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## Session 1: Word List

### reintroduce

*v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

*synonym*: bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

### haze

*n.* atmospheric moisture, dust, or smoke that makes it less clear; a state of mental confusion caused by lack of clarity

*synonym*: fog, mist, brume

(1) a **haze** of illusion, (2) **haze** of tears

We couldn't see him through the **haze** of smoke.

### squirrel

*n.* a small to medium-sized rodent with a bushy tail, found in almost every part of the world

*synonym*: rodent, chipmunk, tree-dweller

(1) agile **squirrel**, (2) gray **squirrel**

The **squirrels** in the park were very friendly and came right up to us looking for food.

## robin

*n.* a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America

*synonym* : thrush, red-breast, redbird

(1) **robin** eggs, (2) **robin's** nest

I love listening to the cheerful song of the **robin** in my garden.

## domesticate

*v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

*synonym* : tame, naturalize, cultivate

(1) easy to **domesticate**, (2) **domesticate** the plant

We **domesticate** cows to gain milk and meat.

## reroute

*v.* to redirect or change the course or direction of something

*synonym* : redirect, divert, detour

(1) **reroute** traffic, (2) **reroute** path

Due to the traffic, the delivery truck had to **reroute** to avoid the congested roads.

## supersede

*v.* to replace or be replaced by something else, particularly something newer, better, or more effective; to supplant or take over the place or function of another

*synonym* : replace, override, displace

(1) **supersede** an old method, (2) **supersede** a tradition

The new technology will **supersede** the old one in no time.

## chow

*n.* a slang term for food, typically referring to a particular type of cuisine or meal, such as Chinese chow or chowder

*synonym* : food, grub, eats

(1) **chow** time, (2) fast **chow**

We decided to order some Chinese **chow** for dinner tonight.

## flourish

*v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

*synonym* : boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

## impregnate

*v.* to make a woman or female animal pregnant; to infuse or fill something completely

*synonym*: fertilize, inseminate, make pregnant

(1) **impregnate** a woman, (2) **impregnate** with a medicinal substance

The sperm **impregnated** the egg, and fertilization occurred.

## deem

*v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way

*synonym*: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

## well-being

*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

*synonym*: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

## conundrum

*n.* a confusing and difficult problem or question

*synonym*: puzzle, riddle, enigma

(1) **conundrum** of choice, (2) pose a **conundrum**

The group faced a **conundrum** when they couldn't decide whether to go hiking or to the beach.

## predator

*n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

*synonym*: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

## stoat

*n.* a small carnivorous mammal with a long, slender body and short legs, also known as an ermine or short-tailed

weasel

(1) **stoat** fur, (2) **stoat** hunting

The **stoat's** diet consists mostly of small rodents, such as mice and voles.

**furry**

*adj.* covered in fur or a furry material; resembling fur

*synonym*: hairy, fuzzy, feathered

(1) the **furry** skin, (2) have **furry** leaves

The stuffed animal was so **furry** and soft that it was hard to resist hugging it.

**weasel**

*n.* a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner

(1) **weasel** words, (2) **weasel** her way out of doing the dishes

The **weasel's** long and slender body allows it to easily navigate small spaces.

**humility**

*n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

*synonym*: humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

**taxonomy**

*n.* the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area

*synonym*: classification, categorization, hierarchy

(1) **taxonomy** system, (2) biological **taxonomy**

The **taxonomy** of insects is incredibly complex due to the huge number of species.

## chimpanzee

*n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

*synonym* : ape, chimp, pan troglodytes

(1) **chimpanzee** behavior, (2) **chimpanzee** society

Many zoos have **chimpanzee** exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

## mammal

*n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

(1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**

Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

## captivity

*n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

*synonym* : confinement, detention, imprisonment

(1) escape from **captivity**, (2) animals in **captivity** in the zoo

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

## grandchild

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

*synonym* : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

## gorilla

*n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face

*synonym* : ape, chimpanzee, orangutan

(1) **gorilla** habitat, (2) endangered **gorilla**

The **gorilla** at the zoo impressed visitors with its size and strength.

## biggie

*n.* something important or significant

*synonym* : important, significant, crucial

(1) a media **biggie**, (2) **biggie** in the market

Winning the lottery is a **biggie** for most people.

## confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym* : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## pickle

*n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

*synonym* : jam, predicament, quagmire

(1) **pickle** a cucumber, (2) **pickle** barrel

The **pickle** must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

## steward

*n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

*synonym* : caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

## caretaker

*n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away

*synonym* : custodian, caregiver

(1) welfare **caretaker**, (2) the role of **caretaker**

He acted as a **caretaker** until a new president was elected.

## conservationist

*n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife

*synonym* : environmentalist

(1) wildlife **conservationist**, (2) dedicated **conservationist**

The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for **conservationists**.

## facto

*adj.* of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring

*synonym* : actual, real

(1) ex post **facto** approval, (2) a de **facto** government

The new software has become the de **facto** tool for professionals in the field.

## pragmatic

*adj.* practical rather than idealistic

*synonym* : practical, realistic, down-to-earth

(1) **pragmatic** approach, (2) **pragmatic** politics

He was a **pragmatic** leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

## provoke

*v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

*synonym* : stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. imp\_\_\_\_\_te with a medicinal substance
  2. escape from ca\_\_\_\_\_ty
  3. su\_\_\_\_\_de an old method
  4. pr\_\_\_\_\_ic politics
  5. a de fa\_\_o government
  6. agile sq\_\_\_\_\_el
  7. st\_\_t hunting
  8. d\_\_m wrong or inappropriate
  9. ta\_\_\_\_\_my system
- v. to make a woman or female animal pregnant; to infuse or fill something completely
- n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
- v. to replace or be replaced by something else, particularly something newer, better, or more effective; to supplant or take over the place or function of another
- adj. practical rather than idealistic
- adj. of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring
- n. a small to medium-sized rodent with a bushy tail, found in almost every part of the world
- n. a small carnivorous mammal with a long, slender body and short legs, also known as an ermine or short-tailed weasel
- v. to consider or decide something in a particular way
- n. the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area

ANSWERS: 1. impregnate, 2. captivity, 3. supersede, 4. pragmatic, 5. facto, 6. squirrel, 7. stoat, 8. deem, 9. taxonomy



10. co\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
11. a sense of wel\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
12. we\_\_\_l her way out of doing the dishes *n.* a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner
13. ro\_\_n's nest *n.* a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America
14. lack of hu\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
15. the fu\_\_y skin *adj.* covered in fur or a furry material; resembling fur
16. we\_\_\_l words *n.* a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner
17. have fu\_\_y leaves *adj.* covered in fur or a furry material; resembling fur
18. h\_\_e of tears *n.* atmospheric moisture, dust, or smoke that makes it less clear; a state of mental confusion caused by lack of clarity

ANSWERS: 10. confuse, 11. well-being, 12. weasel, 13. robin, 14. humility, 15. furry, 16. weasel, 17. furry, 18. haze

19. pr\_\_\_\_e a reaction      *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
20. pi\_\_\_e barrel      *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
21. dom\_\_\_\_\_te the plant      *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
22. go\_\_\_\_\_a habitat      *n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face
23. the role of ca\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away
24. st\_\_\_\_\_d service      *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
25. apex pr\_\_\_\_or      *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
26. pi\_\_\_e a cucumber      *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

ANSWERS: 19. provoke, 20. pickle, 21. domesticate, 22. gorilla, 23. caretaker, 24. steward, 25. predator, 26. pickle

27. fl\_\_\_\_sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
28. c\_\_w time *n.* a slang term for food, typically referring to a particular type of cuisine or meal, such as Chinese chow or chowder
29. co\_\_\_\_\_um of choice *n.* a confusing and difficult problem or question
30. a h\_\_e of illusion *n.* atmospheric moisture, dust, or smoke that makes it less clear; a state of mental confusion caused by lack of clarity
31. st\_\_t fur *n.* a small carnivorous mammal with a long, slender body and short legs, also known as an ermine or short-tailed weasel
32. gray sq\_\_\_\_\_el *n.* a small to medium-sized rodent with a bushy tail, found in almost every part of the world
33. ex post fa\_\_o approval *adj.* of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring
34. chi\_\_\_\_\_ee behavior *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
35. st\_\_\_\_\_d duties *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 27. flourish, 28. chow, 29. conundrum, 30. haze, 31. stoat, 32. squirrel, 33. facto, 34. chimpanzee, 35. steward

36. welfare ca\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away
37. the wel\_\_\_\_\_ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
38. imp\_\_\_\_\_te a woman *v.* to make a woman or female animal pregnant; to infuse or fill something completely
39. su\_\_\_\_\_de a tradition *v.* to replace or be replaced by something else, particularly something newer, better, or more effective; to supplant or take over the place or function of another
40. re\_\_\_\_\_e traffic *v.* to redirect or change the course or direction of something
41. a primitive ma\_\_\_\_l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
42. co\_\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
43. animals in ca\_\_\_\_\_ty in the zoo *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
44. develop an attitude of hu\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
45. sexual pr\_\_\_\_\_ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

ANSWERS: 36. caretaker, 37. well-being, 38. impregnate, 39. supersede, 40. reroute, 41. mammal, 42. confuse, 43. captivity, 44. humility, 45. predator

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| 46. easy to dom_____te            | v. | to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company   |
| 47. ro__n eggs                    | n. | a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America   |
| 48. a media bi___e                | n. | something important or significant  |
| 49. dedicated con_____ist         | n. | a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife   |
| 50. bi___e in the market          | n. | something important or significant  |
| 51. gra_____ld development        | n. | a child of someone's son or daughter  |
| 52. rei_____ce capital punishment | v. | to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued  |
| 53. pr_____e a disease            | v. | to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect  |
| 54. wildlife con_____ist          | n. | a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife   |
| 55. biological ta_____my          | n. | the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area |
| 56. fl_____sh economically        | v. | to grow or develop vigorously or successfully   |
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ANSWERS: 46. domesticate, 47. robin, 48. biggie, 49. conservationist, 50. biggie, 51. grandchild, 52. reintroduce, 53. provoke, 54. conservationist, 55. taxonomy, 56. flourish, 57. reintroduce

58. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld-grandparent relationship     *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
59. pr\_\_\_\_\_ic approach     *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
60. d\_\_m socially responsible     *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
61. re\_\_\_\_\_e path     *v.* to redirect or change the course or direction of something
62. a sort of ma\_\_\_\_l     *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
63. endangered go\_\_\_\_\_a     *n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face
64. pose a co\_\_\_\_\_um     *n.* a confusing and difficult problem or question
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66. fast c\_\_w     *n.* a slang term for food, typically referring to a particular type of cuisine or meal, such as Chinese chow or chowder

ANSWERS: 58. grandchild, 59. pragmatic, 60. deem, 61. reroute, 62. mammal, 63. gorilla, 64. conundrum, 65. chimpanzee, 66. chow

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ cows to gain milk and meat.  
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2. The \_\_\_\_\_ diet consists mostly of small rodents, such as mice and voles.  
*n.* a small carnivorous mammal with a long, slender body and short legs, also known as an ermine or short-tailed weasel
3. The grandparents take care of their \_\_\_\_\_ while the parents are at work.  
*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
4. The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
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