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## Session 1: Word List

### cafeteria

*n.* a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.

*synonym*: canteen, mess hall, restaurant

(1) **cafeteria** lunch, (2) office **cafeteria**

The university's **cafeteria** was busy with students and staff grabbing a quick lunch.

### nod

*v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

*synonym*: respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

### gravitation

*n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass

*synonym*: attraction, pull, gravity

(1) terrestrial **gravitation**, (2) universal **gravitation**

The force of **gravitation** keeps the planets in our solar system in orbit around the sun.

## polarization

*n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

*synonym* : polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

## malevolent

*adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm or evil to others

*synonym* : evil, malicious, wicked

(1) **malevolent** stars, (2) **malevolent** act

She had a **malevolent** intention to harm her enemy.

## pundit

*n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

*synonym* : expert, commentator, punditry

(1) conservative **pundit**, (2) sports **pundit**

The political **pundit** provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.

## aisle

*n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

*synonym* : corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

## wholehearted

*adj.* sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment

*synonym* : passionate, enthusiastic, devoted

(1) **wholehearted** support, (2) **wholehearted** commitment

She put her **wholehearted** effort into finishing the project on time.

## sanction

*n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization

*synonym* : approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

## agonize

*v.* to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying

*synonym* : disturb, excruciate, lament

(1) **agonize** pain, (2) **agonize** about financing

He **agonized** over whether to accept the job offer.

## inherit

*v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

*synonym* : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

## pore

*n.* a tiny hole in the skin of people or other animals that sweat can pass through; (verb) to read carefully or study attentively

*synonym* : stoma, foramen

(1) woody **pore** fungi, (2) **pore** over reference books

I was sweating at every **pore**.

## disproportionately

*adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

*synonym* : excessively, unequally

(1) **disproportionately** affected, (2) **disproportionately** high

The rich can often **disproportionately** benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

## 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.

## upbringing

*n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development

*synonym*: childhood, background, nurturing

(1) Catholic **upbringing**, (2) family **upbringing**

His strict **upbringing** instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.

## defiance

*n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something

*synonym*: disobedience, disregard, confrontation

(1) fierce **defiance**, (2) adopt an attitude of **defiance**

He acted in **defiance** of our decision.

## delve

*v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner

*synonym*: dig, excavate, uncover

(1) **delve** deeper, (2) **delve** into documents

Researchers must **delve** into the intricacies of the human brain to understand mental illness.

## disrespect

*n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

*synonym*: impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer

His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

## bipartisan

*adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

*synonym* : neutral, impartial, nonpartisan

(1) promote **bipartisan** cooperation, (2) **bipartisan** agreement

The legislation was passed with **bipartisan** support from both parties.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## unconventional

*adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

*synonym* : nontraditional, avant-garde, bizarre

(1) in an **unconventional** manner, (2) **unconventional** ideas

Her **unconventional** approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

## obsess

*v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

*synonym* : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

## addict

*n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

*synonym* : devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

## empathy

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym*: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## reconsider

*v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to

*synonym*: rethink, review, revisit

(1) **reconsider** the determination, (2) **reconsider** my transfer

He humbly **reconsidered** his conduct.

## stereotype

*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. de__e deeper                 | <i>v.</i> to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner  |
| 2. in an unc_____nal manner     | <i>adj.</i> not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards                                   |
| 3. a drug ad___t                | <i>n.</i> a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful  |
| 4. rec_____er the determination | <i>v.</i> to think about a decision or opinion again to   |
| 5. unc_____nal ideas            | <i>adj.</i> not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards                                   |
| 6. in___t ancestral property    | <i>v.</i> to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died  |
| 7. the center ai__e of a church | <i>n.</i> a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure |
| 8. bip_____an agreement         | <i>adj.</i> involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country   |
| 9. ca_____ia lunch              | <i>n.</i> a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.                  |

ANSWERS: 1. delve, 2. unconventional, 3. addict, 4. reconsider, 5. unconventional, 6. inherit, 7. aisle, 8. bipartisan, 9. cafeteria

10. pol\_\_\_\_\_ion effect *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
11. who\_\_\_\_\_ted commitment *adj.* sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment
12. ag\_\_\_\_\_e about financing *v.* to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying
13. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
14. rec\_\_\_\_\_er my transfer *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
15. promote bip\_\_\_\_\_an cooperation *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
16. he is ob\_\_\_\_sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
17. sports pu\_\_\_\_t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
18. em\_\_\_\_\_y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
19. mal\_\_\_\_\_nt act *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm or evil to others
20. Catholic upb\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development

ANSWERS: 10. polarization, 11. wholehearted, 12. agonize, 13. opportune, 14. reconsider, 15. bipartisan, 16. obsess, 17. pundit, 18. empathy, 19. malevolent, 20. upbringing



21. ag\_\_\_\_\_e pain *v.* to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying
22. dielectric pol\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
23. dis\_\_\_\_\_ely high *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
24. woody p\_\_e fungi *n.* a tiny hole in the skin of people or other animals that sweat can pass through; *(verb)* to read carefully or study attentively
25. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
26. Internet ad\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
27. Imperial sa\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization
28. adopt an attitude of de\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
29. n\_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

ANSWERS: 21. agonize, 22. polarization, 23. disproportionately, 24. pore, 25. opportune, 26. addict, 27. sanction, 28. defiance, 29. nod

30. full of em\_\_\_\_y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
31. who \_\_\_\_\_ted support *adj.* sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment
32. dis\_\_\_\_\_ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
33. fierce de\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
34. family upb\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
35. n\_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
36. universal gra\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass
37. in\_\_\_\_\_t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
38. ob\_\_\_\_s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
39. popular sa\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization

ANSWERS: 30. empathy, 31. wholehearted, 32. disrespect, 33. defiance, 34. upbringing, 35. nod, 36. gravitation, 37. inherit, 38. obsess, 39. sanction

40. conservative pu\_\_\_t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
41. mal\_\_\_\_\_nt stars *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm or evil to others
42. negative ste\_\_\_\_\_pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
43. de\_\_e into documents *v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
44. office ca\_\_\_\_\_ia *n.* a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.
45. terrestrial gra\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass
46. mean no dis\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
47. p\_\_e over reference books *n.* a tiny hole in the skin of people or other animals that sweat can pass through; (verb) to read carefully or study attentively
48. avoid ste\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

ANSWERS: 40. pundit, 41. malevolent, 42. stereotype, 43. delve, 44. cafeteria, 45. gravitation, 46. disrespect, 47. pore, 48. stereotype

49. em\_\_\_\_r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
50. em\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
51. ai\_\_e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
52. dis\_\_\_\_\_ely affected *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

ANSWERS: 49. empower, 50. empower, 51. aisle, 52. disproportionately

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The legislation was passed with \_\_\_\_\_ support from both parties.  
*adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
2. The company \_\_\_\_\_ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.  
*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ over whether to accept the job offer.  
*v.* to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying
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*n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
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*v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
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ANSWERS: 1. bipartisan, 2. empowered, 3. agonized, 4. aisle, 5. obsessed, 6. sanctions, 7. pundit

8. He humbly \_\_\_\_\_ his conduct.  
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9. His strict \_\_\_\_\_ instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.  
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*(verb)* to read carefully or study attentively
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*v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
15. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 8. reconsidered, 9. upbringing, 10. cafeteria, 11. stereotypes, 12. polarization, 13. pore, 14. inherited, 15. opportune

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ANSWERS: 16. wholehearted, 17. disrespectful, 18. unconventional, 19. disproportionately, 20. addicts, 21. malevolent, 22. nodded, 23. gravitation

24. Researchers must \_\_\_\_\_ into the intricacies of the human brain to understand mental illness.
- v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
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- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
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- n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something

ANSWERS: 24. delve, 25. Empathy, 26. defiance