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## Session 1: Word List

### emphatic

*adj.* expressing something forcibly and clearly; done or said with emphasis

*synonym* : forceful, assertive, definite

(1) **emphatic** victory, (2) **emphatic** tone

The coach was **emphatic** in his instructions to the players before the big game.

### entice

*v.* to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting

*synonym* : lure, tempt, attract

(1) **entice** foreign investment, (2) **entice** shoppers

The salesperson tried to **entice** the customer into buying a new car.

### Alzheimer

*n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults

*synonym* : dementia, memory loss, cognitive decline

(1) **Alzheimer's** brain, (2) **Alzheimer's** risk factors

My grandmother has **Alzheimer's** disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.

## dementia

*n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

*synonym*: cognitive decline, memory loss, Alzheimer's disease

(1) **dementia** patients, (2) probably have **dementia**

The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of **dementia** in older age.

## descend

*v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

*synonym*: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

## stigma

*n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

*synonym*: mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

## loosen

*v.* to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax

*synonym*: relax, slacken, untie

(1) **loosen** grip, (2) **loosen** knot

Please **loosen** the screws on the back panel so we can access the inside of the machine.

## unending

*adj.* seeming to have no end

*synonym*: endless, eternal, lasting

(1) **unending** battle, (2) the **unending** bliss

Creating amazing shows requires constant **unending** effort.

## dreary

*adj.* dull, gloomy, or lifeless; lacking in brightness or variety; monotonous and uninteresting

*synonym*: gloomy, dismal, somber

(1) **dreary** weather, (2) **dreary** mood

The gray, **dreary** sky reflected the mood of the people who had to endure the rainy weather.

## caregiving

*n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

*synonym*: nurturing, caring, assisting

(1) **caregiving** process, (2) **caregiving** responsibilities

She devoted her life to **caregiving**, looking after her aging parents.

## greet

*v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

*synonym*: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

## driftwood

*n.* wood that has been carried along by the current of a river or ocean and washed up on shore, often used for decorative purposes or as fuel

*synonym*: floatwood, beachwood, logwood

(1) **driftwood** art, (2) beach **driftwood**

A large **driftwood** branch provided a perfect perch for the seagull to rest on.

## buoyant

*adj.* lighthearted and cheerful; tending to float; having a positive attitude or outlook

*synonym*: optimistic, lighthearted, floating

(1) **buoyant** force, (2) **buoyant** market

His **buoyant** personality helped lift the spirits of everyone in the room.

## synchronize

*v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

*synonym*: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

## animate

*v.* to make something full of interest and energy  
*synonym*: invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

## puppet

*n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

*synonym*: marionette, dummy, mannequin

(1) **puppet** theater, (2) corporate **puppet**

The politician was merely a **puppet** for the wealthy elite.

## open-ended

*adj.* without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response

*synonym*: unlimited, unrestricted, flexible

(1) an **open-ended** discussion, (2) **open-ended** agreements

Most people who saw the film were dissatisfied with the **open-ended** ending.

## infuse

*v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

*synonym*: instill, fill, permeate

(1) **infuse** with spirit, (2) **infuse** life with meaning

She **infused** fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

## 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.

## distracted

*adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

*synonym*: preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a

conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

### **captivate**

v. to attract and hold the attention or interest of

*synonym*: enchant, charm, fascinate

(1) **captivate** public sentiment, (2) **captivate** the mind

The magician **captivated** the audience with his illusions.

### **reimagine**

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

*synonym*: re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

### **odyssey**

n. a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

(1) go on a serious **odyssey**, (2) cross-country **odyssey**

He continued the extraordinary **odyssey** with his brother.

### **weave**

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

*synonym*: braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

### **choreograph**

v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

(1) **choreograph** a stage performance, (2) exquisitely **choreographed**

He had **choreographed** the dance in this play himself.

### **culminate**

v. to reach a peak or climax

*synonym*: end, finish, conclude

(1) **culminate** in a heart attack, (2) **culminate** in failure  
The event will **culminate** in a grand fireworks display.

## lovingly

*adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love

*synonym*: fondly, affectionately

(1) **lovingly** crafted, (2) **lovingly** prepared

She looked at him **lovingly** and knew he was the one for her.

## hospice

*n.* a specialized care facility or service for terminally ill patients intended to provide comfort and support in the final stages of life; any program, organization, or approach focused on end-of-life care and support

*synonym*: palliative care, nursing home, care center

(1) **hospice** care, (2) home **hospice**

The **hospice** team includes nurses, social workers, chaplains, and volunteers who work together to provide comprehensive care.

## feisty

*adj.* full of energy or courage, often in the face of opposition or challenge; lively or spunky in temperament

*synonym*: spunky, plucky, spirited

(1) **feisty** attitude, (2) **feisty** debate

The **feisty** little terrier refused to back down from the larger dog.

## dread

*v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

*synonym*: fear, cringe, apprehend

(1) **dread** failure, (2) **dread** getting old

We all **dread** to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. dr\_\_\_y mood *adj.* dull, gloomy, or lifeless; lacking in brightness or variety; monotonous and uninteresting
2. the un\_\_\_\_\_ng bliss *adj.* seeming to have no end
3. de\_\_\_\_\_ia patients *n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
4. em\_\_\_\_\_ic tone *adj.* expressing something forcibly and clearly; done or said with emphasis
5. gr\_\_t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
6. gr\_\_t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
7. in\_\_\_e life with meaning *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
8. ap\_\_\_\_\_d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
9. dr\_\_d failure *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
10. lo\_\_\_\_\_ly prepared *adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
11. an\_\_\_\_\_e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy

ANSWERS: 1. dreary, 2. unending, 3. dementia, 4. emphatic, 5. greet, 6. greet, 7. infuse, 8. applaud, 9. dread, 10. lovingly, 11. animate



12. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze movements      *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
13. we\_\_e a story      *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
14. dis\_\_\_\_\_ed by a conversation      *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
15. Al\_\_\_\_\_er's risk factors      *n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
16. beach dr\_\_\_\_\_od      *n.* wood that has been carried along by the current of a river or ocean and washed up on shore, often used for decorative purposes or as fuel
17. em\_\_\_\_\_ic victory      *adj.* expressing something forcibly and clearly; done or said with emphasis
18. cho\_\_\_\_\_ph a stage performance      *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
19. an\_\_\_\_\_e the body      *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
20. re\_\_\_\_\_ne the possibilities      *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
21. lo\_\_\_\_n grip      *v.* to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax

ANSWERS: 12. synchronize, 13. weave, 14. distracted, 15. Alzheimer, 16. driftwood, 17. emphatic, 18. choreograph, 19. animate, 20. reimagine, 21. loosen

22. ho\_\_\_\_e care *n.* a specialized care facility or service for terminally ill patients intended to provide comfort and support in the final stages of life; any program, organization, or approach focused on end-of-life care and support
23. home ho\_\_\_\_e *n.* a specialized care facility or service for terminally ill patients intended to provide comfort and support in the final stages of life; any program, organization, or approach focused on end-of-life care and support
24. lo\_\_\_\_ly crafted *adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
25. social st\_\_\_\_a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
26. ye\_\_n for love *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
27. de\_\_\_\_d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
28. dr\_\_d getting old *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
29. ope\_\_\_\_ed agreements *adj.* without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response
30. fe\_\_\_\_y debate *adj.* full of energy or courage, often in the face of opposition or challenge; lively or spunky in temperament

ANSWERS: 22. hospice, 23. hospice, 24. lovingly, 25. stigma, 26. yearn, 27. descend, 28. dread, 29. open-ended, 30. feisty

31. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze our watches                    *v.*    to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
32. exquisitely cho\_\_\_\_\_phed                *v.*    to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
33. go on a serious od\_\_\_\_\_y                *n.*    a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
34. Al\_\_\_\_\_er's brain                        *n.*    a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
35. pu\_\_\_\_t theater                              *n.*    a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
36. dr\_\_\_\_y weather                            *adj.* dull, gloomy, or lifeless; lacking in brightness or variety; monotonous and uninteresting
37. cross-country od\_\_\_\_\_y                *n.*    a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
38. bu\_\_\_\_\_t market                        *adj.* lighthearted and cheerful; tending to float; having a positive attitude or outlook
39. ca\_\_\_\_\_te the mind                      *v.*    to attract and hold the attention or interest of

ANSWERS: 31. synchronize, 32. choreograph, 33. odyssey, 34. Alzheimer, 35. puppet, 36. dreary, 37. odyssey, 38. buoyant, 39. captivate

40. corporate pu\_\_\_t *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
41. re\_\_\_\_\_ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
42. bu\_\_\_\_\_t force *adj.* lighthearted and cheerful; tending to float; having a positive attitude or outlook
43. dr\_\_\_\_\_od art *n.* wood that has been carried along by the current of a river or ocean and washed up on shore, often used for decorative purposes or as fuel
44. ca\_\_\_\_\_te public sentiment *v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of
45. en\_\_\_e shoppers *v.* to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
46. un\_\_\_\_\_ng battle *adj.* seeming to have no end
47. ye\_\_n after my old days *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
48. cu\_\_\_\_\_te in a heart attack *v.* to reach a peak or climax
49. in\_\_\_e with spirit *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
50. lo\_\_\_n knot *v.* to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax
51. car\_\_\_\_\_ng process *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

ANSWERS: 40. puppet, 41. reimagine, 42. buoyant, 43. driftwood, 44. captivate, 45. entice, 46. unending, 47. yearn, 48. culminate, 49. infuse, 50. loosen, 51. caregiving

52. cu\_\_\_\_\_te in failure                    *v.*    to reach a peak or climax
53. de\_\_\_\_\_d by elevator                    *v.*    to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
54. ap\_\_\_\_\_d his courage                    *v.*    to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
55. fe\_\_\_\_y attitude                            *adj.* full of energy or courage, often in the face of opposition or challenge; lively or spunky in temperament
56. get dis\_\_\_\_\_ed by an urgent matter    *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
57. we\_\_\_e on a loom                            *v.*    to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
58. en\_\_\_\_e foreign investment                *v.*    to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
59. probably have de\_\_\_\_\_ia                    *n.*    a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
60. car\_\_\_\_\_ng responsibilities                *n.*    the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
61. st\_\_\_\_a against obesity                    *n.*    a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
62. an ope\_\_\_\_\_ed discussion                *adj.* without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response

ANSWERS: 52. culminate, 53. descend, 54. applaud, 55. feisty, 56. distracted, 57. weave, 58. entice, 59. dementia, 60. caregiving, 61. stigma, 62. open-ended

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly \_\_\_\_\_.  
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ANSWERS: 9. choreographed, 10. buoyant, 11. unending, 12. open-ended, 13. puppet, 14. hospice, 15. loosen, 16. distracted



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ANSWERS: 17. lovingly, 18. animated, 19. emphatic, 20. yearned, 21. feisty, 22. infused, 23. descended, 24. captivated, 25. caregiving,

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ANSWERS: 26. dread, 27. dreary, 28. applaud, 29. entice, 30. culminate, 31. dementia