

## **Day 5 Passage – Wordlist**

**limp** – soft and neither firm nor stiff:

- *a limp lettuce leaf/salad*
- *a limp handshake*

**acute** – If a bad situation is acute, it causes severe problems or damage:

- *She felt acute embarrassment/anxiety/concern at his behaviour.*

**unrelenting** – formal › extremely determined; never becoming weaker or admitting defeat:

- *She will be remembered as an unrelenting opponent of racial discrimination*

**ceaseless** – formal › without stopping, or seeming to have no end

**agony** – extreme physical or mental pain or suffering:

- *She lay there screaming in agony.*

**unending** – #formal describes activities or events, especially unpleasant ones, when they seem to continue for ever:

- *Motherhood seemed to her an unending cycle of cooking, washing, and cleaning.*

**torment** – great mental suffering and unhappiness, or great physical pain:

- *The family said they had endured years of torment and abuse at the hands of the neighbours.*

**profound** – C2 felt or experienced very strongly or in an extreme way:

- *His mother's death when he was aged six had a very profound effect on him.*

**abnormality** – something abnormal, usually in the body:

- *genetic/congenital abnormalities*

**dread** – a strong feeling of fear or worry:

- *The prospect of working full-time fills me with dread.*

**reluctant** – C1 not willing to do something and therefore slow to do it:

- *[+ to infinitive] I was having such a good time I was reluctant to leave.*

**correlation** – a connection or relationship between two or more facts, numbers, etc.:

- *There's a correlation between smoking and cancer.*

**worse off** (adj.) – poorer or in a more difficult situation:

- *If Rick loses his job we'll be even worse off.*

**presence** – B2 [S] the fact that someone or something is in a place:

- *She was overawed by the presence of so many people.*

**self-fulfilling prophecy** – something that you cause to happen by saying and expecting that it will happen

**placebo** – a substance given to someone who is told that it is a particular medicine, either to make them feel as if they are getting better or to compare the effect of the particular medicine when given to others:

- *She was only given a placebo, but she claimed she got better - that's the placebo effect.*

**embrace** – C1 to accept something enthusiastically:

- *This was an opportunity that he would embrace.*

**holistic** – dealing with or treating the whole of something or someone and not just a part:

- *My doctor takes a holistic approach to disease.*

**spur** – C2 to encourage an activity or development or make it happen faster:

- *Rising consumer sales have the effect of spurring the economy to faster growth.*