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## Session 1: Word List

### wildfire

*n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

*synonym*: blaze, bonfire, flame

(1) **wildfire** spread, (2) arson-caused **wildfire**

The **wildfire** destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

### landmass

*n.* a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota

*synonym*: continent, mainland, landform

(1) large **landmass**, (2) continental **landmass**

Australia is the world's smallest continent by **landmass**.

### deforest

*v.* to clear an area of forest or trees

*synonym*: clear-cut, strip, denude

(1) **deforest** a mountain, (2) **deforest** millions of acres

The company planned to **deforest** a large rainforest area to make way for a new plantation.

### degrade

*v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion

of others

*synonym*: demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

## refrigeration

*n.* the process of cooling or freezing something, especially food, to preserve it

*synonym*: cooling, freezing, preservation

(1) **refrigeration** car, (2) **refrigeration** technology

The supermarket had a large **refrigeration** section with all kinds of fresh produce.

## methane

*n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

(1) atmospheric **methane**, (2) reduce **methane** emissions

The ignition of **methane** gas in the plant killed five employees.

## caddy

*n.* a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs

*synonym*: container, carrier, holder

(1) golf **caddy**, (2) **caddy** spoon

The tea **caddy** was a beautiful antique with intricate designs carved into the wood.

## depress

*v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

*synonym*: sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

## glut

*n.* an excessive amount of something, especially of a commodity, that results in a decline in price

*synonym*: surplus, excess, overflow

(1) **glut** of information, (2) capital **glut**

The restaurant had a **glut** of food left over from the weekend.

## **cofounder**

*n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

## **app**

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

*synonym* : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

## **canteen**

*n.* a small cafeteria or dining hall, especially one in a military or school setting

*synonym* : mess hall, cafeteria, eatery

(1) military **canteen**, (2) school **canteen**

The soldiers gathered in the **canteen** to eat their rations and catch up on the latest news from home.

## **allot**

*v.* to give or apportion something, especially a share of something available, to someone

*synonym* : assign, allocate, apportion

(1) **allot** an important role to him, (2) **allot** shares

I **allot** two hours early in the morning to my study.

## **improvisation**

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym* : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## well-being

*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous  
*synonym*: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**  
We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

## heartwarming

*adj.* seeming to be something good and therefore causing gladness and pleasure

*synonym*: pleasant, exhilarating, inspiring

(1) **heartwarming** letter, (2) a **heartwarming** tale of love  
We enjoyed the **heartwarming** hospitality of the host.

## overconsumption

*n.* the act of consuming too much of something, or the condition of consuming more than is necessary or advisable

(1) age of **overconsumption**, (2) **overconsumption** of alcohol

**Overconsumption** of sugar can contribute to obesity.

## exemplify

*v.* to serve as a typical example of something

*synonym*: illustrate, show, demonstrate

(1) **exemplify** the importance, (2) **exemplify** the solution  
The example of a successful startup serves to **exemplify** the potential of the industry.

## overshoot

*v.* to go further than the end of or past something you intended to stop or turn

*synonym*: jump, leave, skip

(1) **overshoot** a target, (2) **overshoot** the mark  
The department may **overshoot** its budget ceiling this year.

## replenish

*v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied

*synonym*: refill, reload, restock

(1) **replenish** a reserve fund, (2) **replenish** my spirit  
Please **replenish** my glass with some more wine.

## deplete

- v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

*synonym*: exhaust, consume, use up

(1) **deplete** customer confidence, (2) **deplete** glycogen stores

If we continue to **deplete** the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.

## recycle

- v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

*synonym*: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

## relentless

- adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

*synonym*: unyielding, tireless, unrelenting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure

The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

## toiletry

- n.* items used for personal grooming and hygiene, such as soap, toothbrush, and shampoo

*synonym*: grooming kit, hygiene products

(1) travel **toiletry**, (2) **toiletry** bag

Remember to pack your **toiletry** goods when you go on vacation, or you'll have to repurchase them.

## discotheque

- n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

*synonym*: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

## popcorn

*n.* a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack

*synonym:* popped corn, puffed corn, corn kernels

(1) a **popcorn** vendor, (2) **popcorn** kernels

We popped some **popcorn** and settled in to watch a movie.

## quo

*n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

*synonym:* status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ov_____ot a target             | <i>v.</i> to go further than the end of or past something you intended to stop or turn                               |
| 2. re_____sh a reserve fund       | <i>v.</i> to fill something that had previously been emptied   |
| 3. a po_____n vendor              | <i>n.</i> a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack                        |
| 4. atmospheric me_____e           | <i>n.</i> a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH <sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel |
| 5. al__t shares                   | <i>v.</i> to give or apportion something, especially a share of something available, to someone                      |
| 6. status q_o politician          | <i>n.</i> the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue    |
| 7. military ca_____n              | <i>n.</i> a small cafeteria or dining hall, especially one in a military or school setting                           |
| 8. al__t an important role to him | <i>v.</i> to give or apportion something, especially a share of something available, to someone                      |
| 9. a sense of wel_____ng          | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous  |
| 10. dis_____ue party              | <i>n.</i> a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance                                 |

ANSWERS: 1. overshoot, 2. replenish, 3. popcorn, 4. methane, 5. allot, 6. quo, 7. canteen, 8. allot, 9. well-being, 10. discotheque

11. de____st millions of acres	<i>v.</i> to clear an area of forest or trees
12. de____e glycogen stores	<i>v.</i> to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
13. dis____ue scene	<i>n.</i> a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
14. killer a_p	<i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
15. de____e environmental quality	<i>v.</i> to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
16. de____s crop prices	<i>v.</i> to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
17. ref____ion technology	<i>n.</i> the process of cooling or freezing something, especially food, to preserve it
18. rel____ss attack	<i>adj.</i> persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
19. arson-caused wi____re	<i>n.</i> a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
20. large la____ss	<i>n.</i> a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota

ANSWERS: 11. deforest, 12. deplete, 13. discotheque, 14. app, 15. degrade, 16. depress, 17. refrigeration, 18. relentless, 19. wildfire, 20. landmass



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| 21. to____ry bag                | <i>n.</i> items used for personal grooming and hygiene, such as soap, toothbrush, and shampoo                                   |
| 22. po____n kernels             | <i>n.</i> a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack                                   |
| 23. ca__y spoon                 | <i>n.</i> a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs                            |
| 24. ove_____ion of alcohol      | <i>n.</i> the act of consuming too much of something, or the condition of consuming more than is necessary or advisable         |
| 25. wi____re spread             | <i>n.</i> a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope |
| 26. the wel_____ng of a nation  | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous   |
| 27. capital g__t                | <i>n.</i> an excessive amount of something, especially of a commodity, that results in a decline in price                       |
| 28. ex_____fy the solution      | <i>v.</i> to serve as a typical example of something  |
| 29. de____e customer confidence | <i>v.</i> to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials  |
| 30. re_____sh my spirit         | <i>v.</i> to fill something that had previously been emptied  |

ANSWERS: 21. toiletry, 22. popcorn, 23. caddy, 24. overconsumption, 25. wildfire, 26. well-being, 27. glut, 28. exemplify, 29. deplete, 30. replenish

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| 31. jazz imp_____ion           | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation  |
| 32. golf ca__y                 | <i>n.</i> a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs  |
| 33. de_____e his public image  | <i>v.</i> to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others |
| 34. ex_____fy the importance   | <i>v.</i> to serve as a typical example of something  |
| 35. school ca_____n            | <i>n.</i> a small cafeteria or dining hall, especially one in a military or school setting  |
| 36. de_____s their spirits     | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active   |
| 37. reduce me_____e emissions  | <i>n.</i> a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH <sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel  |
| 38. q_o warranto               | <i>n.</i> the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue   |
| 39. a hea_____ing tale of love | <i>adj.</i> seeming to be something good and therefore causing gladness and pleasure  |
| 40. face rel_____ss pressure   | <i>adj.</i> persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks  |

ANSWERS: 31. improvisation, 32. caddy, 33. degrade, 34. exemplify, 35. canteen, 36. depress, 37. methane, 38. quo, 39. heartwarming, 40. relentless

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| 41. imp_____ion on stage         | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation                              |
| 42. g__t of information          | <i>n.</i> an excessive amount of something, especially of a commodity, that results in a decline in price                                 |
| 43. co_____er of the university  | <i>n.</i> one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business  |
| 44. hea_____ing letter           | <i>adj.</i> seeming to be something good and therefore causing gladness and pleasure  |
| 45. age of ove_____ion           | <i>n.</i> the act of consuming too much of something, or the condition of consuming more than is necessary or advisable                   |
| 46. de_____st a mountain         | <i>v.</i> to clear an area of forest or trees   |
| 47. re_____e the cardboard boxes | <i>v.</i> to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again                                |
| 48. ref_____ion car              | <i>n.</i> the process of cooling or freezing something, especially food, to preserve it   |
| 49. late co_____er               | <i>n.</i> one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business  |
| 50. ov_____ot the mark           | <i>v.</i> to go further than the end of or past something you intended to stop or turn  |
| 51. cannot log in to the a_p     | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |

ANSWERS: 41. improvisation, 42. glut, 43. cofounder, 44. heartwarming, 45. overconsumption, 46. deforest, 47. recycle, 48. refrigeration, 49. cofounder, 50. overshoot, 51. app

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|---|-----------|---|
| 52. re____e milk packaging into new paper | <i>v.</i> | to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again                  |
| 53. continental la____ss                  | <i>n.</i> | a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota |
| 54. travel to____ry                       | <i>n.</i> | items used for personal grooming and hygiene, such as soap, toothbrush, and shampoo                               |

ANSWERS: 52. recycle, 53. landmass, 54. toiletry

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ training paid off in the end.  
*adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
2. The example of a successful startup serves to \_\_\_\_\_ the potential of the industry.  
*v.* to serve as a typical example of something
3. We popped some \_\_\_\_\_ and settled in to watch a movie.  
*n.* a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack
4. The economic recession \_\_\_\_\_ the housing market.  
*v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
5. Please \_\_\_\_\_ my glass with some more wine.  
*v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.  
*n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ two hours early in the morning to my study.  
*v.* to give or apportion something, especially a share of something available, to someone

ANSWERS: 1. relentless, 2. exemplify, 3. popcorn, 4. depressed, 5. replenish, 6. wildfire, 7. allot

8. Australia is the world's smallest continent by \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota
9. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ and chairman of this tech company.
- n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
10. We enjoyed the \_\_\_\_\_ hospitality of the host.
- adj.* seeming to be something good and therefore causing gladness and pleasure
11. Remember to pack your \_\_\_\_\_ goods when you go on vacation, or you'll have to repurchase them.
- n.* items used for personal grooming and hygiene, such as soap, toothbrush, and shampoo
12. We are responsible for the care and \_\_\_\_\_ of all our employees.
- n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
13. The ignition of \_\_\_\_\_ gas in the plant killed five employees.
- n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
14. The restaurant had a \_\_\_\_\_ of food left over from the weekend.
- n.* an excessive amount of something, especially of a commodity, that results in a decline in price
15. The tea \_\_\_\_\_ was a beautiful antique with intricate designs carved into the wood.
- n.* a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs

ANSWERS: 8. landmass, 9. cofounder, 10. heartwarming, 11. toiletry, 12. well-being, 13. methane, 14. glut, 15. caddy

16. The soldiers gathered in the \_\_\_\_\_ to eat their rations and catch up on the latest news from home.  
*n.* a small cafeteria or dining hall, especially one in a military or school setting
17. He couldn't wait to hit the \_\_\_\_\_ and dance the night away.  
*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
18. The company has been successful in maintaining the status \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
19. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ yourself by allowing them to use you.  
*v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
20. The supermarket had a large \_\_\_\_\_ section with all kinds of fresh produce.  
*n.* the process of cooling or freezing something, especially food, to preserve it
21. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
22. \_\_\_\_\_ of sugar can contribute to obesity.  
*n.* the act of consuming too much of something, or the condition of consuming more than is necessary or advisable
23. We largely \_\_\_\_\_ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.  
*v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

ANSWERS: 16. canteen, 17. discotheque, 18. quo, 19. degrade, 20. refrigeration, 21. improvisation, 22. Overconsumption, 23. recycle

24. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the \_\_\_\_\_ release.
- n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
25. The department may \_\_\_\_\_ its budget ceiling this year.
- v.* to go further than the end of or past something you intended to stop or turn
26. The company planned to \_\_\_\_\_ a large rainforest area to make way for a new plantation.
- v.* to clear an area of forest or trees
27. If we continue to \_\_\_\_\_ the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.
- v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

ANSWERS: 24. app's, 25. overshoot, 26. deforest, 27. deplete