astonishing

(1) a **mind-boggling** puzzle, (2) a **mind-boggling** display

Educating hundreds of thousands of recruits is a **mind-boggling** task.

transfusion

n. the transfer of blood or blood products from one person or animal to another, often to replace blood lost due to injury or surgery

synonym: transfer, graft, infusion

(1) red blood cell **transfusion**, (2) plasma **transfusion**

The patient received a blood **transfusion** during the surgery

to replenish her supply.

daunting

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

synonym : intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task
My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

illuminating

adj. making something clear or easy to understand; providing light

synonym : enlightening, informative, clarifying

(1) **illuminating** light, (2) an **illuminating** answer
The lecture was **illuminating** and gave me a new perspective on the topic.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym : amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

neonatal

adj. relating to the first few weeks after birth; pertaining to newborn infants

synonym : newborn, infant, baby

(1) **neonatal** care, (2) **neonatal** jaundice

The **neonatal** unit at the hospital specializes in caring for premature babies.

cesarean

adj. (also known as "C-section") relating to the delivery of a baby through a surgical incision made in the mother's abdomen and uterus rather than through vaginal birth

synonym : C-section, surgical birth

(1) **cesarean** delivery, (2) emergency **cesarean**

The **cesarean** recovery period can be longer and more challenging than a vaginal birth recovery.

bum

n. a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive

synonym : hobo, vagrant, tramp

(1) homeless **bum**, (2) lazy **bum**

He used to be a successful businessman, but now he's a washed-up **bum** with nothing to show.

rerun

n. the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again

synonym : repeat, replay, re-airing

(1) **rerun** episode, (2) **rerun** of a TV show

I missed the episode of my favorite show, so I hope they will air a **rerun** soon.

trustworthy

adj. reliable and dependable

synonym : reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally, (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

firefly

n. a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark

(1) the glow of a **firefly**, (2) sparkle like **firefly**

In that country, there is a culture of eating live **firefly** squid.

cockroach

n. a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home

synonym : roach

(1) **cockroach** killer, (2) have a **cockroach** phobia

Cockroaches sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.

perish

v. to die or cease to exist; to suffer complete ruin or destruction; to decay or deteriorate

synonym: die, expire, deteriorate

(1) **perish** in a fire, (2) **perish** from hunger

The orchids **perished** without enough sunlight or water.

goofy

adj. silly or foolish

synonym: silly, crazy, dopey

(1) wore a **goofy** hat, (2) with a **goofy** expression

He made a **goofy** face as he recalled this morning's events.

Session 2: Spelling

1. postwar af_____ce
n. an abundance of wealth, resources, or property; prosperity
2. in_____le woman
adj. unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable
3. an ill_____ing answer
adj. making something clear or easy to understand; providing light
4. northern con_____ion
n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
5. ce_____an delivery
adj. (also known as "C-section") relating to the delivery of a baby through a surgical incision made in the mother's abdomen and uterus rather than through vaginal birth
6. a min_____ing puzzle
adj. extremely surprising or overwhelming and, therefore, difficult to understand or imagine
7. ja_____ce liver
n. a medical condition in which the skin and whites of the eyes take on a yellowish tint due to an excess of bilirubin in the blood; a metaphorical state of mind characterized by suspicion, cynicism, or bitterness
8. material af_____ce
n. an abundance of wealth, resources, or property; prosperity

ANSWERS: 1. affluence, 2. infertile, 3. illuminating, 4. constellation, 5. cesarean, 6. mind-boggling, 7. jaundice, 8. affluence

9. pe___h from hunger *v.* to die or cease to exist; to suffer complete ruin or destruction; to decay or deteriorate
10. tru_____hy ally *adj.* reliable and dependable
11. re__n episode *n.* the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again
12. ne_____al jaundice *adj.* relating to the first few weeks after birth; pertaining to newborn infants
13. in_____le land *adj.* unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable
14. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
15. face the da_____ng reality *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
16. for ov_____a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
17. red blood cell tra_____on *n.* the transfer of blood or blood products from one person or animal to another, often to replace blood lost due to injury or surgery

ANSWERS: 9. perish, 10. trustworthy, 11. rerun, 12. neonatal, 13. infertile, 14. intensify, 15. daunting, 16. oversea, 17. transfusion

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21. ware a go__y hat *adj.* silly or foolish
22. the glow of a fi____y *n.* a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark
23. have a co_____ch phobia *n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
24. lazy b_m *n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
25. re__n of a TV show *n.* the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again
26. pe___h in a fire *v.* to die or cease to exist; to suffer complete ruin or destruction; to decay or deteriorate

ANSWERS: 18. oversea, 19. mind-boggling, 20. constellation, 21. goofy, 22. firefly, 23. cockroach, 24. bum, 25. rerun, 26. perish

27. business in _____ or program *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
28. plasma tra _____ on *n.* the transfer of blood or blood products from one person or animal to another, often to replace blood lost due to injury or surgery
29. seem like a da _____ ng task *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
30. tru _____ hy source *adj.* reliable and dependable
31. infant in _____ or *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
32. in _____ fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
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35. co _____ ch killer *n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
36. homeless b _ m *n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive

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38. ne____al care *adj.* relating to the first few weeks after birth; pertaining to newborn infants
39. acute ja____ce *n.* a medical condition in which the skin and whites of the eyes take on a yellowish tint due to an excess of bilirubin in the blood; a metaphorical state of mind characterized by suspicion, cynicism, or bitterness
40. sparkle like fi____y *n.* a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. People tend to believe _____ friends with their secrets.
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