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OET Listening – Vocabulary

Starter:

Read the questions below and consider your answer.

You may be asked to answer verbally:

1. What would you recommend to a patient who has **flaky** skin on their arms and legs?
2. If you had to organise a training session to introduce new policies and guidelines to your colleagues, how could you ensure that they were **on board** with the changes?
3. When your department is **stretched to the limit**, how can you avoid burnout?

Spelling Test:

1. soothes
2. devastating
3. stick with
4. moody
5. struggle
6. rolled out as standard
7. come on
8. cruel
9. misleading
10. tender
11. leakage
12. appealing
13. striking
14. widespread
15. dozen

Vocabulary Gap Fill:

1. It's **come on** gradually over the last few months – the pain, that is.
2. Yeah, but not only there – it's now pretty **widespread**.
3. It makes me rather **moody** to be honest, which isn't like me.
4. What's most annoying is that it now hurts to walk sometimes... it's really quite **tender**.
5. I do find that heat often **soothes** it.
6. I gave up after a few **dozen** sessions.
7. I'm not sure if it really helps or not, but I'll **stick with** it for the moment.
8. That can be traumatising. Indeed, the results can be **devastating**.
9. What seems particularly **cruel** is that it prevents people from doing things they take great pleasure in.
10. Even more **striking** is that in about ninety-five percent of cases the conditions don't deteriorate.
11. Looking at paper and small screens is a **struggle** if you have AMD.
12. The hope is that if these tests can be **rolled out as standard**, it will free up time.
13. The idea of stem-cell treatment is **appealing**, but the suggestion that it could become an off-the-shelf treatment within the next few years seems overly optimistic.
14. Handheld OCTs have now become available, and they're less costly and it's claimed that these make the diagnosis of eye disease accessible to everyone. But this is dangerously **misleading**.
15. Regular injections of drugs – the so-called anti-VEGFs – can suppress the protein which triggers rogue vessel formation and **leakage**.