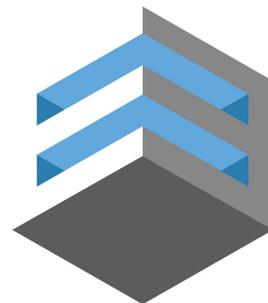


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Session 1: Word List

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.

reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

synonym: reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

medically

adv. in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury

(1) **medically** endorsed method, (2) in a **medically** effective manner

A decade ago, it was **medically** impossible to cure this disease completely.

linguist

n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

synonym: grammarist, philologue, polyglot

(1) foreign **linguist**, (2) cognitive **linguist**

Though I love literature, I'm a bad **linguist**.

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.

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.

unsung

adj. not praised or famous but deserving to be recognized for one's accomplishments or contributions; not publicized or acclaimed

synonym: unknown, unrecognized, unappreciated

(1) **unsung** accomplishment, (2) **unsung** songwriter

The community's **unsung** heroes often go unnoticed but are essential to its well-being.

underresourced

adj. lacking sufficient resources, especially financial or material support, to carry out a particular task, project, or mission

synonym: underfunded, deprived, resource-poor

(1) **underresourced** community, (2) **underresourced** nonprofits

The **underresourced** school needed help to provide basic supplies for its students.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a

web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

doorway

n. an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

synonym : entrance, portal, gateway

(1) a wide **doorway**, (2) **doorway** to success

He leaned against the **doorway**, waiting for her to come home.

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.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

tracer

n. a substance or device that makes something visible or distinguishable by leaving a visible mark or path behind it; a person or thing that traces, tracks, or follows; (of graphics) a tool or technique used to produce a precise outline of an image

synonym : detector, tracker

(1) radioactive **tracer**, (2) biological **tracer**

The **tracer** gun fired a bright light that helped the hunters find their prey in the dark.

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.

augment

v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

synonym: boost, increase, expand

(1) **augment** the reality, (2) **augment** immunity

Economic factors and monetary policy **augmented** inflation.

expedite

v. to accelerate or speed up a process or task to make it happen more quickly or efficiently; to facilitate the progress of something

synonym: accelerate, hasten, hurry

(1) **expedite** the decision, (2) **expedite** the shipment

We need to **expedite** the process if we want to meet our deadline.

android

n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

synonym: droid, cyborg

(1) household **android**, (2) **Android** tablet

The lab is developing an **android** robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

naught

n. a numerical value representing zero or no quantity; nothingness

synonym: zero, nil, nothing

(1) **naught** percent, (2) **naught** to fear

The company's profits were reduced to **naught** due to unexpected expenses.

scrabble

v. to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game

synonym : scramble, jumble, mix

(1) **scrabble** through her purse, (2) **scrabble** words

The kids eagerly **scrabbled** to find the hidden Easter eggs in the garden.

assertive

adj. characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner

synonym : confident, self-assured, decisive

(1) **assertive** behavior, (2) an **assertive** approach

She was **assertive** and confident in her negotiation tactics during the business meeting.

morbidity

n. the state of being diseased or unhealthy; the incidence of disease in a population

synonym : unhealthiness, unwholesomeness, illness

(1) **morbidity** trends, (2) physical **morbidity**

The **morbidity** rate of the disease is increasing rapidly.

commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

synonym : travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

downside

n. the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure

synonym :

drawback, negative, disadvantage

(1) major **downside**, (2) **downside** of globalization

The **downside** of the new policy was that it would be more expensive for customers.

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

swath

n. a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something

synonym: strip, band, fodder

(1) a large **swath** of territory, (2) a **swath** of green grass

The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast **swath** of the population.

disproportionate

adj. too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence

synonym: undeserved, unequal, superfluous

(1) cause **disproportionate** damage, (2) **disproportionate** amount

This big gate is **disproportionate** to the small hut.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym: falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

brag

v. to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior

synonym : boast, swagger, vaunt

(1) **brag** to each other, (2) **brag** about my knowledge

Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from **bragging** about his success.

thematic

adj. of or relating to a subject or topic of discourse

synonym : subject-based, motif-based

(1) **thematic** approach, (2) **thematic** vowels

The film had a **thematic** focus on the struggles of immigrants.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym : echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

chirp

n. a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers

synonym : tweet, chirrup, peep

(1) the **chirp** of a bird, (2) the **chirp** of a cricket

The sound of the **chirp** woke me up early in the morning.

stale

adj. no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting

synonym : old, uninteresting, dull

(1) a **stale** joke, (2) **stale** smell

The bread was **stale** and not fit for eating.

accelerant

n. a substance or material that, when added to a fire, accelerates or increases the intensity of the flames; a chemical used to initiate or speed up a chemical reaction or process

synonym : fuel, kindling, igniter

(1) chemical **accelerant**, (2) **accelerant** for a fire

The police found traces of **accelerant** at the scene of the arson.

Session 2: Spelling

1. me_____ly endorsed method *adv.* in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury
2. cause dis_____ate damage *adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
3. au_____t the reality *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
4. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
5. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
6. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
7. un_____g songwriter *adj.* not praised or famous but deserving to be recognized for one's accomplishments or contributions; not publicized or acclaimed
8. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
9. sc_____le through her purse *v.* to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game

ANSWERS: 1. medically, 2. disproportionate, 3. augment, 4. app, 5. pandemic, 6. medicinal, 7. unsung, 8. medicinal, 9. scrabble

10. do_____de of globalization *n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
11. daily co_____e *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
12. measures to pr_____g the lifespan *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
13. as_____ve behavior *adj.* characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner
14. und_____ced community *adj.* lacking sufficient resources, especially financial or material support, to carry out a particular task, project, or mission
15. combat mis_____ion on social media *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
16. un_____g accomplishment *adj.* not praised or famous but deserving to be recognized for one's accomplishments or contributions; not publicized or acclaimed
17. b__g about my knowledge *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
18. pr_____g the agony *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

ANSWERS: 10. downside, 11. commute, 12. prolong, 13. assertive, 14. underresourced, 15. misinformation, 16. unsung, 17. brag, 18. prolong

19. va_____te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
20. mis_____ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
21. household an_____d *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
22. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
23. radioactive tr____r *n.* a substance or device that makes something visible or distinguishable by leaving a visible mark or path behind it; a person or thing that traces, tracks, or follows; (of graphics) a tool or technique used to produce a precise outline of an image
24. the ch__p of a bird *n.* a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers
25. cor_____us bankruptcy *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
26. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

ANSWERS: 19. vaccinate, 20. misinformation, 21. android, 22. opportune, 23. tracer, 24. chirp, 25. coronavirus, 26. app

27. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
28. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
29. dis_____ate amount *adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
30. st__e smell *adj.* no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
31. the ch__p of a cricket *n.* a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers
32. re_____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
33. na____t percent *n.* a numerical value representing zero or no quantity; nothingness
34. a st__e joke *adj.* no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
35. au_____t immunity *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
36. 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
37. biological tr____r *n.* a substance or device that makes something visible or distinguishable by leaving a visible mark or path behind it; a person or thing that traces, tracks, or follows; (of graphics) a tool or technique used to produce a precise outline of an image

ANSWERS: 27. resonate, 28. pandemic, 29. disproportionate, 30. stale, 31. chirp, 32. resonate, 33. naught, 34. stale, 35. augment, 36. coronavirus, 37. tracer

38. va_____te against scarlet fever *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
39. do_____y to success *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
40. physical mo_____ty *n.* the state of being diseased or unhealthy; the incidence of disease in a population
41. re_____ct with family *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
42. a sw__h of green grass *n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
43. major do_____de *n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
44. na____t to fear *n.* a numerical value representing zero or no quantity; nothingness
45. ex_____te the shipment *v.* to accelerate or speed up a process or task to make it happen more quickly or efficiently; to facilitate the progress of something
46. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
47. re_____ct a telephone *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
48. sc_____le words *v.* to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game

ANSWERS: 38. vaccinate, 39. doorway, 40. morbidity, 41. reconnect, 42. swath, 43. downside, 44. naught, 45. expedite, 46. opportune, 47. reconnect, 48. scrabble

49. th____ic approach *adj.* of or relating to a subject or topic of discourse
50. foreign li____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
51. co____e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
52. th____ic vowels *adj.* of or relating to a subject or topic of discourse
53. a large sw__h of territory *n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
54. mo____ty trends *n.* the state of being diseased or unhealthy; the incidence of disease in a population
55. An____d tablet *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
56. an as____ve approach *adj.* characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner
57. und____ced nonprofits *adj.* lacking sufficient resources, especially financial or material support, to carry out a particular task, project, or mission

ANSWERS: 49. thematic, 50. linguist, 51. commute, 52. thematic, 53. swath, 54. morbidity, 55. android, 56. assertive, 57. underresourced

58. in a me_____ly effective manner *adv.* in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury
59. a wide do_____y *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
60. ex_____te the decision *v.* to accelerate or speed up a process or task to make it happen more quickly or efficiently; to facilitate the progress of something
61. b__g to each other *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
62. acc_____nt for a fire *n.* a substance or material that, when added to a fire, accelerates or increases the intensity of the flames; a chemical used to initiate or speed up a chemical reaction or process
63. chemical acc_____nt *n.* a substance or material that, when added to a fire, accelerates or increases the intensity of the flames; a chemical used to initiate or speed up a chemical reaction or process
64. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
65. cognitive li_____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
66. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 58. medically, 59. doorway, 60. expedite, 61. brag, 62. accelerant, 63. accelerant, 64. smartphone, 65. linguist, 66. smartphone

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We need to _____ the process if we want to meet our deadline.
 - v.* to accelerate or speed up a process or task to make it happen more quickly or efficiently; to facilitate the progress of something

2. The _____ gun fired a bright light that helped the hunters find their prey in the dark.
 - n.* a substance or device that makes something visible or distinguishable by leaving a visible mark or path behind it; a person or thing that traces, tracks, or follows; (of graphics) a tool or technique used to produce a precise outline of an image

3. The _____ of the new policy was that it would be more expensive for customers.
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4. The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast _____ of the population.
 - n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something

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 - adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

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ANSWERS: 1. expedite, 2. tracer, 3. downside, 4. swath, 5. medicinal, 6. unsung

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8. We need to _____ the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

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10. The _____ rate of the disease is increasing rapidly.

n. the state of being diseased or unhealthy; the incidence of disease in a population

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adj. of or relating to a subject or topic of discourse

15. Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from _____ about his success.

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ANSWERS: 14. thematic, 15. bragging, 16. reconnected, 17. medically, 18. smartphones, 19. augmented, 20. pandemic, 21. accelerant

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23. The nurse _____ the children in the school.

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

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ANSWERS: 30. scrabbled, 31. doorway, 32. disproportionate, 33. misinformation