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Session 1: Word List

lifeline

n. a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help

synonym: savior, support, safety net

(1) **lifeline** support, (2) emotional **lifeline**

My best friend has been my **lifeline** throughout all of my hardships.

penicillin

n. an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections

synonym: antibiotic, bacitracin

(1) **penicillin** allergy, (2) **penicillin** sensitivity testing

The doctor prescribed **penicillin** to treat the bacterial infection.

lewd

adj. crude, vulgar, or offensive in a sexual manner; given to lustful or licentious behavior

synonym: indecent, vulgar, obscene

(1) **lewd** behavior, (2) **lewd** comments

The comedian's **lewd** jokes offended some of the audience members.

abbreviation

n. a shortened form of a word or phrase used to represent the whole, typically for ease of use

synonym: short form, acronym, initialism

(1) currency **abbreviation**, (2) **abbreviation** of the full name
In the medical field, service **abbreviation** refers to medical procedures, diagnoses, and medications.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

synonym: center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym: accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

hotline

n. a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance

synonym: helpline, emergency line, crisis line

(1) **hotline** number, (2) automated **hotline**

The emergency **hotline** is available 24/7 for people in need of immediate assistance.

petty

adj. of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

synonym: minor, insignificant, trivial

(1) **petty** crime, (2) **petty** cash

The **petty** arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.

summon

v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
synonym: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

methamphetamine

n. (commonly known as "meth" or "crystal meth") a powerful and highly addictive stimulant drug that affects the central nervous system

synonym: meth, crystal

(1) **methamphetamine** addiction, (2) fatal

methamphetamine overdose

The use of **methamphetamine** has been linked to several mental health disorders.

spate

n. a sudden or short-lived outburst, increase, or surge of something, often used to describe a sudden flood of water or a burst of activity or events

synonym: flood, deluge, inundation

(1) a **spate** of business failures, (2) **spate** of attacks

After the heavy rain, a **spate** of accidents occurred on the flooded roads.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

synonym: tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

anecdotal

adj. based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

synonym: hearsay, informal, unreliable

(1) **anecdotal** evidence, (2) **anecdotal** example

My friend shared an **anecdotal** story about her experience in customer service.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
2. a sp__e of business failures *n.* a sudden or short-lived outburst, increase, or surge of something, often used to describe a sudden flood of water or a burst of activity or events
3. pen_____in allergy *n.* an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections
4. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
5. center-pi__t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
6. fatal met_____ine overdose *n.* (commonly known as "meth" or "crystal meth") a powerful and highly addictive stimulant drug that affects the central nervous system
7. pi__t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
8. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 1. bully, 2. spate, 3. penicillin, 4. smartphone, 5. pivot, 6. methamphetamine, 7. pivot, 8. excite

9. su___n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
10. uni_____ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
11. automated ho_____e *n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance
12. sp__e of attacks *n.* a sudden or short-lived outburst, increase, or surge of something, often used to describe a sudden flood of water or a burst of activity or events
13. bu__y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
14. l__d behavior *adj.* crude, vulgar, or offensive in a sexual manner; given to lustful or licentious behavior
15. an_____al evidence *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
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ANSWERS: 9. summon, 10. unintended, 11. hotline, 12. spate, 13. bully, 14. lewd, 15. anecdotal, 16. unintended, 17. methamphetamine

18. li____ne support *n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
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20. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
21. ho____e number *n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance
22. su___n a city council *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
23. pen_____in sensitivity testing *n.* an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections
24. abb_____ion of the full name *n.* a shortened form of a word or phrase used to represent the whole, typically for ease of use
25. an_____al example *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
26. pe__y crime *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

ANSWERS: 18. lifeline, 19. lewd, 20. excite, 21. hotline, 22. summon, 23. penicillin, 24. abbreviation, 25. anecdotal, 26. petty

27. pe__y cash *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
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ANSWERS: 27. petty, 28. abbreviation, 29. smartphone, 30. lifeline

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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 - n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
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- v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

ANSWERS: 15. summoning