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Session 1: Word List

inbreeding

n. the practice of breeding closely related individuals or strains within a particular population or group, often resulting in increased homozygosity and decreased genetic diversity

synonym : incest

(1) **inbreeding** effects, (2) **inbreeding** prevention

The zoo officials carefully monitor the breeding program to avoid **inbreeding** among rare and endangered species

autoimmune

adj. relating to a condition in which the body's immune system attacks and destroys healthy body tissue, mistaking it for harmful foreign substances

(1) insulin **autoimmune** syndrome, (2) **autoimmune** disorder

The presence of certain substances triggered the **autoimmune** response.

overzealous

adj. excessive or overly enthusiastic in one's zeal or devotion to a cause or belief

synonym : enthusiastic, passionate, eager

(1) **overzealous** treatment, (2) **overzealous** promoter

The **overzealous** security guard caused a scene by searching every attendee's bags.

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

synonym: praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

invulnerable

adj. incapable of being harmed, injured, or damaged; immune to attack or damage

synonym: invincible, indestructible, impregnable

(1) **invulnerable** fortress, (2) **invulnerable** reputation

The castle's thick walls made it **invulnerable** to enemy attacks.

wring

v. to twist, squeeze, or compress something, especially to extract liquid or force out excess; to cause emotional or mental distress; to extract information by force or pressure

synonym: squeeze, twist, compress

(1) **wring** out a towel, (2) **wring** a secret

I had to **wring** out my wet clothes before putting them in the dryer.

reckless

adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

synonym: impetuous, irresponsible, thoughtless

(1) **reckless** driving, (2) in a **reckless** manner

Reckless youth makes rueful age.

Session 2: Spelling

1. inv_____ble fortress *adj.* incapable of being harmed, injured, or damaged; immune to attack or damage
2. inb_____ng prevention *n.* the practice of breeding closely related individuals or strains within a particular population or group, often resulting in increased homozygosity and decreased genetic diversity
3. re_____ss driving *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
4. wr__g a secret *v.* to twist, squeeze, or compress something, especially to extract liquid or force out excess; to cause emotional or mental distress; to extract information by force or pressure
5. inb_____ng effects *n.* the practice of breeding closely related individuals or strains within a particular population or group, often resulting in increased homozygosity and decreased genetic diversity
6. insulin aut_____ne syndrome *adj.* relating to a condition in which the body's immune system attacks and destroys healthy body tissue, mistaking it for harmful foreign substances
7. con_____ion on a promotion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

ANSWERS: 1. invulnerable, 2. inbreeding, 3. reckless, 4. wring, 5. inbreeding, 6. autoimmune, 7. congratulation

8. aut_____ne disorder *adj.* relating to a condition in which the body's immune system attacks and destroys healthy body tissue, mistaking it for harmful foreign substances
9. ove_____us promoter *adj.* excessive or overly enthusiastic in one's zeal or devotion to a cause or belief
10. a matter for con_____ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
11. go through hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
12. ove_____us treatment *adj.* excessive or overly enthusiastic in one's zeal or devotion to a cause or belief
13. in a re_____ss manner *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
14. wr__g out a towel *v.* to twist, squeeze, or compress something, especially to extract liquid or force out excess; to cause emotional or mental distress; to extract information by force or pressure
15. inv_____ble reputation *adj.* incapable of being harmed, injured, or damaged; immune to attack or damage
16. ease her hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

ANSWERS: 8. autoimmune, 9. overzealous, 10. congratulation, 11. heartbreak, 12. overzealous, 13. reckless, 14. wring, 15. invulnerable, 16. heartbreak

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The zoo officials carefully monitor the breeding program to avoid _____ among rare and endangered species
 - n.* the practice of breeding closely related individuals or strains within a particular population or group, often resulting in increased homozygosity and decreased genetic diversity

2. _____ youth makes rueful age.
 - adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

3. I had to _____ out my wet clothes before putting them in the dryer.
 - v.* to twist, squeeze, or compress something, especially to extract liquid or force out excess; to cause emotional or mental distress; to extract information by force or pressure

4. The _____ security guard caused a scene by searching every attendee's bags.
 - adj.* excessive or overly enthusiastic in one's zeal or devotion to a cause or belief

5. The _____ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.
 - n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

6. The castle's thick walls made it _____ to enemy attacks.
 - adj.* incapable of being harmed, injured, or damaged; immune to attack or damage

7. The presence of certain substances triggered the _____ response.
 - adj.* relating to a condition in which the body's immune system attacks and destroys healthy body tissue, mistaking it for harmful foreign substances

ANSWERS: 1. inbreeding, 2. Reckless, 3. wring, 4. overzealous, 5. congratulations, 6. invulnerable, 7. autoimmune

8. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.
- n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

ANSWERS: 8. heartbreak