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## Session 1: Word List

### pistol

*n.* a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand  
*synonym*: revolver, handgun, firearm

(1) **pistol** grip, (2) **pistol** shot

The robbers were armed with **pistols** and demanded money.

### plead

*v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

*synonym*: beg, implore, supplicate

(1) **plead** for mercy, (2) **plead** a political cause

He **pleaded** with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

### numb

*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

*synonym*: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

### undeniable

*adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain

*synonym*: absolute, definite, indubitable

(1) an **undeniable** fact, (2) an **undeniable** masterpiece

Her influence on teenagers is **undeniable**.

## quitter

*n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

*synonym*: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

## breakup

*n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections

*synonym*: breakdown, divorce, separation

(1) a **breakup** hug, (2) air **breakup**

He got over the big **breakup** with his wife.

## 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 **missteps**

She took a **misstep** on the stairs and tumbled down to the bottom.

## persevere

*v.* to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement

*synonym*: persist, endure, continue

(1) **persevere** through hardships, (2) **persevere** in my goals

Even when faced with challenges, it's important to **persevere** and never give up.

## crate

*n.* a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods

*synonym*: box, container, receptacle

(1) **crate** of apples, (2) beer **crate**

The shipping **crate** was filled with fragile glassware that must

be shipped carefully.

## sibling

*n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

*synonym*: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

## unshakeable

*adj.* not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering

*synonym*: unwavering, firm, resolute

(1) **unshakeable** determination, (2) **unshakeable** trust

His **unshakeable** confidence inspired those around him to take bold risks.

## hinge

*n.* a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close

*synonym*: joint, pivot

(1) a stiff **hinge**, (2) insecure **hinge**

His involvement is the **hinge** of our plan.

## inexperience

*n.* a lack of knowledge, skill, or familiarity in a particular area or activity, typically resulting from a lack of previous practical involvement, training, or exposure

*synonym*: novice, rawness, green

(1) **inexperience** in the field, (2) youth's **inexperience**

The project manager's **inexperience** led to several delays and miscommunications with the team.

## excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## ecstatic

*adj.* feeling or characterized by intense joy, delight, or enthusiasm

*synonym* : joyful, thrilled, exultant

(1) **ecstatic** joy, (2) **ecstatic** dance

She was **ecstatic** to receive the news that she had won the lottery.

## coexist

*v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

*synonym* : cohabit, accompany, synchronize

(1) **coexist** with nature, (2) **coexist** with diversity

The different species can **coexist** in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.

## adversary

*n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

*synonym* : opponent, enemy, foe

(1) **adversary** team, (2) political **adversary**

The boxer's toughest **adversary** was his fear of losing.

## unconventional

*adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

*synonym* : nontraditional, avant-garde, bizarre

(1) in an **unconventional** manner, (2) **unconventional** ideas

Her **unconventional** approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

## nurture

*v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

*synonym* : boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

## puddle

*n.* a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance

*synonym* : pool, pond, small lake

(1) **puddle** of water, (2) step in a **puddle**

The rain had formed a large **puddle** on the sidewalk.

## shovel

*n.* a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials

*synonym*: excavator, scoop, trowel

(1) snow **shovel**, (2) **shovel** blade

The construction workers used a power **shovel** to dig the foundation for the building.

## amaze

*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

*synonym*: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

## 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.

## well-behaved

*adj.* conforming to accepted standards of behavior or conduct; obedient, polite, and considerate

*synonym*: obedient, well-mannered, disciplined

(1) **well-behaved** student, (2) **well-behaved** dog

The children were **well-behaved** and listened attentively during the museum tour.

## uncover

*v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

*synonym*: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another

crime.

## despise

*v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something

*synonym*: hate, loathe, detest

(1) **despise** a particular food, (2) secretly **despise**

I **despise** injustice and those who perpetrate it.

## allegory

*n.* a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals

*synonym*: fable, apologue, parable

(1) political **allegory**, (2) subtle, multivalent **allegory**

By using this **allegory**, we can teach moral lessons.

## exuberant

*adj.* full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production

*synonym*: joyful, elated, ebullient

(1) **exuberant** performance, (2) **exuberant** personality

The young couple's **exuberant** energy was infectious, and everyone around them was smiling.

## mortify

*v.* to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires

*synonym*: humiliate, embarrass, shame

(1) **mortify** his ego, (2) **mortify** the body

My parents used to **mortify** me by telling embarrassing stories about me in front of my friends.

## convict

*v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

*synonym*: condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five

years in prison.

## affirmation

*n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly  
*synonym*: confirmation, validation, endorsement

(1) self- **affirmation**, (2) statement of **affirmation**

The **affirmation** from her boss gave her the confidence she needed to move forward with her project.

## touchstone

*n.* a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it

*synonym*: benchmark, standard, criterion

(1) artistic **touchstone**, (2) the **touchstone** of truth

The **touchstone** for our company's success has always been our commitment to customer satisfaction.

## empower

*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something  
*synonym*: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## playdate

*n.* a scheduled meeting between two or more children to play together, typically arranged by the parents or caregivers of the children

*synonym*: kids' get-together, child's appointment

(1) **playdate** activities, (2) arrange a **playdate**

My toddler is having a **playdate** with her friend from preschool.

## unpack

*v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

*synonym*: dissect, unwrap, unbox

(1) **unpack** a crate, (2) **unpack** a concept

I need to **unpack** my suitcase and put my clothes away.

## **bedtime**

*n.* the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness

*synonym*: sleep time, night-time

(1) **bedtime** meditation, (2) regular **bedtime**

Reading **bedtime** stories can help children relax and fall asleep faster.



## Session 2: Spelling

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|----------------------------------|------|---|
| 1. secretly de_____e             | v.   | to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something |
| 2. de_____e a particular food    | v.   | to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something |
| 3. unc_____nal ideas             | adj. | not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards                               |
| 4. play with my si_____gs        | n.   | a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents  |
| 5. statement of aff_____on       | n.   | a statement declaring something to be true strongly   |
| 6. a br_____p hug                | n.   | the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections   |
| 7. pe_____re through hardships   | v.   | to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement           |
| 8. subtle, multivalent al_____ry | n.   | a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals                                  |

ANSWERS: 1. despise, 2. despise, 3. unconventional, 4. sibling, 5. affirmation, 6. breakup, 7. persevere, 8. allegory

9. insecure hi\_\_e *n.* a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close
10. uns\_\_\_\_\_le determination *adj.* not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering
11. serial qu\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
12. wel\_\_\_\_\_ved student *adj.* conforming to accepted standards of behavior or conduct; obedient, polite, and considerate
13. pu\_\_\_e of water *n.* a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance
14. nu\_\_\_\_e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
15. navigating mi\_\_\_\_ps *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
16. mo\_\_\_\_y his ego *v.* to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires
17. have a si\_\_\_\_g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

ANSWERS: 9. hinge, 10. unshakeable, 11. quitter, 12. well-behaved, 13. puddle, 14. nurture, 15. misstep, 16. mortify, 17. sibling

18. air br\_\_\_\_p *n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
19. nu\_\_\_\_\_e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
20. pi\_\_\_l grip *n.* a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand
21. pl\_\_d a political cause *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
22. re\_\_\_\_\_k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
23. the tou\_\_\_\_\_ne of truth *n.* a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it
24. ine\_\_\_\_\_nce in the field *n.* a lack of knowledge, skill, or familiarity in a particular area or activity, typically resulting from a lack of previous practical involvement, training, or exposure
25. ec\_\_\_\_\_ic joy *adj.* feeling or characterized by intense joy, delight, or enthusiasm
26. am\_\_e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

ANSWERS: 18. breakup, 19. nurture, 20. pistol, 21. plead, 22. rethink, 23. touchstone, 24. inexperience, 25. ecstatic, 26. amaze

27. ec\_\_\_\_ic dance *adj.* feeling or characterized by intense joy, delight, or enthusiasm
28. n\_\_b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
29. am\_\_e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
30. cr\_\_e of apples *n.* a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods
31. em\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
32. easy qu\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
33. un\_\_\_\_k a concept *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
34. arrange a pl\_\_\_\_te *n.* a scheduled meeting between two or more children to play together, typically arranged by the parents or caregivers of the children
35. uns\_\_\_\_le trust *adj.* not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering
36. an und\_\_\_\_le fact *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain

ANSWERS: 27. ecstatic, 28. numb, 29. amaze, 30. crate, 31. empower, 32. quitter, 33. unpack, 34. playdate, 35. unshakeable, 36. undeniable

37. ex\_\_\_\_\_nt performance *adj.* full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production
38. pl\_\_d for mercy *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
39. un\_\_\_k a crate *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
40. regular be\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness
41. co\_\_\_\_\_t with nature *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
42. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
43. pe\_\_\_\_\_re in my goals *v.* to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement
44. self-aff\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly
45. political ad\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

ANSWERS: 37. exuberant, 38. plead, 39. unpack, 40. bedtime, 41. coexist, 42. excite, 43. persevere, 44. affirmation, 45. adversary

46. mo\_\_\_\_y the body                    *v.* to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires
47. artistic tou\_\_\_\_\_ne                *n.* a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it
48. ex\_\_\_\_\_nt personality            *adj.* full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production
49. step in a pu\_\_\_\_e                    *n.* a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance
50. ad\_\_\_\_\_ry team                    *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
51. an und\_\_\_\_\_le masterpiece        *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
52. ex\_\_\_\_e rebellion                    *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
53. co\_\_\_\_\_t in a jail                    *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
54. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life                    *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 46. mortify, 47. touchstone, 48. exuberant, 49. puddle, 50. adversary, 51. undeniable, 52. excite, 53. convict, 54. empower

55. sh\_\_\_l blade *n.* a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials
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59. a stiff hi\_\_e *n.* a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close
60. snow sh\_\_\_l *n.* a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials
61. co\_\_\_\_\_t with diversity *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
62. political al\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals
63. pl\_\_\_\_\_te activities *n.* a scheduled meeting between two or more children to play together, typically arranged by the parents or caregivers of the children

ANSWERS: 55. shovel, 56. inexperience, 57. bedtime, 58. well-behaved, 59. hinge, 60. shovel, 61. coexist, 62. allegory, 63. playdate

64. un\_\_\_\_r a potential problem      *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
65. in an unc\_\_\_\_\_nal manner      *adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
66. pi\_\_\_l shot      *n.* a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand
67. beer cr\_\_\_e      *n.* a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods
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69. co\_\_\_\_t him of manslaughter      *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
70. a n\_\_b mind      *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
71. re\_\_\_\_k the role of the manager      *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
72. un\_\_\_\_r the truth      *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

ANSWERS: 64. uncover, 65. unconventional, 66. pistol, 67. crate, 68. misstep, 69. convict, 70. numb, 71. rethink, 72. uncover



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The rain had formed a large \_\_\_\_\_ on the sidewalk.  
*n.* a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance
  
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3. He was labeled as a \_\_\_\_\_ after he abandoned the project halfway.  
*n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
  
4. Schools should \_\_\_\_\_ children's mutual interest spirit.  
*v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
  
5. She was \_\_\_\_\_ to receive the news that she had won the lottery.  
*adj.* feeling or characterized by intense joy, delight, or enthusiasm
  
6. My toddler is having a \_\_\_\_\_ with her friend from preschool.  
*n.* a scheduled meeting between two or more children to play together, typically arranged by the parents or caregivers of the children
  
7. He continued his investigation and soon \_\_\_\_\_ another crime.  
*v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

ANSWERS: 1. puddle, 2. exuberant, 3. quitter, 4. nurture, 5. ecstatic, 6. playdate, 7. uncovered

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9. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.

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14. He was \_\_\_\_\_ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

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15. The robbers were armed with \_\_\_\_\_ and demanded money.

*n.* a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand

ANSWERS: 8. adversary, 9. numb, 10. despise, 11. empowered, 12. siblings, 13. rethink, 14. convicted, 15. pistols

16. The children were \_\_\_\_\_ and listened attentively during the museum tour.  
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ANSWERS: 16. well-behaved, 17. undeniable, 18. inexperience, 19. breakup, 20. amazed, 21. pleaded, 22. mortify, 23. persevere

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ANSWERS: 24. crate, 25. bedtime, 26. shovel, 27. unpack, 28. unshakeable, 29. affirmation, 30. allegory,

31. His involvement is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our plan.

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36. Her \_\_\_\_\_ approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

- adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

ANSWERS: 31. hinge, 32. excited, 33. misstep, 34. coexist, 35. touchstone, 36. unconventional