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## **Session 1: Word List**

## candlelight

- *n.* light provided by a candle or candles
- synonym: lamp light, oil light, firelight
- (1) candlelight dinner, (2) candlelight vigil

The room was dimly lit by soft candlelight.

## vigil

 a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for security or safety reasons

synonym: watch, observance, monitoring

(1) vigil for peace, (2) night vigil

The mother kept a vigil by her sick child's bedside all night.

#### ethic

n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

synonym: moral code, code of conduct, principles

(1) moral ethic, (2) professional ethic

Having a strong work **ethic** is important for success in any field.

#### arresting

adj. attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something

synonym: striking, impressive, captivating

(1) an arresting image, (2) an arresting sight

The painting's **arresting** beauty made it difficult to look away.

#### heroic

 adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

synonym: brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

#### underresourced

 adj. lacking sufficient resources, especially financial or material support, to carry out a particular task, project, or mission

synonym: underfunded, deprived, resource-poor

(1) **underresourced** community, (2) **underresourced** nonprofits

The **underresourced** school needed help to provide basic supplies for its students.

#### fable

 a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

synonym: fantasy, story, legend

(1) classic fable, (2) moralize a fable

In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known fable.

#### untold

adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

synonym: countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) untold riches, (2) an untold number of people

The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

#### incarceration

- *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail *synonym*: confinement, imprisonment, detention
- mass incarceration, (2) incarceration rates
   The judge sentenced him to five years of incarceration for embezzlement.

#### incarcerate

 to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

synonym: confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

## trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym: course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

#### irreverent

adj. lacking proper respect or seriousness, often in a lighthearted or humorous manner; not showing reverence or deference to established authority or tradition

synonym: disrespectful, impious, sacrilegious

(1) **irreverent** comment, (2) **irreverent** attitude

The comedian's **irreverent** jokes about religion offended some members of the audience.

#### penetrate

v. to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance

*synonym*: pierce, stab, go through

(1) **penetrate** a cell, (2) **penetrate** quickly into the skin Western ideology slowly **penetrates** through the eastern countries.

#### intellect

 the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my intellect, (2) human intellect Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

## ingenuity

the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

synonym: creativity, invention, originality

- (1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity** Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.
- skill and sensitivity in dealing with others, particularly in difficult or delicate situations

synonym: diplomacy, politeness, discretion

(1) public speaking tact, (2) show great emotional tact His diplomatic tact helped him to navigate the difficult negotiations.

#### well-being

- 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.

## acquittal

a judgment of not guilty in a criminal trial or a release from a charge or obligation due to a lack of evidence or proof

*synonym*: exculpation, vindication, exoneration

(1) acquittal verdict, (2) speedy acquittal The jury's **acquittal** of the defendant shocked many people who believed he was guilty.

## lifesaving

- the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, n. especially from drowning
- (1) lifesaving efforts, (2) lifesaving device

tact

The patient needs a **lifesaving** transplant operation.

#### gape

n. an act of opening the mouth wide, often as a sign of surprise, wonder, or boredom; a wide opening or gap in something, especially in a physical object or landscape; (verb) to open one's mouth wide, often as a result of surprise, shock, or amazement

synonym: gaze, opening, mouth

(1) gape in amazement, (2) bird's gape

The **gape** of the Grand Canyon is an awe-inspiring sight.

## disprove

- v. to show that something is not true or correct synonym: refute, discredit, invalidate
- (1) **disprove** global warming, (2) **disprove** the conjecture The researchers were unable to **disprove** the theory.

## allege

v. to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

synonym: claim, assert, state

(1) allege abuse, (2) allege wrongdoing

The prosecution **alleged** that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

## opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

#### dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym: disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

## 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.

## sobriety

 the state of being sober; the state of being serious, thoughtful, or solemn; the state of being moderate or restrained

synonym: somberness, abstemiousness, temperance

(1) long-term **sobriety**, (2) **sobriety** test

Police set up **sobriety** checkpoints as a measure to prevent drunk driving accidents.

## applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym: clap, celebrate, praise

(1) applaud his courage, (2) applaud the orchestraI enthusiastically applaud my rival's achievement.

## profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply synonym: deeply, greatly, completely

(1) profoundly insightful, (2) sleep profoundly

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

## perseverance

 steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success

synonym: persistence, tenacity, determination

(1) unwavering **perseverance**, (2) dogged **perseverance**Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his **perseverance** and determination led him to success.

#### courtroom

n. a room in which a court of law is heldsynonym: law court, tribunal

(1) courtroom drama, (2) courtroom trial

The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave

# **Session 2: Spelling**

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- 2. di\_\_\_ve the sugar
- classic fa\_\_e
- 4. enrich my in\_\_\_\_ct
- 5. lif\_\_\_\_ng efforts
- 6. can\_\_\_\_ht dinner
- 7. moral et\_\_c
- 8. a sense of wel\_\_\_\_ng
- 9. g\_e in amazement

- *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
- v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
- a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
- the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
- n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
- n. light provided by a candle or candles
- n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
- *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
- n. an act of opening the mouth wide, often as a sign of surprise, wonder, or boredom; a wide opening or gap in something, especially in a physical object or landscape; (verb) to open one's mouth wide, often as a result of surprise, shock, or amazement

ANSWERS: 1. ingenuity, 2. dissolve, 3. fable, 4. intellect, 5. lifesaving, 6. candlelight, 7. ethic, 8. well-being, 9. gape

10.	viI for peace	n.	a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for security or safety reasons
11.	pld for mercy	<i>v</i> .	to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
12.	apd the orchestra	<i>v</i> .	to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
13.	career trary	n.	the curved path followed by an object moving through space
14.	human inct	n.	the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
15.	coom drama	n.	a room in which a court of law is held
16.	an und number of people	adj.	not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
17.	dive the conjecture	<i>v</i> .	to show that something is not true or correct
18.	lifng device	n.	the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
19.	incte the murderer	<i>v</i> .	to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
20.	sleep proly	adv.	to a great or complete degree; deeply
21.	incion rates	n.	the state of being confined in prison or jail
22.	moralize a fae	n.	a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

ANSWERS: 10. vigil, 11. plead, 12. applaud, 13. trajectory, 14. intellect, 15. courtroom, 16. untold, 17. disprove, 18. lifesaving, 19. incarcerate, 20. profoundly, 21. incarceration, 22. fable

23.	hec explorers	adj.	courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
24.	show great emotional tt	n.	skill and sensitivity in dealing with others, particularly in difficult or delicate situations
25.	dogged pernce	n.	steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
26.	ale abuse	<i>v</i> .	to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
27.	apd his courage	<i>v</i> .	to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
28.	a trary missile	n.	the curved path followed by an object moving through space
29.	undced nonprofits	adj.	lacking sufficient resources, especially financial or material support, to carry out a particular task, project, or mission
30.	pete a cell	<i>v</i> .	to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
31.	ale wrongdoing	<i>v</i> .	to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
32.	unwavering pernce	n.	steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
33.	professional etc	n.	a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

ANSWERS: 23. heroic, 24. tact, 25. perseverance, 26. allege, 27. applaud, 28. trajectory, 29. underresourced, 30. penetrate, 31. allege, 32. perseverance, 33. ethic

34.	the welng of a nation	n.	the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
35.	proly insightful	adv.	to a great or complete degree; deeply
36.	canht vigil	n.	light provided by a candle or candles
37.	officially dived the marriage	<i>v</i> .	to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
38.	speedy acal	n.	a judgment of not guilty in a criminal trial or a release from a charge or obligation due to a lack of evidence or proof
39.	undced community	adj.	lacking sufficient resources, especially financial or material support, to carry out a particular task, project, or mission
40.	night vil	n.	a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for security or safety reasons
41.	coom trial	n.	a room in which a court of law is held
42.	opne occasion	adj.	suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
43.	irrnt attitude	adj.	lacking proper respect or seriousness, often in a lighthearted or humorous manner; not showing reverence or deference to established authority or tradition

ANSWERS: 34. well-being, 35. profoundly, 36. candlelight, 37. dissolve, 38. acquittal, 39. underresourced, 40. vigil, 41. courtroom, 42. opportune, 43. irreverent

44.	the infinite inty of man	n.	the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
45.	pld a political cause	<i>v</i> .	to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
46.	a hec poem	adj.	courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
47.	soty test	n.	the state of being sober; the state of being serious, thoughtful, or solemn; the state of being moderate or restrained
48.	acal verdict	n.	a judgment of not guilty in a criminal trial or a release from a charge or obligation due to a lack of evidence or proof
49.	mass incion	n.	the state of being confined in prison or jail
50.	an arng image	adj.	attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something
51.	an arng sight	adj.	attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something
52.	long-term soty	n.	the state of being sober; the state of being serious, thoughtful, or solemn; the state of being moderate or restrained
53.	an opne remark	adj.	suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 44. ingenuity, 45. plead, 46. heroic, 47. sobriety, 48. acquittal, 49. incarceration, 50. arresting, 51. arresting, 52. sobriety, 53. opportune

54.	und riches	adj.	not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
55.	irrnt comment	adj.	lacking proper respect or seriousness, often in a lighthearted or humorous manner; not showing reverence or deference to established authority or tradition
56.	incte her for life	<i>v</i> .	to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
57.	bird's ge	n.	an act of opening the mouth wide, often as a sign of surprise, wonder, or boredom; a wide opening or gap in something, especially in a physical object or landscape; (verb) to open one's mouth wide, often as a result of surprise, shock, or amazement
58.	public speaking tt	n.	skill and sensitivity in dealing with others, particularly in difficult or delicate situations
59.	dive global warming	<i>v</i> .	to show that something is not true or correct
60.	pete quickly into the skin	<i>v</i> .	to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance

ANSWERS: 54. untold, 55. irreverent, 56. incarcerate, 57. gape, 58. tact, 59. disprove, 60. penetrate

# **Session 3: Fill in the Blanks**

1.	The prosecution that the defendant was guilty of the crime.
v.	to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
2.	Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his and determination led him to success.
n.	steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
3.	The jury's of the defendant shocked many people who believed he was guilty.
n.	a judgment of not guilty in a criminal trial or a release from a charge or obligation due to a lack of evidence or proof
4.	The school needed help to provide basic supplies for its students.
adj	<ul> <li>lacking sufficient resources, especially financial or material support, to carry out a particular task, project, or mission</li> </ul>
5.	The eyewitness took the stand in the and gave testimony crucial to the case.
n.	a room in which a court of law is held
6.	The patient needs a transplant operation.
n.	the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
7.	The comedian's jokes about religion offended some members of the audience.
adj	<ul> <li>lacking proper respect or seriousness, often in a lighthearted or humorous manner; not showing reverence or deference to established authority or tradition</li> </ul>
	SWERS: 1. alleged, 2. perseverance, 3. acquittal, 4. underresourced, 5.

ANSWERS: 8. applaud, 9. pleaded, 10. gape, 11. disprove, 12. dissolved, 13. opportune, 14. candlelight, 15. arresting