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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### coronavirus

*n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

*synonym*: covid

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

bankruptcy

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

### afloat

*adj.* floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble

*synonym*: floating, drifting, buoyant

(1) **afloat** in debt, (2) cargo **afloat**

Despite facing financial difficulties, the small business

managed to stay **afloat** thanks to its loyal customers.

## prolong

*v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

*synonym*: extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

## pandemic

*n.* 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.

## mold

*n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

*synonym*: cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

## crumble

*v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

*synonym*: disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

## fiat

*n.* a formal authorization or order, typically given by a government, institution, or other authority figures; a decree or edict

*synonym*: decree, order, command

(1) **fiat** currency, (2) **fiat** agreement

The car manufacturer announced a new **fiat** model that will be released next year.

## permeate

*v.* to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something

*synonym*: penetrate, diffuse, infiltrate

(1) **permeate** the air, (2) **permeate** the fabric

The aroma of freshly baked bread **permeated** the entire bakery.

## thatch

*n.* a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings

*synonym*: straw, grass, reed

(1) cover with **thatch**, (2) **thatch** of hair

The **thatch** roof was made from local grasses and was a traditional design.

## dictum

*n.* a formal pronouncement or authoritative statement; a saying or maxim that is considered to be true or wise

*synonym*: proverb, aphorism, maxim

(1) the **dictum** of the court, (2) legal **dictum**

The **dictum** of the company was always to put the customer first.

## arsenal

*n.* a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor

*synonym*: storage, stockpile, armory

(1) **arsenal** of knowledge, (2) political **arsenal**

The police found a hidden **arsenal** of weapons in the suspect's house.

## lawmaker

*n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws

*synonym*: lawgiver, legislator, solon

(1) female **lawmaker**, (2) incumbent **lawmaker**

This company has increased political contributions to federal **lawmakers**.

### shortfall

*n.* the amount by which something falls short of its target or goal; a deficit or shortage in quantity, quality, or standards

*synonym*: deficit, shortage, insufficiency

(1) energy **shortfall**, (2) production **shortfall**

The company experienced a significant financial **shortfall** last quarter.

### ominous

*adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding

*synonym*: foreboding, portentous, ominous

(1) an **ominous** silence, (2) **ominous** sign

The **ominous** clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.

### hawk

*n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

*synonym*: militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

### ledger

*n.* a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program

*synonym*: book, register, account

(1) financial **ledger**, (2) personal **ledger**

The auditor checked every entry in the **ledger** for accuracy.

### windfall

*n.* an unexpected benefit or advantage, especially a large profit or gain

*synonym*: bonus, unexpected gain

(1) **windfall** profit, (2) reap a **windfall**

Winning the lottery was an unexpected **windfall** for him.

## recession

*n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

*synonym*: downturn, slump, contraction

(1) **recession** period, (2) recover from a **recession**

The country is facing a **recession**, with high unemployment and low GDP.

## optometrist

*n.* a healthcare professional who specializes in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and eye-related disorders and who may prescribe and fit corrective lenses or other optical aids

*synonym*: eye doctor, optician, oculist

(1) **optometrist** appointment, (2) licensed **optometrist**

I visited an **optometrist** to have my eyes checked for a new prescription for glasses.

## audiology

*n.* the study of hearing and hearing disorders, including the diagnosis and rehabilitation of hearing loss and communication difficulties

*synonym*: hearing science, hearing healthcare, audiometry

(1) **audiology** clinic, (2) **audiology** test

The healthcare facility's **audiology** department provides comprehensive audiological services to patients.

## dormitory

*n.* a large room or building that provides sleeping quarters for multiple people, typically students or workers, often in separate beds or cubicles

*synonym*: dorm, residence hall, hostel

(1) college **dormitory**, (2) shared **dormitory**

The girls' **dormitory** had a strict curfew of 11 p.m.

## irresponsible

*adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable

*synonym*: careless, reckless, thoughtless

(1) **irresponsible** actions, (2) **irresponsible** behavior

It was **irresponsible** of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

### **anew**

*adv.* in a new or different way

*synonym*: again, once more, fresh

(1) arm **anew**, (2) review **anew**

He decided to start **anew** and leave his old life behind.

### **bountiful**

*adj.* abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources

*synonym*: abundant, plentiful, generous

(1) **bountiful** compliments, (2) **bountiful** blessings

The farmer's land was **bountiful** and produced a large harvest.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. personal le\_\_\_r  
*n.* a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program
2. au\_\_\_\_\_gy clinic  
*n.* the study of hearing and hearing disorders, including the diagnosis and rehabilitation of hearing loss and communication difficulties
3. arm a\_\_w  
*adv.* in a new or different way
4. a casting m\_\_d  
*n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
5. cargo af\_\_\_t  
*adj.* floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble
6. began to cr\_\_\_\_\_e under financial pressure  
*v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
7. re\_\_\_\_\_on period  
*n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

ANSWERS: 1. ledger, 2. audiology, 3. anew, 4. mold, 5. afloat, 6. crumble, 7. recession

8. cr\_\_\_\_\_e to dust                      *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
9. recover from a re\_\_\_\_\_on              *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
10. ar\_\_\_\_\_l of knowledge                *n.* a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor
11. shared do\_\_\_\_\_ry                      *n.* a large room or building that provides sleeping quarters for multiple people, typically students or workers, often in separate beds or cubicles
12. review a\_\_w                              *adv.* in a new or different way
13. pe\_\_\_\_\_te the air                      *v.* to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something
14. college do\_\_\_\_\_ry                      *n.* a large room or building that provides sleeping quarters for multiple people, typically students or workers, often in separate beds or cubicles
15. bo\_\_\_\_\_ul blessings                    *adj.* abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources
16. legal di\_\_\_\_\_m                          *n.* a formal pronouncement or authoritative statement; a saying or maxim that is considered to be true or wise

ANSWERS: 8. crumble, 9. recession, 10. arsenal, 11. dormitory, 12. anew, 13. permeate, 14. dormitory, 15. bountiful, 16. dictum



17. reap a wi\_\_\_\_ll *n.* an unexpected benefit or advantage, especially a large profit or gain
18. af\_\_\_\_t in debt *adj.* floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble
19. om\_\_\_\_s sign *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
20. congressional h\_\_k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
21. cast off a h\_\_k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
22. au\_\_\_\_gy test *n.* the study of hearing and hearing disorders, including the diagnosis and rehabilitation of hearing loss and communication difficulties
23. th\_\_\_\_h of hair *n.* a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
24. m\_\_d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

ANSWERS: 17. windfall, 18. afloat, 19. ominous, 20. hawk, 21. hawk, 22. audiology, 23. thatch, 24. mold

25. pr\_\_\_\_\_g the agony *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
26. wi\_\_\_\_\_ll profit *n.* an unexpected benefit or advantage, especially a large profit or gain
27. the di\_\_\_\_m of the court *n.* a formal pronouncement or authoritative statement; a saying or maxim that is considered to be true or wise
28. measures to pr\_\_\_\_\_g the lifespan *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
29. energy sh\_\_\_\_\_ll *n.* the amount by which something falls short of its target or goal; a deficit or shortage in quantity, quality, or standards
30. global pa\_\_\_\_\_ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
31. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
32. female la\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws
33. cover with th\_\_\_\_h *n.* a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
34. cor\_\_\_\_\_us antibody test kit *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

ANSWERS: 25. prolong, 26. windfall, 27. dictum, 28. prolong, 29. shortfall, 30. pandemic, 31. opportune, 32. lawmaker, 33. thatch, 34. coronavirus

35. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
36. f\_\_t agreement      *n.* a formal authorization or order, typically given by a government, institution, or other authority figures; a decree or edict
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39. political ar\_\_\_\_\_l      *n.* a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor
40. incumbent la\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws
41. opt\_\_\_\_\_st appointment      *n.* a healthcare professional who specializes in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and eye-related disorders and who may prescribe and fit corrective lenses or other optical aids

ANSWERS: 35. opportune, 36. fiat, 37. ledger, 38. coronavirus, 39. arsenal, 40. lawmaker, 41. optometrist

42. irr\_\_\_\_\_ble behavior *adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
43. an om\_\_\_\_\_s silence *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
44. pe\_\_\_\_\_te the fabric *v.* to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something
45. licensed opt\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a healthcare professional who specializes in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and eye-related disorders and who may prescribe and fit corrective lenses or other optical aids
46. flu pa\_\_\_\_\_ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
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48. bo\_\_\_\_\_ul compliments *adj.* abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources
49. production sh\_\_\_\_\_ll *n.* the amount by which something falls short of its target or goal; a deficit or shortage in quantity, quality, or standards
50. irr\_\_\_\_\_ble actions *adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable

ANSWERS: 42. irresponsible, 43. ominous, 44. permeate, 45. optometrist, 46. pandemic, 47. fiat, 48. bountiful, 49. shortfall, 50. irresponsible

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Considering the situation of \_\_\_\_\_ organized stopped this year's beer festival.
  - n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
2. The company experienced a significant financial \_\_\_\_\_ last quarter.
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3. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.
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5. Winning the lottery was an unexpected \_\_\_\_\_ for him.
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ANSWERS: 1. coronavirus, 2. shortfall, 3. opportune, 4. dormitory, 5. windfall, 6. bountiful, 7. audiology

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ANSWERS: 15. dictum, 16. irresponsible, 17. thatch, 18. optometrist, 19. lawmakers, 20. afloat, 21. ledger, 22. recession,

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

25. He decided to start \_\_\_\_\_ and leave his old life behind.

*adv.* in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 23. ominous, 24. pandemic, 25. anew