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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### acetaminophen

*n.* (also paracetamol) a drug used to relieve mild or chronic pain and high temperature

(1) **acetaminophen-containing** tablet, (2) high-dose **acetaminophen**

Such patients are better off using **acetaminophen** wisely.

### aspirin

*n.* a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation

(1) prescribe **aspirin**, (2) **aspirin** sensitivity

She took a tablet of **aspirin** to soothe the fever.

### inadvertently

*adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

*synonym*: unknowingly, unintentionally, accidentally

(1) **inadvertently** deleted, (2) **inadvertently** omitted

I **inadvertently** left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

### illicit

*adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable

*synonym*: illegal, unlawful, prohibited

(1) **illicit** drugs, (2) **illicit** trade

He was arrested for his **illicit** activities in the black market.

- clot** *n.* a thick mass or lump of coagulated liquid, especially blood; a group of people or things that form an obstructive, unsympathetic, or resistant force  
*synonym* : clump, coagulation, thrombus  
(1) blood **clot**, (2) **clot** prevention  
The **clot** in the blood vessel required immediate medical attention.
- clump** *n.* a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.  
*synonym* : cluster, bunch, bundle  
(1) **clump** of bacteria, (2) a **clump** of trees  
I heard the **clump** of his boots in the hallway.
- exacerbate** *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse  
*synonym* : worsen, aggravate, escalate  
(1) **exacerbate** the situation, (2) **exacerbate** symptoms  
The heat wave **exacerbated** the drought conditions.
- stimulant** *n.* a substance or drug that increases or heightens physiological or nervous system activity typically used to improve alertness, attention, or concentration  
*synonym* : upper, energizer, booster  
(1) memory **stimulant**, (2) prescription **stimulant**  
Many athletes use **stimulants** like caffeine to boost their energy before a competition.
- depress** *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active  
*synonym* : sadden, discourage, deflate  
(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices  
The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.
- statin** *n.* a type of drug used to lower cholesterol levels in the blood, typically by inhibiting an enzyme involved in cholesterol production  
*synonym* : cholesterol-lowering drug  
(1) take a **statin** pill, (2) **statin** therapy

The side effects of **statins** can include muscle pain and weakness.

### metabolite

*n.* a substance produced by metabolic processes in living organisms, especially those that are essential for normal physiological functions

*synonym* : intermediate

(1) **metabolite** concentration, (2) drug **metabolite**

The liver **metabolite** levels were higher than usual.

### bloodstream

*n.* the blood flowing through the body

(1) **bloodstream** in an artery, (2) **bloodstream** to the brain

Cancer cells are often carried throughout the body by the **bloodstream**.

### byproduct

*n.* a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else

*synonym* : side effect, spinoff, outgrowth

(1) toxic **byproducts**, (2) **byproduct** of technology

The **byproduct** of the energy production process is a large amount of carbon dioxide emissions.

### dizzy

*adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

*synonym* : addled, confounded, unsteady

(1) feel **dizzy**, (2) had a **dizzy** spell

Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting **dizzy**.

### supercomputer

*n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing

*synonym* : high-performance computer, mainframe, giant computer

(1) **supercomputer** performance, (2) **supercomputer** technology

China has developed one of the world's fastest **supercomputers** for its space program.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. il\_\_\_\_t trade *adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable
2. had a di\_\_y spell *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
3. exa\_\_\_\_\_te the situation *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
4. memory st\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a substance or drug that increases or heightens physiological or nervous system activity typically used to improve alertness, attention, or concentration
5. take a st\_\_\_n pill *n.* a type of drug used to lower cholesterol levels in the blood, typically by inhibiting an enzyme involved in cholesterol production
6. ina\_\_\_\_\_tly omitted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
7. blood c\_\_t *n.* a thick mass or lump of coagulated liquid, especially blood; a group of people or things that form an obstructive, unsympathetic, or resistant force
8. by\_\_\_\_\_ct of technology *n.* a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else
9. met\_\_\_\_\_te concentration *n.* a substance produced by metabolic processes in living organisms, especially those that are essential for normal physiological functions

ANSWERS: 1. illicit, 2. dizzy, 3. exacerbate, 4. stimulant, 5. statin, 6. inadvertently, 7. clot, 8. byproduct, 9. metabolite

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| 10. ace_____hen-containing tablet | <i>n.</i> (also paracetamol) a drug used to relieve mild or chronic pain and high temperature  |
| 11. drug met_____te               | <i>n.</i> a substance produced by metabolic processes in living organisms, especially those that are essential for normal physiological functions                              |
| 12. st___n therapy                | <i>n.</i> a type of drug used to lower cholesterol levels in the blood, typically by inhibiting an enzyme involved in cholesterol production                                   |
| 13. prescription st_____nt        | <i>n.</i> a substance or drug that increases or heightens physiological or nervous system activity typically used to improve alertness, attention, or concentration            |
| 14. sup_____ter performance       | <i>n.</i> a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing |
| 15. sup_____ter technology        | <i>n.</i> a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing |
| 16. cl__p of bacteria             | <i>n.</i> a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.  |
| 17. high-dose ace_____hen         | <i>n.</i> (also paracetamol) a drug used to relieve mild or chronic pain and high temperature  |

ANSWERS: 10. acetaminophen, 11. metabolite, 12. statin, 13. stimulant, 14. supercomputer, 15. supercomputer, 16. clump, 17. acetaminophen

18. de\_\_\_\_s their spirits      *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
19. blo\_\_\_\_\_am to the brain      *n.* the blood flowing through the body
20. il\_\_\_\_\_t drugs      *adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable
21. as\_\_\_\_\_n sensitivity      *n.* a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation
22. c\_\_t prevention      *n.* a thick mass or lump of coagulated liquid, especially blood; a group of people or things that form an obstructive, unsympathetic, or resistant force
23. ina\_\_\_\_\_tly deleted      *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
24. de\_\_\_\_s crop prices      *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
25. exa\_\_\_\_\_te symptoms      *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
26. blo\_\_\_\_\_am in an artery      *n.* the blood flowing through the body
27. toxic by\_\_\_\_\_cts      *n.* a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else
28. feel di\_\_y      *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
29. a cl\_\_p of trees      *n.* a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.

ANSWERS: 18. depress, 19. bloodstream, 20. illicit, 21. aspirin, 22. clot, 23. inadvertently, 24. depress, 25. exacerbate, 26. bloodstream, 27. byproduct, 28. dizzy, 29. clump

30. prescribe as\_\_\_\_\_n

*n.* a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation

ANSWERS: 30. aspirin



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. China has developed one of the world's fastest \_\_\_\_\_ for its space program.  
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3. He was arrested for his \_\_\_\_\_ activities in the black market.  
*adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the energy production process is a large amount of carbon dioxide emissions.  
*n.* a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else
5. The heat wave \_\_\_\_\_ the drought conditions.  
*v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
6. I heard the \_\_\_\_\_ of his boots in the hallway.  
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7. Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting \_\_\_\_\_.  
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ANSWERS: 1. supercomputers, 2. clot, 3. illicit, 4. byproduct, 5. exacerbated, 6. clump, 7. dizzy

8. She took a tablet of \_\_\_\_\_ to soothe the fever.  
*n.* a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation
9. The side effects of \_\_\_\_\_ can include muscle pain and weakness.  
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10. Such patients are better off using \_\_\_\_\_ wisely.  
*n.* (also paracetamol) a drug used to relieve mild or chronic pain and high temperature
11. I \_\_\_\_\_ left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.  
*adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
12. Many athletes use \_\_\_\_\_ like caffeine to boost their energy before a competition.  
*n.* a substance or drug that increases or heightens physiological or nervous system activity typically used to improve alertness, attention, or concentration
13. Cancer cells are often carried throughout the body by the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the blood flowing through the body
14. The economic recession \_\_\_\_\_ the housing market.  
*v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
15. The liver \_\_\_\_\_ levels were higher than usual.  
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