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Session 1: Word List

align	to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line <i>monym</i> : coordinate, regulate, adjust					
	(1) align the economic interest of each other, (2) align with a historical trend					
	Both parties are now entirely ideologically aligned.					
typical	<i>adj.</i> having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things<i>synonym</i>: characteristic, usual, distinctive					
	(1) typical leader, (2) fairly typical symptoms					
	This artwork is typical of her work.					
struggle	 v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction synonym: toil, strive, compete 					
	(1) struggle against discrimination, (2) struggle to get the job					
	He could not struggle against temptation.					
emergency	<i>n.</i> a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action					

	synonym: crisis, trouble, difficulty
	(1) emergency action, (2) acute emergency
	The president declared a state of emergency .
anxious	adj. worried and nervous
	synonym: nervous, uneasy, afraid
	(1) anxious about his health, (2) an anxious look
	He cast anxious glances behind her.
insecure	adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
	synonym: uncertain, unsure, unconfident
	(1) an insecure future, (2) insecure attachment
	Children in an unstructured environment often feel insecure.
sham	 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 synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent
	(1) a sham battle, (2) turn out to be all sham
	The data he prepared was completely sham .
fraught	adj. causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
	synonym: tense, anxious, stressed
	(1) become increasingly fraught , (2) fraught with danger
	The negotiations were fraught with challenges and setbacks.
relation	 n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another synonym: association, linkage, connection
	(1) relation between cause and effect, (2) relation of inclusion
	The industrial relations laws were passed with little to no alteration.

judgment	 n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions 		
	synonym: conclusion, decision, determination		
	(1) an emotional judgment, (2) deliver a judgment		
	Her judgments are consistently rational and sensible.		
narrative	 <i>n.</i> a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story <i>synonym</i>: the tale, chronology, annals 		
	(1) narrative poetry, (2) personal narrative		
	The narrative handles multiple plot lines and has		
	unpredictable ends.		
improve	 v. to make or become better synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich 		
	(1) improve a process, (2) improve the test score		
	We want to improve ties between our two countries.		
squad	 n. a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team synonym: team, unit, group 		
	(1) a bomb-disposal squad , (2) antiriot squad		
	The police department assembled a special squad to handle the situation.		
taboo	<i>adj.</i> prohibited or restricted by social custom <i>synonym</i> : forbidden, prohibited, proscribed		
	(1) a taboo word, (2) academic taboo		
	In this society, discussing politics in public is a taboo subject.		
celebrate	 v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity synonym: praise, glorify, honor 		
	(1) celebrate his election, (2) celebrate Christmas		
	He celebrated the 10th anniversary of his tenure.		

decision	 n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options synonym: choice, determination, judgment
	(1) decision authority, (2) a selfish decision
	She was struggling to make a decision between two job offers.
applaud	 v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands synonym: clap, celebrate, praise
	(1) applaud his courage, (2) applaud the orchestra
	I enthusiastically applaud my rival's achievement.
snap	 v. to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
	synonym: break, crack, fracture
	(1) snap a whip, (2) snap judgment
	She snapped a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it
	disappeared.
off-limits	<i>adj.</i> not allowed to be entered or used <i>synonym</i> : prohibited, restricted, forbidden
	(1) off-limits to development, (2) off-limits topic
	The restricted area was off-limits to visitors.
be-all	 n. something that is considered the most important or all-encompassing aspect of a particular thing or concept synonym: ultimate goal, end-all, everything
	(1) be-all solution, (2) be-all answer
	Going to college is often seen as the be-all and end-all for success in life.
mechanism	 n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

	synonym: means, method, system				
	(1) the mechanism for DNA replication, (2) defense mechanism				
	He discovered unique mechanisms for photochemical reactions.				
accomplish	<i>v.</i> to finish or achieve something successfully <i>synonym</i> : achieve, complete, execute				
	(1) accomplish a goal, (2) accomplish military operations Humankind took centuries to accomplish true democracy.				
define	 v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something 				
	synonym: characterize, depict, express				
	(1) define a word, (2) define my position				
	To advance this discussion, we must define "success" rigorously.				
identify	 v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are 				
	synonym: determine, specify, recognize				
	(1) identify handwriting, (2) identify gene sequences				
	I will introduce you to how to identify the leading causes of the malfunction.				
fundamental	<i>adj.</i> forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected				
	synonym: basic, essential, entire				
	(1) fundamental education, (2) fundamental rights				
	Human behavior has fundamental characteristics.				
debt	 n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something synonym: liability, obligation, deficit 				
	(1) debt ceiling, (2) corporate debt				
	He became in debt after losing his job.				

visualize	 v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible 		
	synonym: imagine, picture, envision		
	(1) visualize data, (2) visualize flying through space		
	She tried to visualize the layout of the new house in her mind.		
vision	 n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see 		
	synonym: sight, image, concept		
	(1) a prodigious vision , (2) telescopic vision		
	Driving is difficult for me because of my poor vision.		
visual	<i>adj.</i> relating to seeing or sight <i>synonym</i> : optical, graphical, visible		
	(1) visual navigation, (2) field of visual arts		
	The building makes a remarkable visual impact.		
representation	 n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting synonym: delegacy, manifestation, expression 		
	(1) sales representation, (2) binary representation		
	A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal representation .		
glitter	 v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines synonym: sparkle, glisten, shine 		
	(1) glitter against her skin, (2) glitter in her eyes		
	Her dress glittered in the sunlight as she walked down the street.		
wan	adj. looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy synonym: pale, pallid, ashen		
	(1) wan light, (2) a wan smile		

	His wan complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.
meantime	 n. the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else synonym: interim, meanwhile, lag
	(1) meantime report, (2) for the meantime
	In the meantime , while we wait for the results, let's start
	working on the next project.
adjustment	 a small change or movement made to something to improve it and achieve the desired result synonym: alteration, adaptation, modification
	(1) adjustment by hand, (2) a fine adjustment
	He assumed the role of the arbitral adjustment of the
	controversy.
rhythm	<i>n.</i> a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
	synonym: beat, cadence, tempo
	(1) in samba rhythm , (2) irregular heart rhythm
	He beat out a jazz rhythm on the cajones.
impulse	<i>n.</i> a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
	synonym: stimulation, provocation, urge
	(1) a combative impulse , (2) profound religious impulses
	Nerve impulses cross a synapse through the action of
	neurotransmitters.
delete	 v. to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information synonym: erase, wipe out, remove
	(1) delete a file, (2) delete this modification
	Highlight the sentences that you want to delete.

determinant	a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result nonym: 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.			
misstep	 n. a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement synonym: mistake, blunder, fumble 			
	(1) recover from a misstep, (2) navigating misstepsShe took a misstep on the stairs and tumbled down to the bottom.			

Session 2: Spelling

1.	dee a word	V.	to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
2.	idfy gene sequences	v.	to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
3.	dee my position	v.	to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
4.	deon authority	n.	the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
5.	in samba rhm	n.	a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
6.	stle against discrimination	v.	to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
7.	nave poetry	n.	a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
8.	become increasingly frt	adj.	causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
9.	accsh military operations	v.	to finish or achieve something successfully
10.	profound religious imes	n.	a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

ANSWERS: 1. define, 2. identify, 3. define, 4. decision, 5. rhythm, 6. struggle, 7. narrative, 8. fraught, 9. accomplish, 10. impulse

11.	defense mesm	n.	a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
12.	turn out to be all sm	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
13.	sp judgment	v.	to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
14.	acute emcy	n.	a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
15.	inre attachment	adj.	not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
16.	funal rights	adj.	forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
17.	vize flying through space	v.	to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
18.	dee a file	v.	to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
19.	ans about his health	adj.	worried and nervous
20.	the mesm for DNA replication	n.	a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

ANSWERS: 11. mechanism, 12. sham, 13. snap, 14. emergency, 15. insecure, 16. fundamental, 17. visualize, 18. delete, 19. anxious, 20. mechanism

21. offts topic	adj.	not allowed to be entered or used
22. glr against her skin	v.	to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
23. navigating mips	n.	a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement
24. beI solution	n.	something that is considered the most important or all-encompassing aspect of a particular thing or concept
25. telescopic vin	n.	the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
26. an ans look	adj.	worried and nervous
27. stle to get the job	v.	to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
28. environmental detnt	n.	a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
29. an emotional junt	n.	the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
30. deliver a junt	n.	the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
31. reon of inclusion	n.	the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 21. off-limits, 22. glitter, 23. misstep, 24. be-all, 25. vision, 26. anxious, 27. struggle, 28. determinant, 29. judgment, 30. judgment, 31. relation

32. offts to development	adj.	not allowed to be entered or used
33. for the meme	n.	the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else
34. meme report	n.	the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else
35. binary repion	n.	the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
36. a prodigious vin	n.	the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
37. accsh a goal	<i>v</i> .	to finish or achieve something successfully
38. funal education	adj.	forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
39. sales repion	n.	the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
40. personal nave	n.	a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
41. apd the orchestra	v.	to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

ANSWERS: 32. off-limits, 33. meantime, 34. meantime, 35. representation, 36. vision, 37. accomplish, 38. fundamental, 39. representation, 40. narrative, 41. applaud

42. a combative ime	n.	a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
43. recover from a mip	n.	a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement
44. a fine adjnt	n.	a small change or movement made to something to improve it and achieve the desired result
45. a sm battle	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
46. bel answer	n.	something that is considered the most important or all-encompassing aspect of a particular thing or concept
47. cete his election	v.	to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
48. a selfish deon	n.	the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
49. a bomb-disposal sqd	n.	a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team
50. sp a whip	v.	to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

ANSWERS: 42. impulse, 43. misstep, 44. adjustment, 45. sham, 46. be-all, 47. celebrate, 48. decision, 49. squad, 50. snap

51.	aln the economic interest of each other	v.	to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
52.	dt ceiling	n.	something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
53.	w_n light	adj.	looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
54.	aln with a historical trend	v.	to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
55.	a w_n smile	adj.	looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
56.	dee this modification	v.	to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
57.	reon between cause and effect	n.	the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
58.	idfy handwriting	v.	to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
59.	fairly tyI symptoms	adj.	having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
60.	a detnt of crop yields	n.	a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
61.	glr in her eyes	v.	to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
62.	cete Christmas	v.	to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 51. align, 52. debt, 53. wan, 54. align, 55. wan, 56. delete, 57. relation, 58. identify, 59. typical, 60. determinant, 61. glitter, 62. celebrate

63. adjnt by hand	n.	a small change or movement made to something to improve it and achieve the desired result
64. vil navigation	adj.	relating to seeing or sight
65. ime the test score	<i>v</i> .	to make or become better
66. corporate dt	n.	something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
67. ime a process	<i>v</i> .	to make or become better
68. an inre future	adj.	not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
69. a tao word	adj.	prohibited or restricted by social custom
70. irregular heart rhm	n.	a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
71. field of vil arts	adj.	relating to seeing or sight
72. apd his courage	v.	to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
73. vize data	v.	to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
74. antiriot sqd	n.	a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team
75. tyl leader	adj.	having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
76. emcy action	n.	a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

ANSWERS: 63. adjustment, 64. visual, 65. improve, 66. debt, 67. improve, 68. insecure, 69. taboo, 70. rhythm, 71. visual, 72. applaud, 73. visualize, 74. squad, 75. typical, 76. emergency

- 77. fr____t with danger adj. causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress 78. academic ta__o adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom

ANSWERS: 77. fraught, 78. taboo

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

- 1. The ______ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
- *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
- 2. Her dress ______ in the sunlight as she walked down the street.
- v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
- 3. She tried to ______ the layout of the new house in her mind.
- v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
- 4. She ______ a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.
- *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
- 5. The restricted area was ______ to visitors.
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- 7. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
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- 8. He discovered unique ______ for photochemical reactions.
- *n*. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

ANSWERS: 1. narrative, 2. glittered, 3. visualize, 4. snapped, 5. off-limits, 6. sham, 7. decision, 8. mechanisms

- 9. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
- *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
- 10. One ______ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
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- 11. He could not _____ against temptation.
 - v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
- 12. In this society, discussing politics in public is a _____ subject.
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- 13. We want to ______ ties between our two countries.
- v. to make or become better
- 14. His _____ complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.
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ANSWERS: 9. vision, 10. determinant, 11. struggle, 12. taboo, 13. improve, 14. wan, 15. fraught, 16. emergency

- 17. Highlight the sentences that you want to _____.
- *v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
- 18. Humankind took centuries to ______ true democracy.
- *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
- 19. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
- *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
- 20. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
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- 21. He assumed the role of the arbitral ______ of the controversy.
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- 24. The industrial ______ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 17. delete, 18. accomplish, 19. fundamental, 20. define, 21. adjustment, 22. debt, 23. celebrated, 24. relations

- 25. Nerve _____ cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.
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- adj. relating to seeing or sight
- 31. He cast _____ glances behind her.
 - *adj.* worried and nervous
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- *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

ANSWERS: 25. impulses, 26. rhythm, 27. meantime, 28. applaud, 29. be-all, 30. visual, 31. anxious, 32. insecure

33. This artwork is _____ of her work.

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- 38. Her ______ are consistently rational and sensible.
- *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
- 39. The police department assembled a special _____ to handle the situation.
- *n.* a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team

ANSWERS: 33. typical, 34. representation, 35. misstep, 36. aligned, 37. identify, 38. judgments, 39. squad