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Session 1: Word List

bud

 a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

synonym: shoot, sprout, germ

(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting

The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

hover

- v. to stay in one place in the airsynonym: hang, float over, drift
- (1) **hover** between life and death, (2) **hover** around the table

Two birds were **hovering** overhead.

giggle

 to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way

synonym: titter, chuckle, snicker

(1) **giggle** like a child, (2) **giggle** uncontrollably When we saw the animals at the zoo playfully chasing each other, we all started to **giggle**.

slump

v. to fall or sink suddenly, often due to loss of support or stability; to decline or decrease abruptly, as in business or economic conditions; to become despondent or

dispirited; (noun) a sudden or prolonged decline or drop in value, price, or quality

synonym: drop, sink, sag

slump against pillows, (2) economic slump
 Sales of the product slumped after the negative reviews were published.

rewind

 to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning

synonym: wind back, back up, reverse

(1) **rewind** a film, (2) manually **rewind** the tape Please **rewind** the thread onto the reel.

unprepared

adj. not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready

synonym: inexperienced, caught off-guard, ill-equipped

(1) **unprepared** speech, (2) **unprepared** for the exam The **unprepared** student struggled on the test and received a low grade.

ambush

 the act of hiding and waiting for someone before the sudden attack

synonym: trap, surprise, lure

attacking from ambush, (2) ambush marketing
 Armed police officers lay in ambush in front of the criminal's house.

foggy

adj. characterized by or filled with dense clouds of mist or fog; unclear or hazy, as in thought or memory

synonym: misty, hazy, murky

(1) foggy morning, (2) foggy memory

The **foggy** weather made it difficult to see the road ahead.

stumble

- v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep
- (1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

daze

n. the feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally; (verb) to confuse or stun someone with a sudden intense light or loud noise

synonym: stupor, confusion, (verb) stun

(1) walk around in a daze, (2) daze of sleep

He was in a **daze** from the sudden news and couldn't process it properly.

saber

 a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing

synonym: sword, cutlass, blade

(1) saber fencing, (2) ceremonial saber

The military commander drew his **saber** and shouted orders to the troops.

plight

n. a difficult or unfortunate situation

synonym: crisis, predicament, trouble

(1) miserable **plight**, (2) the **plight** of the poor

The government has ignored the **plight** of the homeless population.

ponder

- v. to think deeply or carefully about something synonym: think about, consider, reflect on
- (1) **ponder** divine matters, (2) **ponder** life's meaning She sat quietly, **pondering** the difficult decision.

intern

to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) intern civilians, (2) medical intern

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

hypothalamus

- a basal part of the brain that autonomically controls body temperature, hunger, and the release of hormones
- (1) anterior **hypothalamus**, (2) **hypothalamus** hemorrhage Oxytocin is also produced in the nucleus of the **hypothalamus**.

corticosteroid

 a synthetic steroid hormone that is commonly used to reduce inflammation and treat a variety of medical conditions, including asthma, allergies, and arthritis

synonym: cortisone, glucocorticoid, steroid hormone

(1) oral **corticosteroid**, (2) **corticosteroid** injection The doctor prescribed a **corticosteroid** cream to treat my itchy rash.

pituitary

 a small, pea-sized gland located at the base of the brain that influences the growth and sexual development of the body by producing hormones

synonym: hypophyseal, hypothalamic, anterior lobe

(1) **pituitary** hormone, (2) anterior **pituitary**The **pituitary** gland is responsible for releasing hormones that regulate growth and metabolism.

pea

 a small, round, green vegetable that grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable

synonym: legume, bean, pulse

(1) **pea** protein, (2) **pea** family

She shelled the **peas** and added them to the pot.

adrenal

- adj. relating to two glands situated above the kidneys, called the adrenal gland
- (1) adrenal gland, (2) adrenal cortex

The doctor ordered tests to check the patient's **adrenal** function.

stimming

 a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation synonym: self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

(1) autistic **stimming**, (2) **stimming** therapy

Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

cortisol

 a hormone produced by the adrenal gland that is involved in regulating the body's metabolism, immune system, and blood pressure

synonym: stress hormone, hydrocortisone

(1) cortisol stress, (2) excessive cortisol

Cortisol levels in the body are often elevated during times of stress.

superhuman

adj. possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capabilitysynonym: supernatural, inhuman, beyond human

(1) **superhuman** beings, (2) **superhuman** effort

The athlete's **superhuman** strength allowed him to lift twice his body weight.

pimple

 a small, inflamed spot or swelling on the surface of the skin, typically caused by clogged pores or sebaceous glands; a colloquial term for an acne blemish

synonym: blemish, zit, spot

(1) pimple treatment, (2) get rid of a pimple

The **pimple** outbreak on his face made him feel self-conscious.

churn

v. to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover

synonym: stir, agitate, whirl

(1) **churn** out manufactured goods, (2) **churn** in my stomach

The cream needs to be **churned** for several minutes before it becomes butter.

sebaceous

adj. relating to or secreting a fatty or oily substance,
 particularly in the skin or hair follicles, often associated
 with the formation of acne or other skin conditions

synonym: oily, greasy, fatty

(1) sebaceous glands, (2) sebaceous cyst

Acne is often caused by **sebaceous** oils clogging the pores on the skin.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

inflame

v. to cause very strong feelings such as anger or excitement in a person or a group of people

synonym: agitate, arouse, enrage

(1) **inflame** skin, (2) **inflame** his passion

Her eyes inflamed with crying.

pore

 a tiny hole in the skin of people or other animals that sweat can pass through; (verb) to read carefully or study attentively

synonym: stoma, foramen

(1) woody **pore** fungi, (2) **pore** over reference books I was sweating at every **pore**.

pesky

adj. causing annoyance, irritation, or trouble; persistent in a vexing or troublesome manner

synonym: annoying, irritating, bothersome

(1) dealing with **pesky**, (2) **pesky** problem The **pesky** fly kept buzzing around my head.

neuropeptide

- a type of molecule that is made up of chains of amino acids and is involved in transmitting messages between neurons in the brain and nervous system
- (1) **neuropeptide** receptor, (2) **neuropeptide** release Experiments with **neuropeptide** inhibitors have shown promising results in alleviating chronic pain.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym: situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

unavoidable

adj. impossible to avoid or evade; inevitablesynonym: inevitable, inescapable, certain

(1) an **unavoidable** accident, (2) under **unavoidable** circumstances

There are now fears that war is unavoidable.

Session 2: Spelling

- dealing with pe__y
- 2. get rid of a pi___e
- 3. anterior hyp____mus
- 4. b_d grafting
- 5. sw__l at room temperature
- 6. unp____ed for the exam
- 7. ad____l gland
- 8. in___e skin
- 9. anterior pi____ry

- adj. causing annoyance, irritation, or trouble;persistent in a vexing or troublesomemanner
- n. a small, inflamed spot or swelling on the surface of the skin, typically caused by clogged pores or sebaceous glands; a colloquial term for an acne blemish
- a basal part of the brain that autonomically controls body temperature, hunger, and the release of hormones
- a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
- v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
- adj. not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
- adj. relating to two glands situated above the kidneys, called the adrenal gland
- v. to cause very strong feelings such as anger or excitement in a person or a group of people
- n. a small, pea-sized gland located at the base of the brain that influences the growth and sexual development of the body by producing hormones

ANSWERS: 1. pesky, 2. pimple, 3. hypothalamus, 4. bud, 5. swell, 6. unprepared, 7. adrenal, 8. inflame, 9. pituitary

10. adI cortex		relating to two glands situated above the kidneys, called the adrenal gland
11. supan effort	adj.	possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
12. oral coroid	n.	a synthetic steroid hormone that is commonly used to reduce inflammation and treat a variety of medical conditions, including asthma, allergies, and arthritis
13. walk around in a de		the feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally; (verb) to confuse or stun someone with a sudden intense light or loud noise
14. foy memory	adj.	characterized by or filled with dense clouds of mist or fog; unclear or hazy, as in thought or memory
15. ine his passion	v.	to cause very strong feelings such as anger or excitement in a person or a group of people
16. foy morning	adj.	characterized by or filled with dense clouds of mist or fog; unclear or hazy, as in thought or memory
17. red a film		to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning
18. autistic stng	n.	a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

ANSWERS: 10. adrenal, 11. superhuman, 12. corticosteroid, 13. daze, 14. foggy, 15. inflame, 16. foggy, 17. rewind, 18. stimming

19.	ceremonial sar	n.	a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing
20.	seus cyst	adj.	relating to or secreting a fatty or oily substance, particularly in the skin or hair follicles, often associated with the formation of acne or other skin conditions
21.	piry hormone	n.	a small, pea-sized gland located at the base of the brain that influences the growth and sexual development of the body by producing hormones
22.	sar fencing	n.	a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing
23.	por divine matters	v.	to think deeply or carefully about something
24.	de of sleep	n.	the feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally; (verb) to confuse or stun someone with a sudden intense light or loud noise
25.	coroid injection	n.	a synthetic steroid hormone that is commonly used to reduce inflammation and treat a variety of medical conditions, including asthma, allergies, and arthritis
26.	miserable plt	n.	a difficult or unfortunate situation
27.	por life's meaning	<i>v</i> .	to think deeply or carefully about something
28.	pey problem	adj.	causing annoyance, irritation, or trouble; persistent in a vexing or troublesome manner

ANSWERS: 19. saber, 20. sebaceous, 21. pituitary, 22. saber, 23. ponder, 24. daze, 25. corticosteroid, 26. plight, 27. ponder, 28. pesky

29.	slp against pillows	<i>V</i> .	to fall or sink suddenly, often due to loss of support or stability; to decline or decrease abruptly, as in business or economic conditions; to become despondent or dispirited; (noun) a sudden or prolonged decline or drop in value, price, or quality
30.	excessive cool	n.	a hormone produced by the adrenal gland that is involved in regulating the body's metabolism, immune system, and blood pressure
31.	an unale accident	adj.	impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable
32.	hor between life and death	<i>v</i> .	to stay in one place in the air
33.	unped speech	adj.	not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
34.	ste through life	<i>v</i> .	to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
35.	pe over reference books	n.	a tiny hole in the skin of people or other animals that sweat can pass through; (verb) to read carefully or study attentively
36.	in-su control	adj.	short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
37.	gie uncontrollably	<i>v</i> .	to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way
38.	pie treatment	n.	a small, inflamed spot or swelling on the surface of the skin, typically caused by clogged pores or sebaceous glands; a

ANSWERS: 29. slump, 30. cortisol, 31. unavoidable, 32. hover, 33. unprepared, 34. stumble, 35. pore, 36. situ, 37. giggle, 38. pimple

colloquial term for an acne blemish

39. under una le circumstances adj. impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable 40. ho r around the table to stay in one place in the air ν. a small, round, green vegetable that 41. p a protein n. grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable 42. am___h marketing the act of hiding and waiting for n. someone before the sudden attack adj. short for "situated," meaning located or 43. ex-s u conservation placed in a particular position or circumstance to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or 44. ch n in my stomach mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover 45. the pl__t of the poor a difficult or unfortunate situation n. 46. st ng therapy a behavior often exhibited by individuals n. on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation 47. manually re d the tape to make something, such as a film or ν. tape, go back to the beginning 48. in n civilians to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 39. unavoidable, 40. hover, 41. pea, 42. ambush, 43. situ, 44. churn, 45. plight, 46. stimming, 47. rewind, 48. intern

49. hypmus hemorrhage	n.	a basal part of the brain that autonomically controls body temperature, hunger, and the release of hormones
50. medical inn	ν.	to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
51. woody pe fungi	n.	a tiny hole in the skin of people or other animals that sweat can pass through; (verb) to read carefully or study attentively
52. swl a population	v.	to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
53. pinch off a b_d	n.	a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
54. cool stress	n.	a hormone produced by the adrenal gland that is involved in regulating the body's metabolism, immune system, and blood pressure
55. p_a family	n.	a small, round, green vegetable that grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable
56. attacking from amh	n.	the act of hiding and waiting for someone before the sudden attack
57. economic sl_p	ν.	to fall or sink suddenly, often due to loss of support or stability; to decline or decrease abruptly, as in business or economic conditions; to become despondent or dispirited; (noun) a sudden or prolonged decline or drop in value, price, or quality

ANSWERS: 49. hypothalamus, 50. intern, 51. pore, 52. swell, 53. bud, 54. cortisol, 55. pea, 56. ambush, 57. slump

58.	supan beings	adj.	possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
59.	chn out manufactured goods	ν.	to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover
60.	gie like a child	<i>v</i> .	to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way
61.	neuide release	n.	a type of molecule that is made up of chains of amino acids and is involved in transmitting messages between neurons in the brain and nervous system
62.	neuide receptor	n.	a type of molecule that is made up of chains of amino acids and is involved in transmitting messages between neurons in the brain and nervous system
63.	ste financially	v.	to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
64.	seus glands	adj.	relating to or secreting a fatty or oily substance, particularly in the skin or hair follicles, often associated with the formation of acne or other skin conditions

ANSWERS: 58. superhuman, 59. churn, 60. giggle, 61. neuropeptide, 62. neuropeptide, 63. stumble, 64. sebaceous

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	His arm was from the insect bite.
<i>v</i> .	to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
2.	Two birds were overhead.
<i>v</i> .	to stay in one place in the air
3.	The government has ignored the of the homeless population.
n.	a difficult or unfortunate situation
4.	The gland is responsible for releasing hormones that regulate growth and metabolism.
n.	a small, pea-sized gland located at the base of the brain that influences the growth and sexual development of the body by producing hormones
5.	Her eyes with crying.
<i>v</i> .	to cause very strong feelings such as anger or excitement in a person or a group of people
6.	Armed police officers lay in in front of the criminal's house.
n.	the act of hiding and waiting for someone before the sudden attack
7.	The military commander drew his and shouted orders to the troops.
n.	a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing
8.	The fly kept buzzing around my head.
adj	causing annoyance, irritation, or trouble; persistent in a vexing or troublesome manner
	SWERS: 1. swelling, 2. hovering, 3. plight, 4. pituitary, 5. inflamed, 6. ambush, 7. per, 8. pesky

9.	Oxytocin is also produced in the nucleus of the
n.	a basal part of the brain that autonomically controls body temperature, hunger, and the release of hormones
10.	The flower was starting to show its and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.
n.	a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
11.	Melanoma in is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
adj	short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
12.	There are now fears that war is
adj	impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable
13.	The cream needs to be for several minutes before it becomes butter.
v.	to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover
14.	The athlete's strength allowed him to lift twice his body weight.
adj	 possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
15.	When we saw the animals at the zoo playfully chasing each other, we all started to
v.	to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way
	SWERS: 9. hypothalamus, 10. bud, 11. situ, 12. unavoidable, 13. churned, 14. perhuman, 15. giggle

16.	She over the tree root.
v.	to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
17.	Autistic children may engage in behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.
n.	a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
18.	The weather made it difficult to see the road ahead.
adj	characterized by or filled with dense clouds of mist or fog; unclear or hazy, as i thought or memory
19.	Sales of the product after the negative reviews were published.
ν.	to fall or sink suddenly, often due to loss of support or stability; to decline or decrease abruptly, as in business or economic conditions; to become despondent or dispirited; (noun) a sudden or prolonged decline or drop in value, price, or quality
20.	Please the thread onto the reel.
v.	to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning
21.	levels in the body are often elevated during times of stress.
n.	a hormone produced by the adrenal gland that is involved in regulating the body's metabolism, immune system, and blood pressure
22.	The student struggled on the test and received a low grade.
adj	not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
23.	The navy ships of defeated nations.
v.	to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
	SWERS: 16. stumbled, 17. stimming, 18. foggy, 19. slumped, 20. rewind, 21. tisol, 22. unprepared, 23. interned

29. pore, 30. peas, 31. pimple

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ANSWERS: 32. corticosteroid