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Session 1: Word List

episode

 a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

synonym: event, chapter, seizure

(1) end of the first episode,(2) episode of vertigoI want to put that episode of my life behind me.

futurist

 a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold

synonym: foreseer, prophet, fortune-teller

(1) **futurist** architecture, (2) **futurist** ideas

The radical **futurist** predicted that virtual reality would become a standard in everyday life.

interaction

 the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym: dealings, exchange, relations

- (1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,
- (2) interaction among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

spoil

- v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or badsynonym: rot, decay, deteriorate
- (1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

nervous

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym: neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous** He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

breakdown

- n. a failure or collapse of a system or organizationsynonym: collapse, failure, malfunction
- (1) a nervous **breakdown**, (2) **breakdown** maintenance The **breakdown** of the machinery caused a delay in production.

fraction

a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

synonym: piece, part, fragment

(1) a **fractional** share of the vote, (2) a numerator in a **fraction**

He spent only a **fraction** of his earnings.

publicly

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

synonym: candidly, openly, honestly

(1) **publicly** accessible record, (2) **publicly** financed schools

She **publicly** denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

willingness

n. the state of being ready or inclined to do somethingsynonym: readiness, eagerness, enthusiasm

(1) **willingness** to help, (2) indicate a **willingness** to change

Her willingness to help others earned her many friends.

relevance

 the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

synonym: pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

compulsion

 an irresistible urge or impulse to do something, often resulting from internal or external pressures or forces of habit

synonym: urge, obsession, drive

(1) **compulsion** to clean, (2) resistance to **compulsion**She felt the **compulsion** to check her phone for messages every few minutes.

exposure

 the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret

synonym: vulnerability, disclosure, uncovering

(1) a southern **exposure**, (2) the **exposure** of a fraud The long **exposure** to the air tarnished the antique tableware.

experiment

 the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments** His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

alter

- v. to cause to change or make different synonym: change, vary, adjust
- alter a decision, (2) alter data in a file
 The design of the webpage has altered slightly.

decision

 n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

boundary

 a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

synonym: border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

guidance

 advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making

synonym: advice, direction, support

(1) vocational **guidance**, (2) **guidance** counselor

The mentor provided **guidance** to the young entrepreneur, helping her navigate the business world.

precedent

 a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future

synonym: example, model, pattern

(1) break with **precedent**, (2) a bad **precedent**

The court used previous **precedents** to make its decision.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym: fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) fortunate situation, (2) less fortunate person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

blueprint

 a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine synonym: draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint** A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

athlete

 a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

synonym: player, contestant, jock

(1) become a professional **athlete**, (2) high school **athletes** His dream is to become an Olympic **athlete**.

politician

 a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

entertainer

 a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy

synonym: performer, artist, showman

(1) **entertainer** of the year, (2) comedy **entertainer**The dancer is a talented **entertainer** who captivates her audience with graceful movements.

navigate

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

synonym: guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

entertainment

 public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

synonym: amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment** The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

generation

- all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity synonym: cohort, age group, era
- (1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

contend

- to struggle to win or surmount something synonym: compete, oppose, argue
- (1) **contend** that tobacco is nonaddictive, (2) **contend** for a championship

Tobacco companies have long **contended** that their product is not addictive.

handle

- to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion *synonym*: control, manage, deal with
- (1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

solo

adv. without anybody else or anything else; alone synonym: alone

- (1) a **solo** vocal recital, (2) a **solo** flight I would love to **solo** camping someday.
- fist a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist

synonym: clenched hand, knuckles, mitt

(1) tight **fist**, (2) raise a **fist**

The boxer clenched his **fist** before throwing a punch.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first synonym: originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

ignore

- v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to synonym: neglect, disregard, shun
- (1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

pilot

 a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

synonym: aviator, flyer, chief

(1) a test pilot, (2) pilot production

The **pilot** exercised great care in landing.

trek

- n. a long and difficult journey, typically on footsynonym: journey, expedition, hike
- (1) horseback **trek**, (2) **trek** expedition

 He was preparing for a long **trek** through the mountains.

propose

- v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something synonym: suggest, offer, recommend
- (1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

transform

- v. to change in outward structure or looks; synonym: alter, convert, change
- (1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death transformed my life completely.

full-on

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

warrior

 a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

synonym: fighter, soldier, combatant

(1) armored warrior, (2) warrior spirit

The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary warrior.

script

n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

synonym: writing, penmanship, article

(1) a hand **script**, (2) the **script** of a play

The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian **script** on a stone monument.

preschool

 adj. relating to or denoting the period before a child begins primary school; (noun) the activities or education provided during this time

synonym: nursery, kindergarten, daycare

(1) **preschool** education, (2) during **preschool** years My old school's **preschool** program was well-regarded and had an excellent reputation.

visible

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view synonym: clear, observable, seeable

(1) visible stars, (2) visible by X-ray

My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym: prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line

Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

entail

v. to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something

synonym: involve, necessitate, require

(1) entail legal consequences, (2) entail risks

The job offer **entails** a lot of responsibility and hard work.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthermost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

tactics

 the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports

synonym: strategy, maneuvers, plan

(1) blitz tactics, (2) political tactics

The marketing team developed new tactics to boost sales.

coddle

v. to treat somebody with too much indulgence; to cook in water just below boiling point

synonym: indulge, pamper, baby

(1) **coddle** a patient, (2) **coddle** eggs

You coddle your daughter too much.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) terrify people, (2) the threats terrify him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

pet

- an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
- (1) a **pet** bird, (2) a teacher's **pet**

I have a parrot as a **pet**.

recital

 a public performance of music or dance, usually by a soloist or a group of performers; a detailed account of events or facts

synonym: performance, concert, show

(1) poetry **recital**, (2) give a **recital** at the hall

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Her piano **recital** was a great success, and she received a standing ovation.

offstage

 adv. in a location outside of the stage area in a theater or other performance venue; not visible to the audience or spectators

synonym: backstage, behind the scenes, off-camera

(1) crack jokes **offstage** during the break, (2) quickly move the props **offstage**

The actors were waiting anxiously **offstage** for their cue to go on.

insist

peer

 to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym: demand, assert, claim

- (1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.
- n. a person who has the same age, status, or abilitysynonym: fellow, associate, counterpart
- (1) peer group, (2) peer review

Among young people, peer pressure can be pretty influential.

grimace

v. to make a facial expression that shows pain, disgust, or discomfort; (noun) a facial expression that shows pain or disgust, marked by wrinkling of the forehead, tightness of the face, and twisting of the mouth

synonym: frown, scowl, sneer

(1) **grimace** in pain, (2) try to hide a **grimace**I couldn't help but **grimace** when I tasted the sour milk in my cereal.

chipmunk

 a small, striped rodent native to North America and Asia, characterized by a short bushy tail and large cheek pouches used for storing food

synonym: ground squirrel, striped squirrel

(1) **chipmunk** cheeks, (2) playful **chipmunk**

I saw a cute **chipmunk** scurrying across the lawn.

carcass

 the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

synonym: corpse, remains, body

(1) examine a carcass, (2) carcass disposal

The animal's **carcass** was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.

driveway

 a private road leading from a street or road to a house or garage, typically providing access for vehicles

synonym: entrance, access, approach

(1) long driveway, (2) snow-covered driveway

I accidentally backed into my wife's car while backing out of the **driveway** this morning.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym: comfortless, discomforting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me uncomfortable.

comfort

 a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym: ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of comfort, (2) comfort level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

preach

- v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize
- (1) preach the gospel, (2) preach to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

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.

confidence

- n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or somethingsynonym: self-trust, certainty, belief
- (1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence** Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

(1) giant trees, (2) giant tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

buzzkill

 an event, person, or thing that dampens the excitement or pleasure of a situation, typically by introducing an unwelcome or unpleasant element

synonym: party pooper, killjoy, wet blanket

(1) party **buzzkill**, (2) financial **buzzkill**Bob's negative attitude was a real **buzzkill** at the party.

glance

- v. to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle synonym: glimpse, peek, flash
- (1) **glance** around nervously, (2) **glance** at him miserably I casually **glanced** into the small hut.

decide

- v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering optionssynonym: choose, determine, settle
- (1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

nip

v. to pinch or squeeze with the fingers or a tool; to seize suddenly or quickly; to give a small bite or pinch; to decrease or reduce the size or amount of something by a small amount

synonym: pinch, squeeze, bite

(1) **nip** a bud, (2) **nip** into the room

I need to **nip** the thread to sew this button on.

bud

a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

synonym: shoot, sprout, germ

(1) pinch off a bud, (2) bud grafting

The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

compliment

 an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good

synonym: praise, acclamation, tribute

(1) a backhanded **compliment**, (2) accept a **compliment** Her **compliment** made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.

chore

 a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor

synonym: task, duty, job

(1) chore list, (2) household chores

Cleaning the house is a **chore** that only some enjoy.

muck

 dense, wet, and dirty matter or waste, often found in soil or on the ground; animal waste synonym: dirt, mud, droppings

(1) construction **muck**, (2) **muck** on clothes

The horses waded through the **muck** in the field after the rainstorm.

barn

 a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock

synonym: shed, outbuilding, granary

(1) **barn** building, (2) a **barn** for cows

The old **barn** on the farm was used to store hay and other equipment.

shear

to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal

synonym: clip, cut, crop

(1) **shear** a hedge, (2) **shear** force

I need to **shear** the wool off of the sheep before winter.

tire

v. to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving

synonym: exhaust, weary, fatigue

(1) tire my patience, (2) tire pressure

I need to **tire** out my dog with a long walk so that he will sleep through the night.

scrub

v. to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent

synonym: clean, wash, sanitize

scrub off graffiti, (2) scrub dirt from potatoes
 She decided to scrub the kitchen floor to remove all the dirt

and grime.

toilet

 a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

synonym: bathroom, lavatory, washroom

(1) toilet paper, (2) toilet seat

She walked to the toilet to freshen up before the meeting.

volunteer

 a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek volunteers, (2) my volunteer work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

shovel

 a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials

synonym: excavator, scoop, trowel

(1) snow shovel, (2) shovel blade

The construction workers used a power **shovel** to dig the foundation for the building.

breed

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

synonym: raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical trait, (2) personality traits

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

expose

to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

synonym: disclose, reveal, uncover

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(1) expose a crime,	(2) expose a person to risks
That newspaper exp	osed a political scandal in a big way.

fame

 n. the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on

synonym: celebrity, renown, stardom

(1) leap into **fame**, (2) his undying **fame** Good **fame** is better than a good face.

blessing

- a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
 synonym: favor, benediction, boon
- (1) count your **blessings**, (2) bestowed **blessings**Receiving support from his friends was a great **blessing** in his time of need.

grandparent

- n. a parent of one's father or mother
- (1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age
 She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

emphasize

- v. to give or show particular importance to something synonym: highlight, accentuate, stress
- (1) **emphasize** her words, (2) **emphasize** a direct relationship

Use italics or capitals to **emphasize** a word in a piece of writing.

privacy

- n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people synonym: seclusion, aloneness, solitariness
- (1) **privacy** abuse, (2) trespass on a person's **privacy**. This conduct would be an invasion of **privacy**.

cult

 a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym: sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym: adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

sacred

 adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

synonym: holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image
This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

inherent

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

synonym: intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

withhold

v. to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested

synonym: retain, hold back, keep back

(1) **withhold** my laughter, (2) **withhold** payment The government decided to **withhold** the release of sensitive information.

virtual

adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

synonym: practical

(1) a **virtual** image, (2) trading of **virtual** currencies She is the **virtual** president of the company.

tier

 one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance

synonym: level, layer, class

(1) a two-tier system, (2) tier one company

The company operates on a three- **tier** pricing structure.

relation

 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.

intimacy

 close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

synonym: closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of intimacy, (2) build intimacy

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym: merit, earn, justify

(1) deserve respect, (2) deserve this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym: alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) tempting offer,	(2) sound very tempting
The chocolate cake	was too tempting for me to resist.

shallow

adj. not having much distance from the top to the bottom synonym: superficial, external, surface

(1) **shallow** people, (2) **shallow** water **Shallow** brooks are noisier than deep rivers.

void

an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective)
 lacking any legal or binding force

synonym: emptiness, vacuity, (adjective) null

(1) void of expression, (2) void contract

The **void** in her heart was filled with the love of her family.

bold

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

synonym: brave, courageous, fearless

(1) a **bold** design, (2) big, **bold** piano sounds

The effort to alleviate climate change needs **bold** action.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym: conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

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.

encouraging

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring *synonym*: uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign The test results were **encouraging** and showed improvement.

opt

- v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities synonym: choose, select, pick
- (1) **opt** out of society, (2) **opt** for a traditional wedding I decided to **opt** for premature retirement.

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.

fray

 to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict

synonym: tangle, brawl, skirmish

(1) fray tempers, (2) fray our relationship

The edges of the old blanket had started to **fray**, so I decided to sew them up.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

discovery

 the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important discovery.

moth

- an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
- (1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

honor

 high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

synonym: integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly honor,(2) honor our ancestorsI claim on my honor that it is true.

principle

 a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

delay

v. to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected

synonym: block, adjourn, detain

(1) **delay** a flight three hours, (2) **delay** the new project We **delayed** the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

calculate

v. to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics

synonym: compute, figure, estimate

(1) **calculate** the distance, (2) **calculate** his credit score He couldn't **calculate** the actual value of the artwork.

accolade

 an expression of praise, honor, or approval, often in the form of an award or ceremonial gesture; a sign of recognition or achievement synonym: tribute, honor, award

(1) **accolade** ceremony, (2) professional **accolade** The actor received an **accolade** for his outstanding performance in the play.

Session 2: Spelling

1.	pre changes	<i>v</i> .	to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
2.	p_r group	n.	a person who has the same age, status, or ability
3.	prle in business	n.	a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
4.	the genon of electricity	n.	all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
5.	professional acde	n.	an expression of praise, honor, or approval, often in the form of an award or ceremonial gesture; a sign of recognition or achievement
6.	inly anticipated	adv.	at the beginning; at first
7.	fy tempers	ν.	to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict
8.	prus information	adj.	uncommon and extremely valuable
9.	scb dirt from potatoes	<i>v</i> .	to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
10.	parte in the program	<i>v</i> .	to take part in something
11.	indicate a wilss to change	n.	the state of being ready or inclined to do

ANSWERS: 1. propose, 2. peer, 3. principle, 4. generation, 5. accolade, 6. initially, 7. fray, 8. precious, 9. scrub, 10. participate, 11. willingness

something

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ANSWERS: 12. precious, 13. relation, 14. discovery, 15. fraction, 16. preach, 17. participate, 18. discovery, 19. entertainment, 20. futurist, 21. calculate, 22. preserve

ANSWERS: 23. decision, 24. intimacy, 25. confidence, 26. tactics, 27. trait, 28. fraction, 29. uncomfortable, 30. preschool, 31. breed, 32. warrior

ANSWERS: 33. recital, 34. entail, 35. driveway, 36. athlete, 37. shallow, 38. muck, 39. bold, 40. deserve, 41. breed, 42. breakdown

- 43. pu____ly financed schools
- 44. re____ce category
- 45. t__e pressure

- 46. the sc___t of a play
- 47. diagnosed in____ly as a tumor
- 48. de y the new project
- 49. bl____nt for economic reform
- 50. de___e a question
- 51. sh_r force

- adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
- n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
- v. to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving
- n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
- adv. at the beginning; at first
- v. to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
- a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
- v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
- v. to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal

ANSWERS: 43. publicly, 44. relevance, 45. tire, 46. script, 47. initially, 48. delay, 49. blueprint, 50. decide, 51. shear

52.	emr the secretary to do the same	<i>v</i> .	to give someone the power or authority to do something
53.	opne occasion	adj.	suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
54.	resistance to comon	n.	an irresistible urge or impulse to do something, often resulting from internal or external pressures or forces of habit
55.	prle of treatment	n.	a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
56.	expnt design	n.	the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
57.	playful chnk	n.	a small, striped rodent native to North America and Asia, characterized by a short bushy tail and large cheek pouches used for storing food
58.	a so flight	adv.	without anybody else or anything else; alone
59.	exe weather events	adj.	very great in amount or degree
60.	accept a comnt	n.	an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
61.	give a reI at the hall	n.	a public performance of music or dance usually by a soloist or a group of performers; a detailed account of events or facts
62.	nate the Pacific	<i>v</i> .	to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

ANSWERS: 52. empower, 53. opportune, 54. compulsion, 55. principle, 56. experiment, 57. chipmunk, 58. solo, 59. extreme, 60. compliment, 61. recital, 62. navigate

ANSWERS: 63. driveway, 64. fortunate, 65. decision, 66. cult, 67. publicly, 68. extreme, 69. chore, 70. transform, 71. interaction, 72. interaction, 73. giant, 74. extend

ν.

to broaden in scope, range, or area

74. ex d a line

ANSWERS: 75. terrify, 76. pet, 77. shear, 78. contend, 79. ignore, 80. volunteer, 81. cult, 82. warrior, 83. athlete, 84. relation

n.

84. re on between cause and effect

speed, or endurance

the way two persons or groups of

people feel and act toward one another

85. tot paper	n.	a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
86. enI legal consequences	ν.	to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
87. the exre of a fraud	n.	the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
88. horseback tk	n.	a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
89. brwn maintenance	n.	a failure or collapse of a system or organization
90. a polan in the ruling party	n.	a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
91. a southern exre	n.	the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
92. write him an answer immly	adv.	now or without delay
93. gi_t tech company	adj.	enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
ANSWERS: 85. toilet, 86. entail, 87. exposes 91. exposure, 92. immediately, 93. giant	sure,	88. trek, 89. breakdown, 90. politician,

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a written text of a film, play, broadcast, 94. a hand sc t n. or speech; something written by hand 95. na te through a document to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map a previous event or action that serves 96. a bad pr____nt n. as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future 97. household ch__es a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor 98. pr h the gospel to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience 99. ent____er of the year a performer who provides amusement n. or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; 100. enc____ng approval inspiring 101. with an unc____ble face adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain 102. gu___ce counselor advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making the methods or strategies used to 103. blitz ta____s achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports adv. without anybody else or anything else; 104. a s o vocal recital alone

ANSWERS: 94. script, 95. navigate, 96. precedent, 97. chore, 98. preach, 99. entertainer, 100. encouraging, 101. uncomfortable, 102. guidance, 103. tactics, 104. solo

105. development of the nes system	adj.	worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
106. party buII	n.	an event, person, or thing that dampens the excitement or pleasure of a situation, typically by introducing an unwelcome or unpleasant element
107. gre in pain	ν.	to make a facial expression that shows pain, disgust, or discomfort; (noun) a facial expression that shows pain or disgust, marked by wrinkling of the forehead, tightness of the face, and twisting of the mouth
108. exd the warranty	<i>v</i> .	to broaden in scope, range, or area
109. count your blngs	n.	a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
110. hour of entent	n.	public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
111. a diI watch	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
112. get nes	adj.	worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
113. o_t for a traditional wedding	<i>v</i> .	to make a choice from a range of possibilities

ANSWERS: 105. nervous, 106. buzzkill, 107. grimace, 108. extend, 109. blessing, 110. entertainment, 111. digital, 112. nervous, 113. opt

114. fote situation	adj.	having good luck or lucky
115. emr my life	ν.	to give someone the power or authority to do something
116. crack jokes ofge during the break	adv.	in a location outside of the stage area in a theater or other performance venue; not visible to the audience or spectators
117. sound very teng	adj.	likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
118. vocational guce	n.	advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making
119. vie stars	adj.	capable of being seen; or open to easy view
120. exe a person to risks	v.	to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
121. cot level	n.	a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
122. alr a decision	<i>v</i> .	to cause to change or make different
123. have an innt dislike	adj.	existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
124. womanly hor	n.	high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
125. conce as a teacher	n.	the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

ANSWERS: 114. fortunate, 115. empower, 116. offstage, 117. tempting, 118. guidance, 119. visible, 120. expose, 121. comfort, 122. alter, 123. inherent, 124. honor, 125. confidence

126. fu n commitment adj. characterized by being intense, extreme, or all-out; complete, total, or unmitigated a particular feature of your nature 127. chemical tr t n. 128. gl e around nervously to give a quick or brief look; to hit ν. something at an angle a person who flies an aircraft, especially 129. a test pi t n. as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water a large farm building used for storage of 130. a b__n for cows n. crops or housing livestock an irresistible urge or impulse to do 131. com____on to clean n. something, often resulting from internal or external pressures or forces of habit to not give or grant something due, 132. wi ld my laughter ν. expected, or requested 133. break with pr nt a previous event or action that serves n. as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future 134. imm_____ly recall a product adv. now or without delay the condition of being well-known and 135. leap into f e n. discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on 136. sh___I blade a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials

ANSWERS: 126. full-on, 127. trait, 128. glance, 129. pilot, 130. barn, 131. compulsion, 132. withhold, 133. precedent, 134. immediately, 135. fame, 136. shovel

comedy

adj. relating to or denoting the period before a child begins primary school; (noun) the activities or education provided during this time

ANSWERS: 137. decide, 138. privacy, 139. spoil, 140. full-on, 141. opportune, 142. relevance, 143. tire, 144. entertainer, 145. preschool

145. during pr____ol years

146. wi____ld payment to not give or grant something due, ν. expected, or requested a hand with the fingers clenched tightly 147. raise a f__t n. into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist a large farm building used for storage of 148. b n building n. crops or housing livestock the dead body of an animal, especially 149. ca s disposal one that has been killed for food 150. ep___e of vertigo a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness an insect with wings similar to a 151. m_h larva butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light to deal with a situation, problem, or 152. ha ed the incident ν. strong emotion 153. geographical bo____ry a real or imaginary line that marks the n. limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places to deal with a situation, problem, or 154. ha e a precious object ν. strong emotion 155. vi____e by X-ray adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

ANSWERS: 146. withhold, 147. fist, 148. barn, 149. carcass, 150. episode, 151. moth, 152. handle, 153. boundary, 154. handle, 155. visible, 156. volunteer

n.

156. seek vo ers

a person who performs or offers to

paid for or forced to do

perform a job or service without being

157. n_p a bud	v.	to pinch or squeeze with the fingers or a tool; to seize suddenly or quickly; to give a small bite or pinch; to decrease or reduce the size or amount of something by a small amount
158. coe eggs	ν.	to treat somebody with too much indulgence; to cook in water just below boiling point
159. a viI image	adj.	being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
160. genon gap	n.	all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
161. exe a crime	v.	to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
162. architect's blnt	n.	a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
163. innt risk	adj.	existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
164. the bory between reality and fantasy	n.	a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
165. alr data in a file	v.	to cause to change or make different
166. p_r review	n.	a person who has the same age, status, or ability
167. prve my strength	<i>v</i> .	to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it

ANSWERS: 157. nip, 158. coddle, 159. virtual, 160. generation, 161. expose, 162. blueprint, 163. inherent, 164. boundary, 165. alter, 166. peer, 167. preserve

from decaying, being damaged, or

being destroyed

168. n_p into the room	v.	to pinch or squeeze with the fingers or a tool; to seize suddenly or quickly; to give a small bite or pinch; to decrease or reduce the size or amount of something by a small amount
169. scb off graffiti	v.	to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
170. on terms of incy	n.	close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
171. great-grant	n.	a parent of one's father or mother
172. teng offer	adj.	likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
173. wilss to help	n.	the state of being ready or inclined to do something
174. financial buII	n.	an event, person, or thing that dampens the excitement or pleasure of a situation, typically by introducing an unwelcome or unpleasant element
175. cate the distance	v.	to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics
176. emze her words	ν.	to give or show particular importance to something
177. try to hide a gre	v.	to make a facial expression that shows pain, disgust, or discomfort; (noun) a facial expression that shows pain or disgust, marked by wrinkling of the forehead, tightness of the face, and

ANSWERS: 168. nip, 169. scrub, 170. intimacy, 171. grandparent, 172. tempting, 173. willingness, 174. buzzkill, 175. calculate, 176. emphasize, 177. grimace

twisting of the mouth

178. gl e at him miserably to give a quick or brief look; to hit ν. something at an angle adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; 179. enc____ng sign inspiring an insect with wings similar to a 180. m h attracted to the light n. butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light a long and difficult journey, typically on 181. t k expedition foot 182. pr e the amendment to make a proposal, declare a plan for something 183. to___t seat a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a n. seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture 184. em____ze a direct relationship to give or show particular importance to ν. something 185. the threats te y him to frighten someone very much ν. 186. f y our relationship to become worn or damaged at the ν. edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict 187. sa___d music adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god 188. a b__d design adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say

ANSWERS: 178. glance, 179. encouraging, 180. moth, 181. trek, 182. propose, 183. toilet, 184. emphasize, 185. terrify, 186. fray, 187. sacred, 188. bold

what you feel or to take risks

one of a series of rows or levels 189. a two-t r system n. arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance 190. words of co____t a state of physical ease and freedom n. from pain or constraint 191. v d of expression an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; n. (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force 192. sh____w people adj. not having much distance from the top to the bottom a small swelling on a plant stem or twig 193. pinch off a b d n. containing an undeveloped shoot 194. ig___e her advice to intentionally not listen or pay ν. attention to adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact to be worthy of or entitled to something, 196. de____e this prize ν. especially something good or valuable 197. ch___nk cheeks a small, striped rodent native to North n. America and Asia, characterized by a short bushy tail and large cheek pouches used for storing food 198. tr____rm an education system to change in outward structure or looks; 199. quickly move the props of ge adv. in a location outside of the stage area in a theater or other performance venue; not visible to the audience or spectators

ANSWERS: 189. tier, 190. comfort, 191. void, 192. shallow, 193. bud, 194. ignore, 195. virtual, 196. deserve, 197. chipmunk, 198. transform, 199. offstage

200. snow shl	n.	a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials
201. trespass on a person's pry	n.	someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
202. construction mk	n.	dense, wet, and dirty matter or waste, often found in soil or on the ground; animal waste
203. a corrupt polan	n.	a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
204. cod for a championship	ν.	to struggle to win or surmount something
205. hor our ancestors	n.	high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
206. int over and over	v.	to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
207. person of grant age	n.	a parent of one's father or mother
208. coe a patient	v.	to treat somebody with too much indulgence; to cook in water just below boiling point
209. vd contract	n.	an empty space; a feeling of emptiness (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force

ANSWERS: 200. shovel, 201. privacy, 202. muck, 203. politician, 204. contend, 205. honor, 206. insist, 207. grandparent, 208. coddle, 209. void

210. fu___st architecture a person who studies or predicts trends n. and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold 211. in___t on a clear answer to say something clearly or demand ν. something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say 212. examine a ca___s the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food 213. sp I the surprise to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad one of a series of rows or levels 214. t r one company n. arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance the condition of being well-known and 215. his undying fe n. discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on to cause something to happen at a later 216. de__y a flight three hours time than originally intended or expected adj. connected with religion or religious 217. the halo of a sa d image purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god the scientific test conducted to observe 218. series of exp____nts n. what happens and gain new knowledge

ANSWERS: 210. futurist, 211. insist, 212. carcass, 213. spoil, 214. tier, 215. fame, 216. delay, 217. sacred, 218. experiment

219. pit production	n.	a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
220. bestowed blngs	n.	a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
221. a backhanded comnt	n.	an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
222. b_d grafting	n.	a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
223. end of the first epe	n.	a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
224. diI 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
225. acde ceremony	n.	an expression of praise, honor, or approval, often in the form of an award or ceremonial gesture; a sign of recognition or achievement
226. o_t out of society	v.	to make a choice from a range of possibilities
227. a teacher's p_t	n.	an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

ANSWERS: 219. pilot, 220. blessing, 221. compliment, 222. bud, 223. episode, 224. digital, 225. accolade, 226. opt, 227. pet

228. tight f__t

a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist

ANSWERS: 228. fist

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	Receiving support from his friends was a great in his time of need.
n.	a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
2.	The majority of students actively in the college's intramural sports program.
<i>v</i> .	to take part in something
3.	We cannot afford to squander time.
adj	uncommon and extremely valuable
4.	I couldn't help but when I tasted the sour milk in my cereal.
v.	to make a facial expression that shows pain, disgust, or discomfort; (noun) a facial expression that shows pain or disgust, marked by wrinkling of the forehead, tightness of the face, and twisting of the mouth
5.	My old school's program was well-regarded and had an excellent reputation.
adj	relating to or denoting the period before a child begins primary school; (noun) the activities or education provided during this time
6.	My home is easily from the shore.
adj	capable of being seen; or open to easy view
7.	His abusive words made me
adj	providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
	SWERS: 1. blessing, 2. participated, 3. precious, 4. grimace, 5. preschool, 6. ble, 7. uncomfortable

n. advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making ANSWERS: 114. guidance		The mentor provided to the young entrepreneur, helping her navigate the business world.
ANSWERS: 114. guidance	n.	
	ANS	WERS: 114. guidance