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## Session 1: Word List

### papal

*adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

*synonym* : pontifical, papistic, apostolical

(1) **papal** authority, (2) **papal** visit

The **papal** palace was a grand and imposing structure.

### countdown

*n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline

*synonym* : timer

(1) **countdown** clock, (2) wedding **countdown**

The **countdown** to launch began as the astronauts prepared for their mission.

### coronavirus

*n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

*synonym* : covid

(1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus** bankruptcy

Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped this year's beer festival.

## pandemic

*n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

*synonym* : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

## dram

*n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages

*synonym* : drachm, whisky, scotch

(1) have not one **dram** of learning, (2) scotch **dram**

He poured himself a **dram** of whiskey to relax after a long day at work.

## catastrophic

*adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

*synonym* : fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

## indifferent

*adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral

*synonym* : apathetic, disinterested, unmoved

(1) an **indifferent** glance, (2) emotionally **indifferent**

Despite the good news, she remained **indifferent** to the situation.

## Christ

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

*synonym* : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

## embark

*v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

*synonym*: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

## encyclical

*n.* a letter or message, typically written by a pope or the Roman Catholic Church, intended for widespread distribution among the clergy or laypeople; a circular or official communication on a particular topic or issue

*synonym*: papal letter, pastoral letter, encycle

(1) **encyclical** letter, (2) Catholic **encyclical**

The pope's **encyclical** addressed important environmental issues affecting the world today.

## dedicate

*v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

*synonym*: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

## interdependent

*adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected

*synonym*: interconnected, interrelated, mutual

(1) **interdependent** systems, (2) develop **interdependent** skills

In nature, all living things are **interdependent** and rely on each other for survival.

## 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.

## drastic

*adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

*synonym* : extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

## Catholic

*adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

## rethink

*v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

*synonym* : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

## indifference

*n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

*synonym* : apathy, disinterest, unconcern

(1) **indifference** to pain, (2) general **indifference**

I tried to assume an air of **indifference**.

## 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.

## 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.

## tutti

*n.* a musical term used to indicate that all instruments or voices are to play or sing together; the section of a musical composition where all instruments or voices are playing simultaneously

*synonym*: all, together, harmony

(1) **tutti** line, (2) **tutti** orchestra

The choir sang **tutti** in harmony during the chorus.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. enc\_\_\_\_\_al letter  
*n.* a letter or message, typically written by a pope or the Roman Catholic Church, intended for widespread distribution among the clergy or laypeople; a circular or official communication on a particular topic or issue
2. the wel\_\_\_\_\_ng of a nation  
*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
3. the Ca\_\_\_\_\_ic Church  
*adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
4. tu\_\_i line  
*n.* a musical term used to indicate that all instruments or voices are to play or sing together; the section of a musical composition where all instruments or voices are playing simultaneously
5. a sense of wel\_\_\_\_\_ng  
*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
6. pa\_\_l visit  
*adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
7. teaching of Ch\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
8. flu pa\_\_\_\_\_ic  
*n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

ANSWERS: 1. encyclical, 2. well-being, 3. Catholic, 4. tutti, 5. well-being, 6. papal, 7. Christ, 8. pandemic

9. re\_\_\_\_k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
10. have not one d\_\_m of learning *n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages
11. co\_\_\_\_ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
12. 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
13. em\_\_\_\_k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
14. dr\_\_\_\_c measures *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
15. emotionally ind\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral
16. global pa\_\_\_\_ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
17. victim of cat\_\_\_\_hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
18. an ind\_\_\_\_nt glance *adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral
19. cor\_\_\_\_us antibody test kit *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

ANSWERS: 9. rethink, 10. dram, 11. conceive, 12. determinant, 13. embark, 14. drastic, 15. indifferent, 16. pandemic, 17. catastrophic, 18. indifferent, 19. coronavirus

20. co\_\_\_\_ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
21. de\_\_\_\_te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
22. cat\_\_\_\_\_hic climate change *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
23. re\_\_\_\_k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
24. develop int\_\_\_\_\_ent skills *adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected
25. general ind\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
26. tu\_\_i orchestra *n.* a musical term used to indicate that all instruments or voices are to play or sing together; the section of a musical composition where all instruments or voices are playing simultaneously
27. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
28. co\_\_\_\_\_wn clock *n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline

ANSWERS: 20. conceive, 21. dedicate, 22. catastrophic, 23. rethink, 24. interdependent, 25. indifference, 26. tutti, 27. determinant, 28. countdown



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30. de\_\_\_\_\_te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
31. wedding co\_\_\_\_\_wn *n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline
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34. em\_\_\_k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
35. make dr\_\_\_\_\_c revision *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
36. pa\_\_l authority *adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

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37. ca\_\_\_\_ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
38. before Ch\_\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
39. scotch d\_\_m *n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages
40. ind\_\_\_\_\_nce to pain *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

ANSWERS: 37. Catholic, 38. Christ, 39. dram, 40. indifference

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
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  - adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral
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6. The \_\_\_\_\_ palace was a grand and imposing structure.
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ANSWERS: 1. determinant, 2. dram, 3. conceive, 4. indifferent, 5. indifference, 6. papal, 7. coronavirus,

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20. In nature, all living things are \_\_\_\_\_ and rely on each other for survival.

*adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected

ANSWERS: 16. Christmas, 17. drastic, 18. catastrophic, 19. countdown, 20. interdependent