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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### prototype

*n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed  
*synonym* : mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**  
The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

### 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**.

### poplar

*n.* a type of deciduous tree with tall, straight trunks and broadly oval leaves, widely grown in temperate regions for its wood  
*synonym* : cottonwood, aspen, balsam

(1) **poplar** bark, (2) **poplar** forest  
The forest was filled with tall **poplar** trees.

### panel

*n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics

or give their advice or opinion about something

*synonym* : board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

## mere

*adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

*synonym* : bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

## composition

*n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone

*synonym* : creating, formatting, arrangement

(1) age **composition** of the population, (2) the piano passages in the **composition**

Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of **composition**.

## identity

*n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

*synonym* : character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

## accord

*n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

*synonym* : alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

## biography

*n.* the story of a person's life written by someone else

*synonym* : bio, memoir, life history

(1) **biography** of an actor, (2) medical **biography**  
This is a well-recorded **biography**.

### contraction

*n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount

*synonym*: shrinking, compression, reduction

(1) **contraction** of a disease, (2) **contraction** in the industry  
The **contraction** of the economy has led to job losses.

### donna

*n.* an Italian term used as a term of address for a woman, equivalent to "madam" or "ma'am"

*synonym*: lady, woman, miss

(1) **donna's** friends, (2) **donna's** love for her family  
The prima **donna** was dressed in a beautiful gown for the ball.

### merchant

*n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods

*synonym*: dealer, trader, retailer

(1) **merchant** bank, (2) agricultural **merchant**  
This shipping company has several hundred **merchant** ships.

### identification

*n.* the act or process of recognizing, proving, or designating someone or something

*synonym*: recognition, designation, label

(1) an **identification** tag for children, (2) personal **identification** number

Eye movements complicate **identification** by retinal scanning.

### problematic

*adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve

*synonym*: inappropriate, inconvenient, worrisome

(1) a **problematic** situation, (2) seems to be highly **problematic**

Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving **problematic** situations within a community.

## patron

*n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

*synonym*: contributor, sponsor, supporter

(1) the **patron** saint of a place, (2) political **patron**

They have been a **patron** of this restaurant for many years.

## 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.

## comparison

*n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

*synonym*: equivalence, analogy, contrast

(1) ease of **comparison**, (2) **comparison** of foods on a caloric basis

I've included the two designs for a **comparison**.

## purported

*adj.* claimed or said to be true but not yet proven or confirmed

*synonym*: supposed, claimed, reputed

(1) **purported** evidence, (2) a **purported** biography

The **purported** cure for the disease has yet to be proven effective.

## untenable

*adj.* cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible

*synonym*: indefensible, unsustainable

(1) **untenable** situation, (2) **untenable** amount of debt

The proposal was deemed **untenable** due to financial constraints.

## attribute

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

*synonym* : ascribe, blame, (noun) feature

(1) **attribute** the change to their marriage, (2) **attribute** directly to sales

He **attributes** the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

## allege

v. to state or claim that something is the case, often without proof

*synonym* : claim, assert, state

(1) **allege** misconduct, (2) **allege** his guilt

The company has been accused of violating the law, but they **allege** they have done nothing wrong.

## dubious

*adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain

*synonym* : uncertain, questionable, skeptical

(1) **dubious** credibility, (2) direct a **dubious** look

The evidence presented in court had a **dubious** origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

## probable

*adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

*synonym* : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

## regardless

*adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

*synonym* : anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread

People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

**demonstrate**

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

*synonym* : show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

**superb**

*adj.* of very high quality, excellent; extremely good

*synonym* : excellent, magnificent, outstanding

(1) **superb** quality, (2) a **superb** view

The performance of the orchestra was **superb**.

**hazy**

*adj.* not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something

*synonym* : blurred, clouded, foggy

(1) **hazy** dream, (2) **hazy** atmosphere

My memories of the holiday were **hazy**.

**outline**

v. to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something

*synonym* : recap, summarize, digest

(1) **outlined** the plan, (2) **outline** the findings

This page **outlines** our response planning for an emergency.

**mood**

n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

*synonym* : mindset, disposition, temper

(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**

His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

**technique**

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

*synonym* : approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

## ambiguous

*adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided

*synonym* : unclear, uncertain, equivocal

(1) **ambiguous** situation, (2) clarify **ambiguous** points

The instructions provided were **ambiguous** and confused the team.

## spill

*v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident

*synonym* : slop, drop, scatter

(1) **spill** a bit of wine, (2) **spill** my heart

He was determined to **spill** everything.

## precise

*adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited

*synonym* : accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

## demeanor

*n.* the way in which a person behaves or conducts themselves, especially in public

*synonym* : behavior, conduct, comportment

(1) an improper **demeanor**, (2) affable **demeanor**

His calm **demeanor** put everyone at ease during the tense meeting.

## torture

*n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

*synonym* : torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

## reappear

*v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time

*synonym* : come again, repeat, re-emerge

(1) **reappear** on the surface, (2) **reappear** throughout this

book

Cancer has **reappeared** at the same site.

## spray

*n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage

*synonym*: mist, aerosol, atomizer

(1) a **spray** of mist, (2) an insect **spray**

The artist used a **spray** paint can to create a graffiti mural on the wall.

## acid

*n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials

*synonym*: sour

(1) an **acid** reaction, (2) good source of essential amino **acids**

During pregnancy, the stomach generates less **acid** than usual.

## dam

*n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

*synonym*: barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. age com\_\_\_\_\_on of the population  
*n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
2. political pa\_\_\_\_n  
*n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
3. me\_\_\_\_\_nt bank  
*n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
4. estimate pr\_\_\_\_\_e costs  
*adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
5. a to\_\_\_\_\_e chamber  
*n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
6. an insect sp\_\_y  
*n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
7. su\_\_\_\_b quality  
*adj.* of very high quality, excellent; extremely good
8. in an ugly m\_\_d  
*n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
9. pr\_\_\_\_\_le outcome  
*adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 1. composition, 2. patron, 3. merchant, 4. precise, 5. torture, 6. spray, 7. superb, 8. mood, 9. probable

10. po\_\_\_r forest *n.* a type of deciduous tree with tall, straight trunks and broadly oval leaves, widely grown in temperate regions for its wood
11. m\_\_\_e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
12. ou\_\_\_\_\_ed the plan *v.* to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something
13. clarify am\_\_\_\_\_us points *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
14. re\_\_\_\_\_ar throughout this book *v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
15. pa\_\_l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
16. a pu\_\_\_\_\_ed biography *adj.* claimed or said to be true but not yet proven or confirmed
17. at\_\_\_\_\_te the change to their marriage *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
18. an a\_\_d reaction *n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials

ANSWERS: 10. poplar, 11. mere, 12. outline, 13. ambiguous, 14. reappear, 15. panel, 16. purported, 17. attribute, 18. acid

19. ou\_\_\_\_e the findings *v.* to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something
20. do\_\_a's love for her family *n.* an Italian term used as a term of address for a woman, equivalent to "madam" or "ma'am"
21. an instrument of to\_\_\_\_e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
22. am\_\_\_\_\_us situation *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
23. h\_\_y dream *adj.* not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something
24. ac\_\_\_\_d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
25. con\_\_\_\_\_on in the industry *n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount
26. an improper de\_\_\_\_or *n.* the way in which a person behaves or conducts themselves, especially in public
27. po\_\_\_\_it of a well-known figure *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
28. un\_\_\_\_\_le amount of debt *adj.* cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible
29. personal ide\_\_\_\_\_ion number *n.* the act or process of recognizing, proving, or designating someone or something

ANSWERS: 19. outline, 20. donna, 21. torture, 22. ambiguous, 23. hazy, 24. accord, 25. contraction, 26. demeanor, 27. portrait, 28. untenable, 29. identification

30. good source of essential amino  
a\_\_ds *n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
31. al\_\_\_e his guilt *v.* to state or claim that something is the case, often without proof
32. sp\_\_l my heart *v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
33. d\_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
34. a pro\_\_\_\_\_ic situation *adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
35. du\_\_\_\_\_s credibility *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
36. early pr\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
37. the m\_\_d in a room *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
38. d\_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
39. a su\_\_\_b view *adj.* of very high quality, excellent; extremely good
40. po\_\_\_r bark *n.* a type of deciduous tree with tall, straight trunks and broadly oval leaves, widely grown in temperate regions for its wood

ANSWERS: 30. acid, 31. allege, 32. spill, 33. dam, 34. problematic, 35. dubious, 36. prototype, 37. mood, 38. dam, 39. superb, 40. poplar

41. affable de\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* the way in which a person behaves or conducts themselves, especially in public
42. con\_\_\_\_\_on of a disease *n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount
43. mistaken id\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
44. reg\_\_\_\_\_ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
45. a sp\_\_y of mist *n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
46. agricultural me\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
47. binational ac\_\_\_\_d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
48. id\_\_\_\_\_ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
49. sp\_\_l a bit of wine *v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident

ANSWERS: 41. demeanor, 42. contraction, 43. identity, 44. regardless, 45. spray, 46. merchant, 47. accord, 48. identity, 49. spill

50. com\_\_\_\_\_on of foods on a caloric basis      *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
51. medical bi\_\_\_\_\_hy      *n.* the story of a person's life written by someone else
52. di\_\_\_\_\_l electronic signature      *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
53. reg\_\_\_\_\_ss tread      *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
54. h\_\_y atmosphere      *adj.* not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something
55. the te\_\_\_\_\_ue applied to construction      *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
56. a po\_\_\_\_\_it painter      *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
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58. re\_\_\_\_\_ar on the surface      *v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
59. pr\_\_\_\_\_le cause of a fire      *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 50. comparison, 51. biography, 52. digital, 53. regardless, 54. hazy, 55. technique, 56. portrait, 57. patron, 58. reappear, 59. probable

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61. al\_\_\_e misconduct *v.* to state or claim that something is the case, often without proof
62. m\_\_e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
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64. do\_\_a's friends *n.* an Italian term used as a term of address for a woman, equivalent to "madam" or "ma'am"
65. dem\_\_\_\_\_te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
66. complete a pr\_\_\_\_\_pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
67. ease of com\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
68. a te\_\_\_\_\_ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
69. cost of solar pa\_\_ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

ANSWERS: 60. purported, 61. allege, 62. mere, 63. composition, 64. donna, 65. demonstrate, 66. prototype, 67. comparison, 68. technique, 69. panel

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ANSWERS: 70. dubious, 71. biography, 72. precise, 73. demonstrate, 74. untenable, 75. attribute, 76. identification, 77. problematic, 78. digital



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. During pregnancy, the stomach generates less \_\_\_\_\_ than usual.
  - n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
  
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  - v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
  
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  - n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
  
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ANSWERS: 1. acid, 2. panel, 3. demonstrate, 4. portrait, 5. hazy, 6. reappeared, 7. merchant

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ANSWERS: 16. contraction, 17. untenable, 18. demeanor, 19. purported, 20. regardless, 21. precise, 22. ambiguous, 23. outlines, 24. poplar

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*adj.* of very high quality, excellent; extremely good
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*n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
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*n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
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ANSWERS: 25. identification, 26. composition, 27. superb, 28. mere, 29. prototype, 30. dam, 31. patron, 32. donna

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*n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
39. The evidence presented in court had a \_\_\_\_\_ origin, raising questions about its authenticity.  
*adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain

ANSWERS: 33. spray, 34. probable, 35. digital, 36. technique, 37. biography, 38. identity, 39. dubious