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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### livable

*adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation

*synonym*: habitable, comfortable, pleasant

(1) **livable** city, (2) **livable** housing

Finding a safe and **livable** neighborhood is important when looking for a new place to live.

### disobedience

*n.* the act of refusing or failing to follow orders or rules

*synonym*: rebelliousness, insubordination, defiance

(1) **disobedience** to authority, (2) civil **disobedience**

The **disobedience** of the soldiers resulted in a court martial.

### grandkid

*n.* the grandchildren of a particular person

*synonym*: grandchildren, grandnieces, grandnephews

(1) spend the weekend with their **grandkids**, (2) cute

### **grandkids**

She was so proud of her **grandkids**, who were all doing well in school and had great personalities.

### **erode**

*v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

*synonym*: wear away, deteriorate, corrode

(1) **erode** coast, (2) **erode** trust

The ongoing budget cuts have **eroded** the quality of education in many schools.

### **conservatism**

*n.* a political and social ideology that seeks to preserve traditional values, institutions, and practices and resist change or innovation, often associated with a preference for limited government, free markets, and strong national defense

*synonym*: traditionalism, preservation

(1) fiscal **conservatism**, (2) **conservatism** party

**Conservatism** in politics tends to prioritize traditional values and limited government intervention.

### **reconnect**

*v.* to connect again after a break or interruption

*synonym*: reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

### **like-minded**

*adj.* having the same ideas or interests

*synonym*: simpatico, kindred-spirited, compatible

(1) find a **like-minded** friend, (2) **like-minded** group

They formed a group of **like-minded** individuals who shared a common goal.

### **solace**

*n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in

a time of distress, loss, or suffering

*synonym*: comfort, condolence, peace

(1) **solace** in music, (2) offer **solace**

The grieving widow found **solace** in reading her late husband's letters.

## antidote

*n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

*synonym*: remedy, treatment, restorative

(1) the **antidote** to the poison, (2) the **antidote** for aging  
Knowledge is the **antidote** to fear.

## handcuff

*n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process

*synonym*: shackle, bind, restraint

(1) **handcuff** his wrists, (2) break free from **handcuffs**

The police officer put **handcuffs** on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.

## exhort

*v.* to strongly encourage or urge someone to do something; to give advice or admonition with urgency or passion

*synonym*: urge, encourage, persuade

(1) **exhort** to action, (2) **exhort** him to be honest

The motivational speaker tried to **exhort** the audience to reach their full potential.

## Senate

*n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

*synonym*: upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

**senator**

*n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

*synonym*: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

**amass**

*v.* to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference

*synonym*: gather, collect, accumulate

(1) **amass** a patent portfolio, (2) **amass** followers

She had **amassed** a fortune through wise investments and shrewd business decisions.

**rainforest**

*n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

**frack**

*v.* to inject water and chemicals into the ground at high pressure to fracture the rock and release the gas or oil, especially to extract them

*synonym*: extract, drill, mine

(1) **frack** the land, (2) **frack** multiple wells

The energy company plans to **frack** the shale deposit to extract natural gas.

**windmill**

*n.* a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity

*synonym*: wind turbine, aerogenerator

(1) **windmill** blades, (2) **windmill** energy

The countryside was dotted with picturesque **windmills**.

**retrain**

*v.* to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or

technology

*synonym* : educate, instruct

(1) **retrain** employees, (2) **retrain** skills

She plans to **retrain** in a new field after retiring from her current career.

**retrofit**

v. to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured

*synonym* : backfit, reconstruct, recycle

(1) **retrofit** an electronic system, (2) **retrofit** applications

A **retrofit** may involve putting in new door jambs.

**unleash**

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

*synonym* : discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

**mobilize**

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

*synonym* : activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

**optimism**

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

*synonym* : positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

**stave**

n. a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from

happening

*synonym* : stick, rod, staff

(1) **stave** off a conspiracy, (2) barrel **stave**

They used iron **staves** to hit the ships and prevent them from approaching the harbor.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. political op_____sm       | <i>n.</i> a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation   |
| 2. ex____t him to be honest  | <i>v.</i> to strongly encourage or urge someone to do something; to give advice or admonition with urgency or passion  |
| 3. ha_____ff his wrists      | <i>n.</i> a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process |
| 4. Se____e Finance Committee | <i>n.</i> a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament   |
| 5. mo_____ze a stiff joint   | <i>v.</i> to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose  |
| 6. am__s followers           | <i>v.</i> to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference  |
| 7. cute gr_____ids           | <i>n.</i> the grandchildren of a particular person   |
| 8. se_____r term             | <i>n.</i> a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate   |

ANSWERS: 1. optimism, 2. exhort, 3. handcuff, 4. Senate, 5. mobilize, 6. amass, 7. grandkid, 8. senator

9. dis\_\_\_\_\_nce to authority *n.* the act of refusing or failing to follow orders or rules
10. am\_\_s a patent portfolio *v.* to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference
11. un\_\_\_\_\_h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
12. mo\_\_\_\_\_ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
13. wi\_\_\_\_\_ll energy *n.* a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity
14. make dr\_\_\_\_\_c revision *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
15. break free from ha\_\_\_\_\_ffs *n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
16. tropical rai\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
17. re\_\_\_\_\_it applications *v.* to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured

ANSWERS: 9. disobedience, 10. amass, 11. unleash, 12. mobilize, 13. windmill, 14. drastic, 15. handcuff, 16. rainforest, 17. retrofit



18. sense of op\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
19. fiscal con\_\_\_\_\_ism *n.* a political and social ideology that seeks to preserve traditional values, institutions, and practices and resist change or innovation, often associated with a preference for limited government, free markets, and strong national defense
20. dr\_\_\_\_\_c measures *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
21. er\_\_e coast *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
22. li\_\_\_\_\_e city *adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
23. li\_\_\_\_\_e housing *adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
24. lik\_\_\_\_\_ed group *adj.* having the same ideas or interests
25. re\_\_\_\_\_it an electronic system *v.* to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured
26. con\_\_\_\_\_ism party *n.* a political and social ideology that seeks to preserve traditional values, institutions, and practices and resist change or innovation, often associated with a preference for limited government, free markets, and strong national defense

ANSWERS: 18. optimism, 19. conservatism, 20. drastic, 21. erode, 22. livable, 23. livable, 24. like-minded, 25. retrofit, 26. conservatism

27. un\_\_\_\_\_h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
28. rai\_\_\_\_\_st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
29. the an\_\_\_\_\_te to the poison *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
30. the an\_\_\_\_\_te for aging *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
31. re\_\_\_\_\_ct with family *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
32. civil dis\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the act of refusing or failing to follow orders or rules
33. find a lik\_\_\_\_\_ed friend *adj.* having the same ideas or interests
34. offer so\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering
35. re\_\_\_\_\_n skills *v.* to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or technology
36. so\_\_\_\_\_e in music *n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering
37. fr\_\_k the land *v.* to inject water and chemicals into the ground at high pressure to fracture the rock and release the gas or oil, especially to extract them

ANSWERS: 27. unleash, 28. rainforest, 29. antidote, 30. antidote, 31. reconnect, 32. disobedience, 33. like-minded, 34. solace, 35. retrain, 36. solace, 37. frack

38. fr\_\_k multiple wells      *v.* to inject water and chemicals into the ground at high pressure to fracture the rock and release the gas or oil, especially to extract them
39. st\_\_e off a conspiracy      *n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening
40. junior se\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
41. ex\_\_\_\_t to action      *v.* to strongly encourage or urge someone to do something; to give advice or admonition with urgency or passion
42. Se\_\_\_\_e hearing      *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
43. spend the weekend with their gr\_\_\_\_ids      *n.* the grandchildren of a particular person
44. er\_\_e trust      *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
45. wi\_\_\_\_ll blades      *n.* a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity
46. re\_\_\_\_ct a telephone      *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption

ANSWERS: 38. frack, 39. stave, 40. senator, 41. exhort, 42. Senate, 43. grandkid, 44. erode, 45. windmill, 46. reconnect

47. re\_\_\_\_n employees

*v.* to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or technology

48. barrel st\_\_e

*n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening

ANSWERS: 47. retrain, 48. stave

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in politics tends to prioritize traditional values and limited government intervention.
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5. A \_\_\_\_\_ may involve putting in new door jambs.
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ANSWERS: 1. Conservatism, 2. frack, 3. staves, 4. handcuffs, 5. retrofit

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ANSWERS: 6. unleash, 7. rainforest, 8. solace, 9. grandkids, 10. amassed, 11. eroded, 12. mobilized, 13. senator

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