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Session 1: Word List

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

graze

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

synonym: nibble, feed, scrape

(1) turn cattle out to **graze**, (2) **graze** the left shoulder

The sheep **graze** on the green grass in the meadow.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

synonym: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

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.

lesion

n. a damaged or abnormal area of tissue in the body, usually caused by injury or disease

synonym : injury, wound, damage

(1) muscle **lesion**, (2) brain **lesion**

The doctor examined the **lesion** on the patient's skin to determine if it was cancerous.

herbicide

n. a substance used to kill or control the growth of unwanted plants

synonym : weedkiller, pesticide, chemical

(1) banned **herbicide**, (2) **herbicide** resistance

The farmer sprayed **herbicide** on his crops to kill weeds.

seep

v. to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually

synonym : leak, ooze, trickle

(1) **seep** cool and moist air, (2) **seep** into paper

The rain began to **seep** through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.

irradiate

v. to expose or subject something to radiation or intense light, often for sterilization or treatment; to emit or give off rays of light or energy; to illuminate or make something clear or evident

synonym : radiate, beam, emit

(1) **irradiate** the atmosphere, (2) **irradiate** a tumor

The nuclear power plant was designed to **irradiate** the uranium rods to produce energy.

lunatic

n. a person who is considered mentally ill, especially one who is extremely irrational or unpredictable; a crazy or foolish person

synonym : maniac, crazy, insane

(1) raving **lunatic**, (2) a lone **lunatic**

The politician's outrageous comments made him appear like a **lunatic** to his opponents.

cove

n. a small sheltered bay or inlet, typically rocky and steep-sided; a small strip of land jutting into the sea

synonym: inlet, bay, indentation

(1) **cove** beach, (2) rocky **cove**

The kayakers paddled into the little **cove** to explore its hidden beauty.

kale

n. a type of leafy green vegetable that belongs to the cabbage family, often eaten raw in salads or cooked as a side dish

synonym: collard greens, cabbage, broccoli

(1) **kale** salad, (2) baked **kale** chips

I like to add chopped **kale** to my smoothies for an extra boost of nutrition.

flake

n. a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent

synonym: chip, bit, shred

(1) **flakes** of snow, (2) **flake** graphite

She found a paint **flake** on the wall and realized it was time to repaint the room.

sparkle

v. to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy

synonym: shine, glimmer, twinkle

(1) **sparkle** like a gem, (2) **sparkle** from receiving light

The diamond **sparkled** in the sunlight.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. gr__e the left shoulder | <i>v.</i> to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping |
| 2. feel cr___y | <i>adj.</i> causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease |
| 3. am__e everyone | <i>v.</i> to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration |
| 4. brain le___n | <i>n.</i> a damaged or abnormal area of tissue in the body, usually caused by injury or disease |
| 5. rocky c__e | <i>n.</i> a small sheltered bay or inlet, typically rocky and steep-sided; a small strip of land jutting into the sea |
| 6. baked k__e chips | <i>n.</i> a type of leafy green vegetable that belongs to the cabbage family, often eaten raw in salads or cooked as a side dish |
| 7. c__e beach | <i>n.</i> a small sheltered bay or inlet, typically rocky and steep-sided; a small strip of land jutting into the sea |
| 8. ind_____ized textile production | <i>v.</i> to organize the production of something into an industry |
| 9. fl__e graphite | <i>n.</i> a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent |

ANSWERS: 1. graze, 2. creepy, 3. amaze, 4. lesion, 5. cove, 6. kale, 7. cove, 8. industrialize, 9. flake

10. k__e salad *n.* a type of leafy green vegetable that belongs to the cabbage family, often eaten raw in salads or cooked as a side dish
11. ir_____te a tumor *v.* to expose or subject something to radiation or intense light, often for sterilization or treatment; to emit or give off rays of light or energy; to illuminate or make something clear or evident
12. s__p into paper *v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
13. turn cattle out to gr__e *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
14. a lone lu_____c *n.* a person who is considered mentally ill, especially one who is extremely irrational or unpredictable; a crazy or foolish person
15. ir_____te the atmosphere *v.* to expose or subject something to radiation or intense light, often for sterilization or treatment; to emit or give off rays of light or energy; to illuminate or make something clear or evident
16. s__p cool and moist air *v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
17. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

ANSWERS: 10. kale, 11. irradiate, 12. seep, 13. graze, 14. lunatic, 15. irradiate, 16. seep, 17. amaze

18. he_____de resistance *n.* a substance used to kill or control the growth of unwanted plants
19. banned he_____de *n.* a substance used to kill or control the growth of unwanted plants
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22. fl__es of snow *n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent
23. cr___y atmosphere *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
24. sp_____e from receiving light *v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
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26. sp_____e like a gem *v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy

ANSWERS: 18. herbicide, 19. herbicide, 20. lunatic, 21. industrialize, 22. flake, 23. creepy, 24. sparkle, 25. lesion, 26. sparkle

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The sheep _____ on the green grass in the meadow.
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7. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.
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13. The diamond _____ in the sunlight.
- v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy

ANSWERS: 9. cove, 10. lesion, 11. kale, 12. irradiate, 13. sparkled