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Session 1: Word List

embodiment

 someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea

synonym: image, avatar, incarnation

(1) **embodiment** of evil, (2) illustrative **embodiment**The devil is the **embodiment** of wicked ideas.

intertwine

- v. to twist together or become twisted together synonym: interweave, interlace, entwine
- (1) **intertwine** thread, (2) **intertwine** story
 The vines **intertwine** to form a thick canopy overhead.

imitate

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

synonym: mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understandsynonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two

wine-producing regions.

humankind

- *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth *synonym*: humanity, human race, society
- (1) **humankind** as a species, (2) history of **humankind**On the geological time scale, **humankind** has existed for a brief moment.

bunch

 a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym: group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

makeover

 the process or act of a complete transformation, especially relevant to the appearance of someone or something

synonym: renovation, refashioning, remodeling

(1) corporate **makeover**, (2) massive **makeover**The company's drastic **makeover** is well known outside the industry.

portrait

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

synonym: illustration, image, portraiture

(1) a **portrait** painter, (2) **portrait** of a well-known figure A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's **portrait**.

president

 the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance The club **president** does not have absolute power.

contribute

 to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people *synonym*: donate, devote, commit

- (1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,
- (2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot contribute to political campaigns.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym: numerical, computerized, cyber

- (1) a digital watch, (2) digital electronic signature Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.
- a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building

synonym: turn, bow, arc

(1) the **arch** of a person's foot, (2) an **arch-shaped** stone structure

The **arch** bears the weight of the overhead bridge.

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

synonym: domestic, endemic, primitive

(1) indigenous crop, (2) indigenous peoples

The **indigenous** plants need to be pollinated by local insects.

stateless

adj. having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government

synonym: without citizenship, homeless

(1) become **stateless**, (2) **stateless** person

The **stateless** refugees were not allowed to enter the country.

disability

a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for n. someone to do some things that other people do

arch

indigenous

synonym: impairment, disadvantage, restriction

(1) a **disability** pension, (2) a learning **disability**Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing **disability**.

queer

adj. strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

synonym: strange, odd, unusual

(1) queer money, (2) queer fashion

The behavior of the clown at the party was quite **queer**.

attempt

an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third attempt was far more successful.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

inclusive

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

synonym: cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education

The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence** In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months He was sick for five **straight** days.

curse

 a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

synonym: condemnation, cuss, hex

under a curse, (2) few curse words
 Many autocratic policies became a curse for that country's economy.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

articulate

v. to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language

synonym: express, state, utter

(1) **articulate** his position, (2) eloquently **articulate**She was able to **articulate** her argument in the debate clearly.

blame

- v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something badsynonym: condemn, rebuke, find fault with
- (1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack

of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

millennium

- n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
- (1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine Our world is in the third **millennium**.

colon

- n. the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system
- (1) **colon** examination, (2) the **colon** at the end of the sentence

Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of **colon** cancer.

dignity

 the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

synonym: grace, elegance, nobility

(1) respect for human **dignity**, (2) retain everyone's **dignity**. The failure destroyed his trust and personal **dignity**.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) invest in stocks, (2) invest capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

equitable

adj. fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly *synonym*: fair, honest, impartial

(1) in an **equitable** manner, (2) an **equitable** price In a democratic country, governments promote **equitable** opportunities to participate in society.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals;for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

captain

 the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft

synonym: boss, director, leader

(1) the **captain** of an opposing team, (2) **captain** of industry The **captain** ordered the troops to fire.

depressed

adj. sad and without any hope

synonym: despondent, despairing, sad

(1) **depressed** feeling, (2) the market is **depressed** After his mother died, he got **depressed**.

gulf

 a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym: chasm, divide, abyss

(1) gulf war, (2) gulf stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

homemade

adj. made at home rather than in a factory or workshop synonym: self-made

(1) homemade article, (2) homemade breadI prefer homemade cookies over store-bought ones.

raft

 a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer

synonym: flatboat, boat, barge

(1) a **raft** for carrying horses, (2) a life **raft**

The rubber **raft** was swept out to sea.

neutrino

- *n.* a very small and electrically neutral particle with a very small mass that rarely reacts with other matter
- (1) neutrino capture, (2) sterile neutrinos

This laboratory has a pool consisting of thousands of **neutrino** detectors.

desire

- n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do somethingsynonym: ambition, appetite, greed
- unsatisfied desire, (2) fleshly desire
 Low sexual desire typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

reaction

a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude;
 (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym: response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

urgency

 the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately

synonym: importance, importunity, urging

(1) **urgency** in the use of force, (2) matter of **urgency**She departed hurriedly because of some significant **urgency**in their affairs.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change synonym: lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

pretension

 n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

full-on

adj. characterized by being intense, extreme, or all-out; complete, total, or unmitigated

synonym: all-out, intense, extreme

(1) **full-on** commitment, (2) unrestricted **full-on**The concert was a **full-on** sensory experience, with lights, lasers, and pyrotechnics adding to the energy of the music.

drama

 a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

synonym: acting, play, theater

(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**She had an audition for **drama** school.

meltdown

 a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically

synonym: collapse, disaster, failure

(1) **meltdown** disaster, (2) economic **meltdown**The nuclear **meltdown** in the country was a disaster with far-reaching consequences.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain *synonym*: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a weird dress, (2) the state of being weird

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My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

waterfall

 a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock

synonym: cascade, falls, rapids

(1) scenic waterfall, (2) a waterfall with a fall of ten feet Years of river erosion have formed the uniquely shaped waterfall basin.

crux

n. the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

synonym: heart, core, essence

(1) main **crux**, (2) the **crux** of the argument The **crux** of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.

faith

 n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym: belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

isolation

n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

synonym: aloneness, seclusion, separateness

(1) **isolation** booth, (2) the country's **isolation** That incident led to his **isolation**.

imitation

a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable;
 the act of replicating someone or something

synonym: fabrication, replica, fake

(1) imitation antique, (2) artificial imitation

Many individuals believe that children learn languages through **imitation**.

discomfort

 a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain

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synonym: affliction, despair, ache

(1) endure **discomfort** and pain, (2) **discomfort** in the abdomen

He felt no **discomfort** as the dentist drilled his deadened tooth.

vision

 the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious vision,(2) telescopic visionDriving is difficult for me because of my poor vision.

possibility

- n. a chance that something may happen or be truesynonym: chance, prospect, likelihood
- (1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

commitment

 a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym: burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his **commitments**

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

empower

- v. to give someone the power or authority to do something synonym: authorize, endow, entitle
- (1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

engage

- v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
- synonym: confront, employ, amuse
- (1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,
- (2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

inspire

- to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
- synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten
- (1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

priority

 something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym: importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly Her **priority** is to be a mother.

commit

- v. to do something illegal or wrong synonym: engage, carry out, execute
- (1) commit suicide, (2) commit mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

mediate

 to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

synonym:

arbitrate, reconcile, intervene

(1) **mediate** allergic reaction, (2) **mediate** a negotiation The teacher had to **mediate** a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.

aspiration

 a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

Session 2: Spelling

1.	ble circumstances for the failure	v.	to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
2.	the market is deed	adj.	sad and without any hope
3.	ime animal sounds	ν.	to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
4.	reon between cause and effect	n.	the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
5.	emr my life	v.	to give someone the power or authority to do something
6.	neno capture	n.	a very small and electrically neutral particle with a very small mass that rarely reacts with other matter
7.	preon to authority	n.	the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
8.	artte his position	ν.	to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language
9.	chemical reon	n.	a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
10.	unsatisfied dee	n.	a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

ANSWERS: 1. blame, 2. depressed, 3. imitate, 4. relation, 5. empower, 6. neutrino, 7. pretension, 8. articulate, 9. reaction, 10. desire

ANSWERS: 11. struggle, 12. millennium, 13. portrait, 14. imitation, 15. imitation, 16. embodiment, 17. priority, 18. colon, 19. invest, 20. engage

- 21. co____al swimming pool
- 22. fleshly de___e
- 23. di____I electronic signature
- 24. co___t mistakes
- 25. secular dr a
- 26. the co__n at the end of the sentence
- 27. a r_t for carrying horses
- 28. in____ve education
- 29. a we__d dress
- 30. en e a new employee

- adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
- a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
- adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
- v. to do something illegal or wrong
- *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
- n. the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system
- a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
- adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
- adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
- v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 21. communal, 22. desire, 23. digital, 24. commit, 25. drama, 26. colon, 27. raft, 28. inclusive, 29. weird, 30. engage

- 32. matter of ur___y
- 33. field of artificial int____nce
- 34. unrestricted fu___n
- 35. meet his com____nts
- 36. is____on booth
- 37. em___y a spirit of charity
- 38. literature of pe____nt value
- 39. int____ne story
- 40. no asp____on for fame
- 41. upcoming crime dr__a
- 42. a dis____ty pension

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- *n.* the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
- n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
- adj. characterized by being intense, extreme, or all-out; complete, total, or unmitigated
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- the condition of being alone or lonely;
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- v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
- adj. lasting for a long time without essential change
- v. to twist together or become twisted together
- n. a strong desire to achieve something;the action or process of drawing breath
- n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
- a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do

ANSWERS: 31. disability, 32. urgency, 33. intelligence, 34. full-on, 35. commitment, 36. isolation, 37. embody, 38. permanent, 39. intertwine, 40. aspiration, 41. drama, 42. disability

ANSWERS: 43. queer, 44. makeover, 45. intelligence, 46. mediate, 47. mediate, 48. faith, 49. extraordinary, 50. contribute, 51. imitate, 52. captain

ANSWERS: 53. waterfall, 54. blame, 55. possibility, 56. priority, 57. indigenous, 58. neutrino, 59. extraordinary, 60. commit, 61. discomfort, 62. attempt, 63. waterfall

ANSWERS: 64. stateless, 65. relation, 66. crux, 67. permanent, 68. millennium, 69. invest, 70. inspire, 71. queer, 72. curse, 73. attempt, 74. straight

deviations

76. under a cu e

77. g__f stream

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- a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

 a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

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a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

n. a strong desire to achieve something;the action or process of drawing breath

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

 the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

n. the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately

ANSWERS: 75. arch, 76. curse, 77. gulf, 78. indigenous, 79. embody, 80. bunch, 81. empower, 82. aspiration, 83. inclusive, 84. crux, 85. urgency

ANSWERS: 86. captain, 87. weird, 88. humankind, 89. raft, 90. homemade, 91. obvious, 92. equitable, 93. reaction, 94. arch, 95. full-on, 96. humankind

ANSWERS: 97. intertwine, 98. digital, 99. obvious, 100. dignity, 101. inspire, 102. makeover, 103. contribute, 104. homemade, 105. discomfort, 106. pretension

ambition

107. a stnt line	adj.	without bending or curving; having no deviations
108. a comnt to an alliance	n.	a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
109. telescopic vin	n.	the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
110. respect for human diy	n.	the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
111. eloquently artte	ν.	to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language
112. become stss	adj.	having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government
113. stle against discrimination	v.	to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
114. the country's ison	n.	the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
115. prnt emeritus	n.	the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
116. vice-prnt for finance	n.	the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 107. straight, 108. commitment, 109. vision, 110. dignity, 111. articulate, 112. stateless, 113. struggle, 114. isolation, 115. president, 116. president

117. economic mewn	n.	a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically
118. mewn disaster	<i>n</i> .	a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically
119. religious fah	n.	complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
120. a buh of schoolgirls	n.	a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
121. a prodigious vin	n.	the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
122. gf war	n.	a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
123. coal combination of funds	adj.	belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
124. deed feeling	adj.	sad and without any hope
125. a poit painter	n.	a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
126. posty of a major earthquake	n.	a chance that something may happen or be true
127. embnt of evil	n.	someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea

ANSWERS: 117. meltdown, 118. meltdown, 119. faith, 120. bunch, 121. vision, 122. gulf, 123. communal, 124. depressed, 125. portrait, 126. possibility, 127. embodiment

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128. an eq	_le price	adj. fair and impartial; treating everyone

fairly

ANSWERS: 128. equitable

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	Our world is in the third
n.	a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
2.	elections were held in several European countries.
adj	belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
3.	The behavior of the clown at the party was quite
adj	strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
4.	The vines to form a thick canopy overhead.
v.	to twist together or become twisted together
5.	The company's drastic is well known outside the industry.
n.	the process or act of a complete transformation, especially relevant to the appearance of someone or something
6.	He felt no as the dentist drilled his deadened tooth.
n.	a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain
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