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## Session 1: Word List

### barbecue

*n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

*synonym* : grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) **barbecue** sauce, (2) **barbecue** grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

### blurt

*v.* to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally

*synonym* : blab, spill, reveal

(1) **blurt** about the inside story, (2) **blurt** in frustration

I didn't mean to **blurt** out the answer, but it came out before I could stop.

### sanction

*n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

*synonym* : approve, authorize, endorse

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

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

## offend

*v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed  
*synonym*: insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

## impolite

*adj.* lacking good manners or courteousness; rude; showing a lack of respect for social conventions or established customs

*synonym*: impudent, rude, discourteous

(1) **impolite** behavior, (2) an **impolite** comment

It is **impolite** to talk with your mouth full at the dinner table.

## coronavirus

*n.* a group of viruses that cause respiratory, gastrointestinal, and neurological diseases in humans and other animals

(1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus** bankruptcy

Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped this year's beer festival.

## frown

*v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

*synonym*: scowl, glare, disapprove

(1) people with **frown** faces, (2) a worried **frown**

Thinking always made him **frown**.

## disapproval

*n.* the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group

*synonym*: condemnation, reproach, censure

(1) showing **disapproval**, (2) **disapproval** rate

Her **disapproval** of his actions was evident in her cold

demeanor.

## sporty

*adj.* having a stylish, athletic, or active appearance or character

*synonym*: athletic, active, stylish

(1) **sporty** car, (2) **sporty** outfit

The new car has a **sporty** design and a powerful engine, making it fun to drive on winding roads.

## 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.

## skyrocket

*v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;

*synonym*: rocket, soar, shoot up

(1) **skyrocket** the cost, (2) price **skyrocketed**

Production has decreased, but costs and unemployment have **skyrocketed** dramatically.

## incontinence

*n.* the involuntary leakage of urine or feces from the body

*synonym*: leakage, urinary incontinence, fecal incontinence

(1) urinary **incontinence**, (2) fecal **incontinence**

The elderly patient is experiencing **incontinence** and requires assistance with toileting.

## humanlike

*adj.* resembling or having characteristics of a human, such as in appearance or behavior

*synonym*: resembling human, humanoid, anthropomorphic

(1) **humanlike** robot, (2) **humanlike** behavior

The android's **humanlike** features made distinguishing from a real person difficult.

## chatbot

*n.* a computer program that uses artificial intelligence to simulate conversation with users, often used for

customer service or informational purposes

*synonym*: chat robot, virtual assistant, conversational agent

(1) **chatbot** technology, (2) customer service **chatbot**

The AI-powered **chatbot** was able to understand and respond to my complex questions.

## disfluency

*n.* a breakdown in the natural flow or rhythm of speech, often caused by hesitations, repetitions, or other interruptions in the speaker's thought process; a speech disorder characterized by frequent and noticeable disfluencies

*synonym*: stutter, hesitance, speech impediment

(1) neurogenic **disfluency**, (2) experience **disfluency**

People who stutter often struggle with **disfluency** in their speech.

## apprehension

*n.* the act of apprehending or arresting someone; a feeling of anxiety, worry, or uncertainty about something that may happen in the future; understanding or comprehension of something, particularly a complex or abstract concept or idea

*synonym*: anxiety, worry, unease

(1) criminal **apprehension**, (2) **apprehension** of danger

The company's CEO felt a sense of **apprehension** before making the major decision.

## indistinct

*adj.* not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood

*synonym*: faint, blurred, hazy

(1) **indistinct** memory, (2) **indistinct** pronunciation

The **indistinct** shape in the fog made it difficult to determine what it was.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 1. ind_____ct memory            | <i>adj.</i> not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood   |
| 2. bl__t about the inside story | <i>v.</i> to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally   |
| 3. customer service ch_____t    | <i>n.</i> a computer program that uses artificial intelligence to simulate conversation with users, often used for customer service or informational purposes  |
| 4. fecal inc_____nce            | <i>n.</i> the involuntary leakage of urine or feces from the body  |
| 5. Imperial sa_____on           | <i>n.</i> official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement |
| 6. a worried fr__n              | <i>v.</i> to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration  |
| 7. sp___y car                   | <i>adj.</i> having a stylish, athletic, or active appearance or character  |
| 8. urinary inc_____nce          | <i>n.</i> the involuntary leakage of urine or feces from the body  |

ANSWERS: 1. indistinct, 2. blurt, 3. chatbot, 4. incontinence, 5. sanction, 6. frown, 7. sporty, 8. incontinence

9. people with fr\_\_n faces                      *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
10. app\_\_\_\_\_ion of danger                      *n.* the act of apprehending or arresting someone; a feeling of anxiety, worry, or uncertainty about something that may happen in the future; understanding or comprehension of something, particularly a complex or abstract concept or idea
11. ba\_\_\_\_\_ue grill                      *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
12. sk\_\_\_\_\_et the cost                      *v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
13. dis\_\_\_\_\_al rate                      *n.* the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group
14. bl\_\_t in frustration                      *v.* to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally
15. im\_\_\_\_\_te behavior                      *adj.* lacking good manners or courteousness; rude; showing a lack of respect for social conventions or established customs
16. an im\_\_\_\_\_te comment                      *adj.* lacking good manners or courteousness; rude; showing a lack of respect for social conventions or established customs

ANSWERS: 9. frown, 10. apprehension, 11. barbecue, 12. skyrocket, 13. disapproval, 14. blurt, 15. impolite, 16. impolite

17. em\_\_\_\_y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
18. ind\_\_\_\_\_ct pronunciation *adj.* not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood
19. of\_\_\_\_d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
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21. sp\_\_\_\_y outfit *adj.* having a stylish, athletic, or active appearance or character
22. ch\_\_\_\_t technology *n.* a computer program that uses artificial intelligence to simulate conversation with users, often used for customer service or informational purposes
23. popular sa\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
24. showing dis\_\_\_\_\_al *n.* the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group
25. cor\_\_\_\_\_us antibody test kit *n.* a group of viruses that cause respiratory, gastrointestinal, and neurological diseases in humans and other animals

ANSWERS: 17. empathy, 18. indistinct, 19. offend, 20. empathy, 21. sporty, 22. chatbot, 23. sanction, 24. disapproval, 25. coronavirus

26. hu\_\_\_\_\_ke behavior *adj.* resembling or having characteristics of a human, such as in appearance or behavior
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ANSWERS: 26. humanlike, 27. skyrocket, 28. disfluency, 29. barbecue, 30. offend, 31. disfluency, 32. coronavirus



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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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