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Session 1: Word List

arrogance

n. excessive self-confidence or self-importance

synonym: hubris, haughtiness, conceit

(1) brazen **arrogance**, (2) **arrogance** of power

He acted with **arrogance** and was not well-liked by his colleagues.

devalue

v. to reduce the value or worth of something

synonym: diminish, depreciate, reduce

(1) **devalue** the pound, (2) **devalue** a brand

Her negative comments about the project only **devalued** the team's efforts.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

synonym: reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we

work.

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.

cyst

n. a sac, cavity, or abnormal growth in the body that is typically filled with fluid or semisolid material; usually benign but can also be cancerous and require treatment

synonym: abscess, sac, lump

(1) **cyst** removal, (2) ovarian **cyst**

The patient was sent for an X-ray to determine the cause of the **cyst** in her abdomen.

fibrosis

n. the formation of excess fibrous connective tissue in an organ or tissue, often associated with inflammation, scarring, or injury; a pathological condition that can affect various organs and tissues of the body, leading to impaired function and potential organ failure

synonym: scarring, hardening, fibrotic disease

(1) **fibrosis** diagnosis, (2) pulmonary **fibrosis**

The doctor diagnosed him with cardiac **fibrosis**, which put him at risk for heart failure.

lollipop

n. a type of candy made of hard candy or toffee on a stick; a round or oval-shaped candy or sweet on a stick

synonym: sucker, candy, sweet

(1) **lollipop** candy, (2) giant **lollipop**

The child happily licked the rainbow-colored **lollipop**.

creepy

adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

synonym: eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the

chills.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project
He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

beet

n. a thick, fleshy, edible root vegetable typically having a dark red or purplish color; a plant of the goosefoot family that produces this vegetable

(1) **beet** salad, (2) roasted **beet**

She made a delicious salad using fresh **beets** from her garden.

howl

v. to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

synonym: wail, scream, shriek

(1) **howl** at the moon, (2) **howl** of anger

The wolves began to **howl** in the distance as the sunset.

recollection

n. the act of remembering or the state of being remembered

synonym: memory, reminiscence, remembrance

(1) a vague **recollection**, (2) **recollection** of a traumatic event

The older man's **recollections** of his youth were filled with stories of adventure and romance.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the

fragility of human health.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym: bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ovarian c__t
n. a sac, cavity, or abnormal growth in the body that is typically filled with fluid or semisolid material; usually benign but can also be cancerous and require treatment
2. feel cr___y
adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
3. rec_____ion of a traumatic event
n. the act of remembering or the state of being remembered
4. de_____e a brand
v. to reduce the value or worth of something
5. fri_____ng experience
adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
6. roasted b__t
n. a thick, fleshy, edible root vegetable typically having a dark red or purplish color; a plant of the goosefoot family that produces this vegetable
7. re_____ne our role
v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
8. c__t removal
n. a sac, cavity, or abnormal growth in the body that is typically filled with fluid or semisolid material; usually benign but can also be cancerous and require treatment
9. h__l of anger
v. to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

ANSWERS: 1. cyst, 2. creepy, 3. recollection, 4. devalue, 5. frightening, 6. beet, 7. redefine, 8. cyst, 9. howl

18. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
19. ar_____ce of power *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance
20. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
21. giant lo_____op *n.* a type of candy made of hard candy or toffee on a stick; a round or oval-shaped candy or sweet on a stick
22. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
23. lo_____op candy *n.* a type of candy made of hard candy or toffee on a stick; a round or oval-shaped candy or sweet on a stick
24. h__l at the moon *v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness
25. brazen ar_____ce *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance
26. a vague rec_____ion *n.* the act of remembering or the state of being remembered

ANSWERS: 18. embarrass, 19. arrogance, 20. quitter, 21. lollipop, 22. broth, 23. lollipop, 24. howl, 25. arrogance, 26. recollection

27. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
28. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
29. de____e the pound *v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
30. b__t salad *n.* a thick, fleshy, edible root vegetable typically having a dark red or purplish color; a plant of the goosefoot family that produces this vegetable

ANSWERS: 27. creditor, 28. quitter, 29. devalue, 30. beet

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
2. Her negative comments about the project only _____ the team's efforts.
v. to reduce the value or worth of something
3. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
4. The wolves began to _____ in the distance as the sunset.
v. to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness
5. The old, abandoned house was _____ and gave me the chills.
adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
6. The child happily licked the rainbow-colored _____.
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7. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

ANSWERS: 1. creditor, 2. devalued, 3. embarrass, 4. howl, 5. creepy, 6. lollipop, 7. quitter

8. The older man's _____ of his youth were filled with stories of adventure and romance.
- n.* the act of remembering or the state of being remembered
9. The patient was sent for an X-ray to determine the cause of the _____ in her abdomen.
- n.* a sac, cavity, or abnormal growth in the body that is typically filled with fluid or semisolid material; usually benign but can also be cancerous and require treatment
10. She made a delicious salad using fresh _____ from her garden.
- n.* a thick, fleshy, edible root vegetable typically having a dark red or purplish color; a plant of the goosefoot family that produces this vegetable
11. He acted with _____ and was not well-liked by his colleagues.
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12. The doctor diagnosed him with cardiac _____ which put him at risk for heart failure.
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13. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.
- n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
14. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
- adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

ANSWERS: 8. recollections, 9. cyst, 10. beets, 11. arrogance, 12. fibrosis, 13. broth, 14. frightening

15. The video telephony application has _____ the way we work.

- v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 15. redefined