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## Session 1: Word List

### ethic

*n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

*synonym* : moral code, code of conduct, principles

(1) moral **ethic**, (2) professional **ethic**

Having a strong work **ethic** is important for success in any field.

### artifact

*n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

*synonym* : antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

### behemoth

*n.* something extremely large and powerful; a huge or monstrous creature, often mythical in nature

*synonym* : giant, monster, colossus

(1) **behemoth** company, (2) technology **behemoth**

The construction site was filled with **behemoth** machines.

### unload

*v.* to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.

*synonym* : empty, offload, unpack

(1) **unload** the cargo, (2) **unload** a dishwasher

He had to **unload** the merchandise before the Black Friday bargain.

## crane

*n.* a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook

*synonym* : hoist, derrick, winch

(1) **crane** operator, (2) **crane** construction

The construction workers used a **crane** to lift the heavy beams.

## pluck

*v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

*synonym* : grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym* : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## 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.

## nod

*v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

*synonym* : respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously  
She **nodded** quietly in response to the question.

## subtract

v. to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total;  
to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole

*synonym*: deduct, take away, remove

(1) **subtract** numbers, (2) **subtract** one from the total  
I need to **subtract** the cost of my expenses from my income  
to see how much money I have left.

## unnoticed

*adj.* not seen or noticed

*synonym*: ignored, overlooked, unrecognized

(1) **unnoticed** by all, (2) go **unnoticed** for a long period  
His research went largely **unnoticed** until a prominent  
researcher cited it.

## lurch

v. to make a sudden, abrupt movement; to stagger or sway  
unsteadily; to experience a sudden change or reversal;  
(noun) a sudden, unsteady, or awkward movement or  
motion, often to one side or another

*synonym*: stumble, reel, stagger

(1) a **lurch** in the stock market, (2) **lurch** back and forth  
The car suddenly **lurched** forward as we hit a pothole.

## sputter

v. to emit or make a series of explosive popping or spitting  
sounds; to speak quickly or in a confused or agitated  
manner; to work or operate in an erratic or uneven  
manner

*synonym*: cough, spit, splutter

(1) **sputter** into silence, (2) **sputter** due to lack of fuel  
The car's engine began to **sputter** as it ran out of gas.

## swoop

v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or  
someone from a great height or distance; to rush or  
pounce upon

*synonym*: dart, pounce

(1) **swoop** down the water slide, (2) **swoop** up the escalator

The eagle **swooped** down from the sky to catch its prey.

## shimmer

v. to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten

*synonym*: gleam, glimmer, flash

(1) **shimmer** with tears, (2) **shimmer** in the moonlight

The sunlight made the water in the pool **shimmer** like diamonds.

## unearth

v. to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown

*synonym*: discover, uncover, expose

(1) **unearth** burial mound, (2) **unearth** a mystery

The detective **unearthed** a critical clue that led to the suspect's arrest.

## toil

v. to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time

*synonym*: struggle, labor, work hard

(1) **toil** to make a living, (2) **toil** up the mountain

The farmers **toiled** in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.

## smuggle

v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country

He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. professional et__c                | <i>n.</i> a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems     |
| 2. un___d a dishwasher               | <i>v.</i> to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.   |
| 3. t__l to make a living             | <i>v.</i> to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time   |
| 4. a lu__h in the stock market       | <i>v.</i> to make a sudden, abrupt movement; to stagger or sway unsteadily; to experience a sudden change or reversal; (noun) a sudden, unsteady, or awkward movement or motion, often to one side or another |
| 5. cr__e operator                    | <i>n.</i> a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook  |
| 6. sm_____e herself out of a country | <i>v.</i> to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally   |
| 7. sm_____e drugs                    | <i>v.</i> to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally   |
| 8. sp_____r due to lack of fuel      | <i>v.</i> to emit or make a series of explosive popping or spitting sounds; to speak quickly or in a confused or agitated manner; to work or operate in an erratic or uneven manner                           |

ANSWERS: 1. ethic, 2. unload, 3. toil, 4. lurch, 5. crane, 6. smuggle, 7. smuggle, 8. sputter

9. sw\_\_p up the escalator      *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
10. n\_d courteously      *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
11. moral et\_\_c      *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
12. sh\_\_\_\_r with tears      *v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten
13. re\_\_\_\_e problem      *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
14. a det\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields      *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
15. technology be\_\_\_\_th      *n.* something extremely large and powerful; a huge or monstrous creature, often mythical in nature
16. Peruvian ar\_\_\_\_cts      *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
17. cr\_\_e construction      *n.* a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook

ANSWERS: 9. swoop, 10. nod, 11. ethic, 12. shimmer, 13. reframe, 14. determinant, 15. behemoth, 16. artifact, 17. crane

18. be\_\_\_\_th company *n.* something extremely large and powerful; a huge or monstrous creature, often mythical in nature
19. t\_\_l up the mountain *v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
20. re\_\_\_\_e resource allocation *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
21. un\_\_\_\_h a mystery *v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown
22. su\_\_\_\_ct numbers *v.* to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole
23. go un\_\_\_\_ed for a long period *adj.* not seen or noticed
24. pl\_\_k a gray hair *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
25. n\_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
26. su\_\_\_\_ct one from the total *v.* to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole
27. sh\_\_\_\_r in the moonlight *v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten

ANSWERS: 18. behemoth, 19. toil, 20. reframe, 21. unearth, 22. subtract, 23. unnoticed, 24. pluck, 25. nod, 26. subtract, 27. shimmer

28. un\_\_\_\_\_ed by all *adj.* not seen or noticed
29. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
30. pl\_\_k out weeds *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
31. un\_\_\_\_\_h burial mound *v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown
32. lu\_\_h back and forth *v.* to make a sudden, abrupt movement; to stagger or sway unsteadily; to experience a sudden change or reversal; (noun) a sudden, unsteady, or awkward movement or motion, often to one side or another
33. un\_\_\_d the cargo *v.* to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.
34. sw\_\_p down the water slide *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
35. sp\_\_\_\_\_r into silence *v.* to emit or make a series of explosive popping or spitting sounds; to speak quickly or in a confused or agitated manner; to work or operate in an erratic or uneven manner
36. paleolithic ar\_\_\_\_\_cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

ANSWERS: 28. unnoticed, 29. determinant, 30. pluck, 31. unearth, 32. lurch, 33. unload, 34. swoop, 35. sputter, 36. artifact



ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Having a strong work \_\_\_\_\_ is important for success in any field.
  - n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
  
2. The construction workers used a \_\_\_\_\_ to lift the heavy beams.
  - n.* a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook
  
3. He was able to \_\_\_\_\_ a gun inside the prison.
  - v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
  
4. The museum has a vast collection of Greek \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
  
5. The eagle \_\_\_\_\_ down from the sky to catch its prey.
  - v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
  
6. His research went largely \_\_\_\_\_ until a prominent researcher cited it.
  - adj.* not seen or noticed
  
7. She \_\_\_\_\_ the flowers off the bush.
  - v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

ANSWERS: 1. ethic, 2. crane, 3. smuggle, 4. artifacts, 5. swooped, 6. unnoticed, 7. plucked

8. The sunlight made the water in the pool \_\_\_\_\_ like diamonds.
- v. to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten
9. The construction site was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ machines.
- n. something extremely large and powerful; a huge or monstrous creature, often mythical in nature
10. The car's engine began to \_\_\_\_\_ as it ran out of gas.
- v. to emit or make a series of explosive popping or spitting sounds; to speak quickly or in a confused or agitated manner; to work or operate in an erratic or uneven manner
11. The therapist tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his negative thoughts.
- v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
12. The farmers \_\_\_\_\_ in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.
- v. to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
13. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
14. She \_\_\_\_\_ quietly in response to the question.
- v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

ANSWERS: 8. shimmer, 9. behemoth, 10. sputter, 11. reframe, 12. toiled, 13. determinant, 14. nodded

15. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the cost of my expenses from my income to see how much money I have left.
- v. to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole
16. The car suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ forward as we hit a pothole.
- v. to make a sudden, abrupt movement; to stagger or sway unsteadily; to experience a sudden change or reversal; (noun) a sudden, unsteady, or awkward movement or motion, often to one side or another
17. The detective \_\_\_\_\_ a critical clue that led to the suspect's arrest.
- v. to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown
18. He had to \_\_\_\_\_ the merchandise before the Black Friday bargain.
- v. to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.

ANSWERS: 15. subtract, 16. lurched, 17. unearthed, 18. unload