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### **Session 1: Word List**

### depict

- v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph synonym: illustrate, describe, express
- (1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

### anthropology

- the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
- (1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

#### limestone

 a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite

synonym: calcareous rock, chalk

(1) sheer **limestone** cliffs, (2) **limestone** pavement The Great Pyramid of Giza was built using blocks of **limestone**.

### figurine

 a small ornamental figure, typically made of clay, porcelain, or plastic and often depicting a person or animal synonym: statue, ornament, sculpture

(1) figurine collection, (2) anime figurine

My friend gifted me a miniature **figurine** of my favorite comic book character.

### voluptuous

adj. having shapely and attractive curves, especially in a woman's figure; characterized by luxury, indulgence, or sensual pleasure; appealing to the senses in a sumptuous or hedonistic way

synonym: curvaceous, shapely, buxom

(1) voluptuous curves, (2) voluptuous beauty

The actress had a **voluptuous** figure that was admired by many.

### agrarian

adj. relating to the cultivation of land or the raising of crops and animals; characterized by a society that relies on agriculture as its primary means of sustenance

synonym: agricultural, farming, rural

(1) agrarian society, (2) agrarian reform

Most of the people in the **agrarian** community work in agriculture.

### hourglass

n. a device used for measuring time consisting of two glass bulbs, connected by a narrow waist, that contains sand or other granular material which takes a set amount of time to pass from one bulb to the other

synonym: sand clock, time glass, egg timer

(1) hourglass figure, (2) hourglass economy

The **hourglass** on the table was used to time the cooking of the cookies.

### childbearing

 n. the act of giving birth to or bearing a child (or children),
 often in the context of medical or demographic research or public policy

synonym: accouchement, childbirth, maternity

(1) **childbearing** capacity, (2) **childbearing** at a later age Many women delay **childbearing** until their careers are

#### established.

### twig

a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub;
 a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual

synonym: branchlet, sprig, osier

(1) twig branch, (2) twig basket

The bird perched on a **twig** and sang a beautiful melody.

### portrayal

 a representation or depiction of someone or something, especially in art, literature, or drama

synonym: depiction, representation, characterization

portrayal representation, (2) accurate portrayal
 Critics praised her portrayal of the character.

### prestige

 respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

*synonym*: honor, distinction, reputation

(1) national **prestige**, (2) **prestige** company The university has great **prestige** in the academic community.

### well-being

- n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperoussynonym: health, welfare, happiness
- (1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being** We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

#### circulate

v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

synonym: flow, disperse, rotate

(1) **circulate** a rumor, (2) **circulate** an agenda before the meeting

The fan **circulates** the air in the room quickly.

### dysmorphia

 abnormal development or malformations of anatomical structures in plants, animals, or humans; a mental health condition characterized by obsessive concern with one's appearance and a preoccupation with perceived flaws or defects that are not noticeable or are only slight and which often leads to anxiety, depression, and avoidance behaviors

(1) gender **dysmorphia**, (2) muscle **dysmorphia**Body **dysmorphia** can be a severe mental health condition that requires professional help.

### orthorexia

n. an obsession with eating only healthy or "pure" foods, often rooted in a desire to improve overall health or avoid certain ingredients, but which can lead to social isolation, malnutrition, and other negative health consequences;

synonym: fixation on healthy eating, clean eating obsession, food neurosis

(1) **orthorexia** symptoms, (2) **orthorexia** nervosa People with **orthorexia** may avoid a wide range of foods, including those considered healthy by most people.

#### obsessive

 adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

synonym: compulsive, fixated, besetting

(1) **obsessive-compulsive** disorder, (2) **obsessive** thoughts

Her **obsessive** behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

### pandemic

 an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym: outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic** 

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

#### moreover

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what

has been said before

*synonym*: furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

#### lovable

*adj.* deserving or inspiring love and affection *synonym*: adorable, charming, dear

(1) **lovable** personality, (2) a **lovable** creature

The little puppy was **lovable** and had a playful personality.

#### antisocial

adj. not wanting to be around or spend time with other people; unwilling or unable to conform to accepted social norms or standards

synonym: unsociable, withdrawn, reclusive

(1) **antisocial** tendencies, (2) **antisocial** personality disorder

The suspect's **antisocial** behavior and lack of remorse made the judge question their sanity.

### ethnography

 the study of social groups and cultures, often conducted through observation, interviews, and analysis of primary sources; a written account of such a study

synonym: anthropology, cultural analysis

(1) **ethnography** research, (2) **ethnography** methods The book is a rich and detailed **ethnography** of the cultural practices of a group of people.

stigma

 a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym: mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

### phobia

- n. an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disordersynonym: fear, dread, terror
- (1) phobia treatment, (2) social phobiaShe has a phobia of spiders and always avoids them.

#### backfire

- v. to have an opposite and undesirable effect to what was intended; to make a sudden noise like an explosion
   synonym: recoil, boomerang, misfire
- (1) **backfire** big time, (2) **backfire** spectacularly

  The company's decision to lay off a large number of employees **backfired** as it led to a decrease in productivity.

### conflate

- v. to blend or fuse two or more things, often with the result of creating confusion or a loss of distinction between them; to mistakenly treat two separate entities as one synonym: fuse, blend, merge
- (1) **conflate** ideas, (2) **conflate** data It's important not to **conflate** two issues when analyzing a complex situation.

### unhealthy

 adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

synonym: unwholesome, detrimental, insalubrious

(1) **unhealthy** diet, (2) **unhealthy** habit Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered **unhealthy**.

#### sham

 something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

*synonym*: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham** The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

### queer

adj. strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

synonym: strange, odd, unusual

(1) queer money, (2) queer fashion

The behavior of the clown at the party was quite queer.

### hairstyle

n. the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head

*synonym*: hairdo, coiffure, haircut

(1) modern hairstyle, (2) bob hairstyle

My sister got a new **hairstyle** for her job interview.

#### 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.

### divergence

n. the act or process of separating and moving in different directions; a difference or variance between two or more things or ideas; a deviation from a common or shared path or goal

synonym: divergency, deviation, discrepancy

(1) divergence angle, (2) ideological divergence

The **divergence** in opinions among the team members led to a delay in completing the project.

### externality

 a cost or benefit that affects a third party who did not choose to incur that cost or benefit

*synonym*: impact, consequence, effect

(1) externality costs, (2) network externality

The negative **externality** of pollution affects not just the polluter but also people living in the surrounding area.

#### medicinal

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease *synonym*: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) medicinal chemistry, (2) traditional medicinal

The medicinal properties of this herb have been known to

help with various ailments.

#### dosha

- a concept in Ayurvedic medicine that refers to a type of bodily humor or energy, believed to determine one's physical and mental characteristics, as well as susceptibility to disease
- (1) patient's **dosha** type, (2) Ayurvedic **dosha**Regular yoga practice and meditation can help to balance the **doshas** and promote physical and emotional wellness.

#### harmonize

- v. to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible synonym: reconcile, balance, match
- (1) **harmonize** with others, (2) **harmonize** two different opinions

The musicians attempted to **harmonize** their voices for the chorus.

### microbiome

- n. the community of microorganisms (= living things too small to be seen) that can usually be found living together in any given environment or the human body
   synonym: flora
- (1) skin **microbiome**, (2) have a diverse **microbiome**The gut **microbiome** is a major producer of serotonin, which is necessary for human mental stability.

#### microbe

a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease

synonym: germ, microorganism, bacterium

(1) pathogenic **microbe**, (2) **microbes** sterilizer **Microbes** thrive on the surface of the human skin.

### pathogen

 a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease

synonym: germ, microbe, bacterium

(1) plant **pathogen**, (2) the **pathogen** in the air mRNA vaccines are approved faster because they do not

### contain inactivated pathogens.

### 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.

### reframe

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

synonym: redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

### vitality

n. the state of being strong and active; energysynonym: energy, life, vigor

(1) **vitality** of youth, (2) the **vitality** of the company
The new gym membership has improved his **vitality** and overall health.

# **Session 2: Spelling**

- social ph\_\_\_a
- 2. national pr\_\_\_ge
- 3. lo\_\_\_\_e personality
- 4. de ta scene
- 5. t\_g basket
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- 7. vol\_\_\_\_us beauty

- 8. the wel\_\_\_\_ng of a nation
- 9. a lo e creature
- 10. ci\_\_\_\_te an agenda before the meeting

- an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder
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- adj. deserving or inspiring love and affection
- v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
- a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual
- n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
- adj. having shapely and attractive curves, especially in a woman's figure; characterized by luxury, indulgence, or sensual pleasure; appealing to the senses in a sumptuous or hedonistic way
- n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
- adj. deserving or inspiring love and affection
- v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

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often depicting a person or animal

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ANSWERS: 28. voluptuous, 29. moreover, 30. ethnography, 31. conflate, 32. conflate, 33. microbe, 34. figurine

33. mi\_\_\_\_es sterilizer

34. anime fi ne

35.	hoss figure	n.	a device used for measuring time consisting of two glass bulbs, connected by a narrow waist, that contains sand or other granular material which takes a set amount of time to pass from one bulb to the other
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38.	obve thoughts	adj.	relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
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74.	social sta	n.	a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
75.	meal chemistry	adj.	of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
76.	poal representation	n.	a representation or depiction of someone or something, especially in art, literature, or drama
77.	pha treatment	n.	an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder
78.	traditional meal	adj.	of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
79.	sta against obesity	n.	a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
80.	bob hale	n.	the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head
81.	ree problem	ν.	to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
82.	tg branch	n.	a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual

ANSWERS: 74. stigma, 75. medicinal, 76. portrayal, 77. phobia, 78. medicinal, 79. stigma, 80. hairstyle, 81. reframe, 82. twig

# **Session 3: Fill in the Blanks**

1.	The data he prepared was completely
n.	something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
2.	The Great Pyramid of Giza was built using blocks of
n.	a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite
3.	The new gym membership has improved his and overall health.
n.	the state of being strong and active; energy
4.	Regular yoga practice and meditation can help to balance the and promote physical and emotional wellness.
n.	a concept in Ayurvedic medicine that refers to a type of bodily humor or energy, believed to determine one's physical and mental characteristics, as well as susceptibility to disease
5.	The suspect's behavior and lack of remorse made the judge question their sanity.
adj	not wanting to be around or spend time with other people; unwilling or unable to conform to accepted social norms or standards
6.	The job offer a lot of responsibility and hard work.
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
7.	mRNA vaccines are approved faster because they do not contain inactivated
n.	a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
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