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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

**rot** v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually  
*synonym* : perish, decay, corrode  
(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age  
Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

**unnatural** *adj.* not in accordance with the normal or natural order or not normal, typical, or expected  
*synonym* : abnormal, bizarre, artificial  
(1) **unnatural** death, (2) **unnatural** disaster  
The **unnatural** growth of the city has disrupted wildlife habitats.

**tinnitus** *n.* a ringing, buzzing, or other noise in the ears or head that is not caused by an external sound source; often associated with hearing loss or damage to the ear  
*synonym* : ringing, buzzing, humming  
(1) **tinnitus** treatment, (2) chronic **tinnitus**  
She suffered from severe **tinnitus** after attending a loud concert without earplugs.

**glide** v. to move smoothly and effortlessly  
*synonym* : slide, skim, coast

(1) **glide** through the water, (2) **glide** down the mountain  
The eagle gracefully **glided** on the thermals, soaring above the mountains.

## wiggle

v. to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements

*synonym*: wiggle, jiggle, squirm

(1) **wiggle** her lips, (2) **wiggle** with excitement

Her hips **wiggle** as she walks.

## rattle

v. to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds

*synonym*: jolt, shake, babble

(1) **rattle** along a road, (2) **rattle** and bang at the door

The vast earthquake caused the house to **rattle**.

## biomimetics

n. the study of natural systems and structures to create new technologies or improve existing ones

(1) **biomimetics** research, (2) **biomimetics** technology

The aircraft's design was inspired by **biomimetics** principles, which allowed for improved aerodynamics and reduced fuel consumption.

## propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

*synonym*: drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

## 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.

## propeller

*n.* a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft

*synonym* : prop, rotor, fan

(1) **propeller** design, (2) **propeller** aircraft

The boat's **propeller** stopped working in the middle of the lake.

## disrupt

*v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

*synonym* : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

## robotic

*adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

*synonym* : automated, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **robotic** arm, (2) **robotic** guide operation

The surgeon removed the tumor using **robotic** video assistance.

## untethered

*adj.* not tied or secured to anything; free to move or roam without restriction or confinement

*synonym* : free, loose, unattached

(1) **untethered** phone, (2) **untethered** from reality

The bird flew **untethered** in the sky.

## deform

*v.* to change or distort the shape or appearance of something; to become misshapen or distorted

*synonym* : distort, contort, mangle

(1) **deform** the shape, (2) **deform** his way of life

The heat from the fire **deformed** the plastic parts of the appliance.

## 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.

## thigh

*n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg

*synonym*: thigh-bone, femur, upper leg

(1) **thigh** muscle, (2) chicken **thigh**

The marathon runner felt a cramp in her **thigh** at the 20th mile.

## lamine

*n.* a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring

*synonym*: veneer, coating, layer

(1) **lamine** flooring, (2) **lamine** table

The countertop in my kitchen is made of durable **lamine** material.

## conductivity

*n.* the quality of a material's ability to conduct electricity, heat, etc.

*synonym*: conduction

(1) low **conductivity**, (2) electrical **conductivity**

High thermal **conductivity** is also essential for the exterior of the machine.

## inject

*v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

*synonym*: shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

## antagonistic

*adj.* characterized by opposition or hostility towards someone or something, often used to describe a

confrontational or aggressive attitude

*synonym* : hostile, opposing, conflicting

(1) an **antagonistic** contradiction, (2) **antagonistic** relationship

His **antagonistic** behavior was causing trouble in the workplace.

## tedious

*adj.* tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature

*synonym* : boring, monotonous, dull

(1) **tedious** task, (2) **tedious** routine

The work of data entry can be **tedious**, but it is important for maintaining accurate records.

## fabricate

*v.* to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone

*synonym* : manufacture, assemble, falsify

(1) **fabricate** a chemical, (2) **fabricate** an excuse

The detective discovered that the witness had **fabricated** her story about the crime.

## interpolation

*n.* the insertion of something, such as a word or phrase, into a text or speech; the estimation of a value within an existing set of data by calculating values that are based on surrounding known values

*synonym* : insertion, addition, interpolation

(1) spline **interpolation**, (2) perform **interpolation**

The scientist used **interpolation** to estimate the amount of rain that fell during the storm.

## standalone

*adj.* (of computer hardware or software) able to operate the system without being connected to other hardware or software; (also stand-alone) capable of working independently

(1) **standalone** application, (2) **standalone** approach

We never prescribe medication as a **standalone** treatment.

## biodegrade

v. to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi

(1) **biodegrade** by the microorganism, (2) bioplastic designed to **biodegrade**

The company's plastic products are easily **biodegraded** thanks to a unique manufacturing process.

## mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

*synonym*: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments  
He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

## rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

*synonym*: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

## pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

*synonym*: contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

## reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

*synonym*: re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to

stay competitive.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------------|----|---|
| 1. ra___e along a road               | v. | to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds  |
| 2. fa_____te an excuse               | v. | to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone |
| 3. in___t under the skin             | v. | to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)                                   |
| 4. chronic ti_____us                 | n. | a ringing, buzzing, or other noise in the ears or head that is not caused by an external sound source; often associated with hearing loss or damage to the ear    |
| 5. wi___e with excitement            | v. | to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements  |
| 6. th__h muscle                      | n. | the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg  |
| 7. gl__e through the water           | v. | to move smoothly and effortlessly   |
| 8. r_t with age                      | v. | to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually  |
| 9. bioplastic designed to bio_____de | v. | to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi  |

ANSWERS: 1. rattle, 2. fabricate, 3. inject, 4. tinnitus, 5. wiggle, 6. thigh, 7. glide, 8. rot, 9. biodegrade



10. con\_\_\_\_\_on of a disease *n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount
11. ro\_\_\_\_\_c guide operation *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
12. fa\_\_\_\_\_te a chemical *v.* to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone
13. electrical con\_\_\_\_\_ity *n.* the quality of a material's ability to conduct electricity, heat, etc.
14. pr\_\_\_\_l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
15. te\_\_\_\_\_s task *adj.* tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature
16. re\_\_\_\_\_k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
17. re\_\_\_\_\_ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
18. re\_\_\_\_\_ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
19. chicken th\_\_h *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg

ANSWERS: 10. contraction, 11. robotic, 12. fabricate, 13. conductivity, 14. propel, 15. tedious, 16. rethink, 17. reimagine, 18. reimagine, 19. thigh

20. de\_\_\_m his way of life      *v.* to change or distort the shape or appearance of something; to become misshapen or distorted
21. pr\_\_\_\_\_er aircraft      *n.* a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft
22. con\_\_\_\_\_on in the industry      *n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount
23. te\_\_\_\_\_s routine      *adj.* tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature
24. la\_\_\_\_\_te flooring      *n.* a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring
25. sta\_\_\_\_\_ne application      *adj.* (of computer hardware or software) able to operate the system without being connected to other hardware or software; (also stand-alone) capable of working independently
26. re\_\_\_\_\_k the role of the manager      *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
27. di\_\_\_\_\_t sleep      *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
28. bio\_\_\_\_\_cs research      *n.* the study of natural systems and structures to create new technologies or improve existing ones

ANSWERS: 20. deform, 21. propeller, 22. contraction, 23. tedious, 24. laminate, 25. standalone, 26. rethink, 27. disrupt, 28. biomimetics

29. im\_\_\_\_\_e animal sounds      *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
30. gl\_\_e down the mountain      *v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly
31. mi\_\_c a human voice      *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
32. begin to r\_t      *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
33. ra\_\_\_e and bang at the door      *v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
34. di\_\_\_\_\_t a well-ordered condition      *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
35. im\_\_\_\_\_e painting styles      *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
36. pr\_\_\_l growth      *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
37. de\_\_\_m the shape      *v.* to change or distort the shape or appearance of something; to become misshapen or distorted
38. un\_\_\_\_\_al death      *adj.* not in accordance with the normal or natural order or not normal, typical, or expected
39. pr\_\_\_\_\_er design      *n.* a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft

ANSWERS: 29. imitate, 30. glide, 31. mimic, 32. rot, 33. rattle, 34. disrupt, 35. imitate, 36. propel, 37. deform, 38. unnatural, 39. propeller

40. an ant\_\_\_\_\_tic contradiction      *adj.* characterized by opposition or hostility towards someone or something, often used to describe a confrontational or aggressive attitude
41. wi\_\_\_e her lips      *v.* to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements
42. ti\_\_\_\_\_us treatment      *n.* a ringing, buzzing, or other noise in the ears or head that is not caused by an external sound source; often associated with hearing loss or damage to the ear
43. un\_\_\_\_\_al disaster      *adj.* not in accordance with the normal or natural order or not normal, typical, or expected
44. po\_\_\_\_\_e the air      *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
45. mi\_\_c numerous instruments      *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
46. unt\_\_\_\_\_ed from reality      *adj.* not tied or secured to anything; free to move or roam without restriction or confinement
47. po\_\_\_\_\_e the thread      *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
48. perform int\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the insertion of something, such as a word or phrase, into a text or speech; the estimation of a value within an existing set of data by calculating values that are based on surrounding known values

ANSWERS: 40. antagonistic, 41. wiggle, 42. tinnitus, 43. unnatural, 44. pollute, 45. mimic, 46. untethered, 47. pollute, 48. interpolation

49. sta\_\_\_\_\_ne approach *adj.* (of computer hardware or software) able to operate the system without being connected to other hardware or software; (also stand-alone) capable of working independently
50. unt\_\_\_\_\_ed phone *adj.* not tied or secured to anything; free to move or roam without restriction or confinement
51. ant\_\_\_\_\_tic relationship *adj.* characterized by opposition or hostility towards someone or something, often used to describe a confrontational or aggressive attitude
52. bio\_\_\_\_\_cs technology *n.* the study of natural systems and structures to create new technologies or improve existing ones
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54. ro\_\_\_\_\_c arm *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
55. low con\_\_\_\_\_ity *n.* the quality of a material's ability to conduct electricity, heat, etc.
56. spline int\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the insertion of something, such as a word or phrase, into a text or speech; the estimation of a value within an existing set of data by calculating values that are based on surrounding known values

ANSWERS: 49. standalone, 50. untethered, 51. antagonistic, 52. biomimetics, 53. inject, 54. robotic, 55. conductivity, 56. interpolation

57. la\_\_\_\_te table

*n.* a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring

58. bio\_\_\_\_\_de by the microorganism

*v.* to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi

ANSWERS: 57. laminate, 58. biodegrade

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her hips \_\_\_\_\_ as she walks.  
*v.* to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements
  
2. She suffered from severe \_\_\_\_\_ after attending a loud concert without earplugs.  
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ANSWERS: 8. inject, 9. glided, 10. laminate, 11. mimic, 12. biodegraded, 13. rot, 14. rethink, 15. thigh



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ANSWERS: 23. imitated, 24. robotic, 25. propel, 26. antagonistic, 27. reimagine, 28. rattle, 29. propeller