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Session 1: Word List

guardrail

n. a sturdy metal or wooden railing or barrier placed beside a road, bridge, or other dangerous areas to prevent vehicles or people from going over the edge; a protective barrier or railing used to prevent falls or accidents

synonym: barrier, railing, fence

(1) **guardrail** installation, (2) damaged **guardrail**The **guardrail** along the highway prevents vehicles from going off the road's edge.

cusp

n. a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curvedsynonym: point, apex, tip

(1) **cusp** of change, (2) a single **cusp**The project was on the **cusp** of success and needed a little more funding.

sigma

 the eighteenth letter of the Greek alphabet, used in mathematics and science to represent standard deviation or a summation of a series of values

synonym: sum, standard deviation, numerical value

three sigma, (2) sigma notation
 math, the sigma symbol represents a sum of numbers.

deviate

- v. to depart from an established course or plan; to change direction or take a different route or approachsynonym: stray, diverge, veer
- (1) **deviate** from the norm, (2) **deviate** from the plan It's important not to **deviate** from the established safety procedures.

misconception

- n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis synonym: fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding
- (1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held **misconception**

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

parenthesis

- a pair of curved marks () used in writing as a way of separating and marking off a clause, phrase, or word that is not essential to the structure of the sentence but adds additional information or clarification
- synonym: bracket, round bracket, curved bracket
- (1) a sentence in **parenthesis**, (2) **parenthesis** in literature Make sure to include all necessary information within the **parenthesis** in your citation.

ellipsis

- the omission of a word or phrase from a sentence or text that is still grammatically complete, indicated by a set of three dots (...) or other markings
- synonym: omission, dot-dot, three dots
- (1) ellipsis mark, (2) use an ellipsis

The poem's last line trailed off with an **ellipsis**, inviting readers to interpret the meaning for themselves.

symbolism

- the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images
- *synonym*: iconography, allegory, metaphor
- (1) the **symbolism** of the event, (2) political **symbolism**

The **symbolism** in the painting was rich and complex, with many layers of meaning.

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.

enigmatic

adj. difficult to understand or explain; mysterious or puzzling *synonym*: mysterious, puzzling, cryptic

(1) **enigmatic** smile, (2) **enigmatic** behavior

The **enigmatic** ancient civilization's disappearance remains unsolved.

millionaire

- a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.
- (1) **millionaire** capitalist, (2) become a **millionaire**The Internet **millionaire** was captivated by the artist's paintings.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym: situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- situ conservation, (2) in- situ control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

daisy

- n. a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead
 synonym: marguerite, bellis, chrysanthemum
- (1) daisy chain, (2) lawn daisy

She picked a blue **daisy** from the meadow and placed it in her hair.

yearn

- v. to strongly desire or long for something
- synonym: long, desire, crave
- (1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love

She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

reunite

 to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym: reconcile, reunify, reconvene

- (1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend
- The band will **reunite** only for this show.

addict

 a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: devotee, buff, freak

synonym: feel tickled, itch, prickle

(1) a drug addict, (2) Internet addict

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

tingle

- v. to cause a stinging or prickling sensation; (noun) a feeling of slight numbness or a slight prickling or stinging sensation, typically as a result of cold or excitement
- (1) **tingle** up my spine, (2) **tingle** with anticipation My nerves began to **tingle** before the show started.

eerie

adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural *synonym*: bizarre, creepy, dreadful

(1) **eerie** silence, (2) the **eerie** whistle of dropping bombs. The street was entirely silent and a bit **eerie**.

misunderstand

- v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend
- (1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

stumble

- v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep
- (1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life She **stumbled** over the tree root.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

- (1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.
- n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

doe rabbit, (2) buck and doe
 Hunters use a whistle that makes the doe sound to lure stags.

toggle

doe

n. a switch, button, or lever that can be used to turn a device or feature on or off or to switch between different options or modes; (verb) to switch between two different states, options, or modes, often repeatedly

synonym: switch, lever, button

(1) **toggle** condition, (2) **toggle** between two options You need to use the **toggle** button to switch between the night and day modes on the app.

steroid

- any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs
- (1) **steroid** abuse, (2) a **steroid** hormone Some **steroids** are banned for use by athletes because of their muscle-building effects.

slap

v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

synonym: smack, hit, whack

(1) **slap** on the back, (2) **slap** a heavy fine

The politician tried to **slap** down the rumors about his personal life.

intellect

 the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my intellect, (2) human intellect

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

iceberg

a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

synonym: glacier, ice mass, floe

(1) hit an iceberg, (2) iceberg melting

The ship encountered a series of **icebergs** and had to change its course.

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.

pessimistic

adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

synonym: cynical, defeatist, despairing

(1) take a **pessimistic** view of life, (2) **pessimistic** for our survival

She was unduly **pessimistic** about her future.

dystopia

 an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

synonym: anti-utopia

(1) a crumbling **dystopia**, (2) the escape from **dystopia**The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into **dystopias**.

inflection

 a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories

synonym: accent, intonation, modulation

(1) inflection in voice, (2) inflection pattern

The linguist studied the **inflection** of the language's inflection in speech.

prophecy

- n. a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
 synonym: prediction, foretelling, divination
- (1) **prophecy** fulfillment, (2) **prophecy** of doom

 The fortune teller's **prophecy** that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.

totalitarian

- adj. of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power synonym: dictatorial, authoritarian, oppressive
- (1) **totalitarian** ideology, (2) **totalitarian** state

 The government was criticized for having a **totalitarian** regime.

optimist

- a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
 synonym: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist
- (1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym: literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) poetic genius, (2) poetic justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

Session 2: Spelling

1.	an opne remark	adj.	suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2.	misand entirely about her	ν.	to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
3.	hit an icg	n.	a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
4.	infon pattern	n.	a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories
5.	tie up my spine	ν.	to cause a stinging or prickling sensation; (noun) a feeling of slight numbness or a slight prickling or stinging sensation, typically as a result of cold or excitement
6.	a std hormone	n.	any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs
7.	yen after my old days	ν.	to strongly desire or long for something
8.	use an elis	n.	the omission of a word or phrase from a sentence or text that is still grammatically complete, indicated by a set of three dots () or other markings

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. misunderstand, 3. iceberg, 4. inflection, 5. tingle, 6. steroid, 7. yearn, 8. ellipsis

9. co ve a child to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. ν. in mind; to become pregnant the eighteenth letter of the Greek 10. three si a n. alphabet, used in mathematics and science to represent standard deviation or a summation of a series of values a mature female of mammals of which 11. d e rabbit n. the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit 12. deeply re____te with the consumers to be filled with a deep echoing sound 13. en ic behavior adj. difficult to understand or explain; mysterious or puzzling 14. pr___cy of doom a statement or prediction that n. something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader 15. ye n for love to strongly desire or long for something ν. a person who has material wealth that 16. become a mil____re n. is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc. 17. a single c__p a pointed end, especially the pointed n. end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved 18. the ee e whistle of dropping adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of bombs the supernatural 19. re____e with my friend to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation 20. ee__e silence adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural

ANSWERS: 9. conceive, 10. sigma, 11. doe, 12. resonate, 13. enigmatic, 14. prophecy, 15. yearn, 16. millionaire, 17. cusp, 18. eerie, 19. reunite, 20. eerie

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or 21. ex-s u conservation placed in a particular position or circumstance 22. a drug ad t a person who cannot stop using or n. doing something as a habit, especially something harmful 23. da y chain a wildflower that typically has a yellow n. disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead 24. c_p of change a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved to strike something or someone with an 25. s p a heavy fine ν . open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly 26. st e through life to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to ν. walk unsteadily 27. po___c justice adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way 28. op___st by nature a person who tends to expect the best n. in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future 29. pes____ic for our survival adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

ANSWERS: 21. situ, 22. addict, 23. daisy, 24. cusp, 25. slap, 26. stumble, 27. poetic, 28. optimist, 29. pessimistic

30.	enic smile	adj.	difficult to understand or explain; mysterious or puzzling
31.	human inct	n.	the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
32.	excessive opst	n.	a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
33.	rete in the same frequency	v.	to be filled with a deep echoing sound
34.	toe between two options	n.	a switch, button, or lever that can be used to turn a device or feature on or off or to switch between different options or modes; (verb) to switch between two different states, options, or modes, often repeatedly
35.	sp on the back	v.	to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
36.	dispel the mision	n.	a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
37.	tie with anticipation	v.	to cause a stinging or prickling sensation; (noun) a feeling of slight numbness or a slight prickling or stinging sensation, typically as a result of cold or excitement
38.	guil installation	n.	a sturdy metal or wooden railing or barrier placed beside a road, bridge, or other dangerous areas to prevent vehicles or people from going over the edge; a protective barrier or railing used to prevent falls or accidents

ANSWERS: 30. enigmatic, 31. intellect, 32. optimist, 33. resonate, 34. toggle, 35. slap, 36. misconception, 37. tingle, 38. guardrail

39.	milre capitalist	n.	a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.
40.	lawn day	n.	a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead
41.	infon in voice	n.	a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories
42.	ste financially	v.	to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
43.	in-su control	adj.	short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
44.	buck and d_e	n.	a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
45.	misand each other	v.	to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
46.	the escape from dyia	n.	an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
47.	paris in literature	n.	a pair of curved marks () used in writing as a way of separating and marking off a clause, phrase, or word that is not essential to the structure of the sentence but adds additional information or clarification

ANSWERS: 39. millionaire, 40. daisy, 41. inflection, 42. stumble, 43. situ, 44. doe, 45. misunderstand, 46. dystopia, 47. parenthesis

48.	ree after five years	<i>v</i> .	to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
49.	totian ideology	adj.	of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power
50.	a sentence in paris	n.	a pair of curved marks () used in writing as a way of separating and marking off a clause, phrase, or word that is not essential to the structure of the sentence but adds additional information or clarification
51.	poc genius	adj.	of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
52.	totian state	adj.	of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power
53.	take a pesic view of life	adj.	tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
54.	icg melting	n.	a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
55.	cove of an idea	<i>v</i> .	to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
56.	prcy fulfillment	n.	a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
57.	elis mark	n.	the omission of a word or phrase from a sentence or text that is still grammatically complete, indicated by a set of three dots () or other markings

ANSWERS: 48. reunite, 49. totalitarian, 50. parenthesis, 51. poetic, 52. totalitarian, 53. pessimistic, 54. iceberg, 55. conceive, 56. prophecy, 57. ellipsis

64. to___e condition

n. a switch, button, or lever that can be used to turn a device or feature on or off or to switch between different options or modes; (verb) to switch between two

different states, options, or modes, often repeatedly

65. a crumbling dy____ia

 an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

ANSWERS: 58. deviate, 59. symbolism, 60. misconception, 61. intellect, 62. deviate, 63. steroid, 64. toggle, 65. dystopia

66.	Internet adt	n.	a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
67.	damaged guil	n.	a sturdy metal or wooden railing or barrier placed beside a road, bridge, or other dangerous areas to prevent vehicles or people from going over the edge; a protective barrier or railing used to prevent falls or accidents
68.	opne occasion	adj.	suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
69.	sia notation	n.	the eighteenth letter of the Greek alphabet, used in mathematics and science to represent standard deviation or a summation of a series of values
70.	political sysm	n.	the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images

ANSWERS: 66. addict, 67. guardrail, 68. opportune, 69. sigma, 70. symbolism

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	The sound well in this theater.
<i>v</i> .	to be filled with a deep echoing sound
2.	She was unduly about her future.
adj	tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
3.	The poem's last line trailed off with an inviting readers to interpret the meaning for themselves.
n.	the omission of a word or phrase from a sentence or text that is still grammatically complete, indicated by a set of three dots () or other markings
4.	The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into
n.	an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
5.	The ship encountered a series of and had to change its course.
n.	a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
6.	We have become TV due to video streaming services.
n.	a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
7.	She over the tree root.
ν.	to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
8.	The along the highway prevents vehicles from going off the road's edge.
n.	a sturdy metal or wooden railing or barrier placed beside a road, bridge, or other dangerous areas to prevent vehicles or people from going over the edge; a protective barrier or railing used to prevent falls or accidents
	SWERS: 1. resonates, 2. pessimistic, 3. ellipsis, 4. dystopias, 5. icebergs, 6. dicts, 7. stumbled, 8. guardrail

ANSWERS: 9. tingle, 10. steroids, 11. doe, 12. intellect, 13. toggle, 14. parenthesis

30. reunite, 31. inflection

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ANSWERS: 32. symbolism, 33. totalitarian, 34. enigmatic, 35. optimist