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## Session 1: Word List

### monogamy

*n.* the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner

*synonym*: marriage, monandry, monogamousness

(1) **monogamy** rules, (2) practice **monogamy**

Many religious institutions promote **monogamy** as the ideal form of marriage.

### revisit

*v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period

*synonym*: reexplore, review, reexamine

(1) **revisit** a place, (2) **revisit** an old friend

We need to **revisit** this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

### recite

*v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

*synonym*: repeat, replicate, recount

(1) **recite** a charm, (2) **recite** a long list of the article

He could **recite** all of Shakespeare's works.

### songbird

*n.* a bird with a musical call, such as a blackbird or thrush

*synonym*: songster

(1) migratory **songbird**, (2) tropical **songbird**

Federal law protects the majority of **songbirds**.

## waterfowl

*n.* birds that are adapted to living near or on the water, such as ducks and geese

*synonym*: duck, goose, swan

(1) **waterfowl** hunting, (2) migratory **waterfowl**

The lake was home to many different types of **waterfowl**, including ducks and geese.

## decode

*v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

*synonym*: decipher, translate, interpret

(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences

The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

## infidelity

*n.* the quality or state of being unfaithful, especially having sex with someone who is not your partner

*synonym*: disloyalty, adultery, affair

(1) alleged **infidelity**, (2) act of **infidelity**

She forgave him for his **infidelity**.

## pinnacle

*n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success

*synonym*: summit, peak, apex

(1) architectural **pinnacle**, (2) reached the **pinnacle**

Climbing to the **pinnacle** of the mountain is a challenge that many outdoor enthusiasts strive to achieve.

## jealousy

*n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

*synonym*: envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their

relationship.

## ornithology

*n.* the scientific study of birds, including their behavior, anatomy, physiology, and ecology

*synonym*: birdwatching, avian studies, ornithomancy

(1) **ornithology** club, (2) **ornithology** conference

The **ornithology** department at the local university has state-of-the-art facilities for the study of birds

## sect

*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

*synonym*: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

## reclassify

*v.* to divide things or people into new or different groups

*synonym*: redefine, relabel, regroup

(1) **reclassify** some of its books, (2) **reclassify** the mollusks

The scientists tried to **reclassify** the new species as a subspecies of a related species.

## abbreviation

*n.* a shortened form of a word or phrase used to represent the whole, typically for ease of use

*synonym*: short form, acronym, initialism

(1) currency **abbreviation**, (2) **abbreviation** of the full name

In the medical field, service **abbreviation** refers to medical procedures, diagnoses, and medications.

## recount

*v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story

*synonym*: narrate, tell, report

(1) **recount** the adventure, (2) **recount** a conversation with him

They **recount** events that have already occurred.

- bop**
- v.* to move or dance in a lively, rhythmic way, especially to jazz or pop music; to hit or strike someone or something quickly and lightly; (noun) a type of music, especially jazz or swing, characterized by a lively, upbeat rhythm
- synonym* : jig, hop, bounce
- (1) hard **bop**, (2) **bop** to the beat
- The jazz band began to **bop** and swing during their performance, causing the crowd to dance along.
- 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.
- confuse**
- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
- synonym* : confound, obscure, disorient
- (1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
- Her remarks **confused** the debate.
- remix**
- v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
- synonym* : recreate, recompose, alter
- (1) **remix** a couple of tracks, (2) **remix** the album
- He **remixed** the tracks to give them a jazz feel.
- lexicon**
- n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
- synonym* : glossary, dictionary, vocabulary
- (1) Greek-English **lexicon**, (2) **lexicon** of business phrases
- This bilingual **lexicon** was essential for his language improvement.
- comprehend**
- v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
- synonym* : understand, grasp, apprehend

(1) **comprehend** English, (2) **comprehend** instructions  
She struggled to **comprehend** complex math problems.

### **purveyor**

*n.* a person or company that provides goods or services  
*synonym*: steward, supplier

(1) a local **purveyor**, (2) a **purveyor** to the army

This company is the world's largest **purveyor** of caviar.

### **overlook**

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

*synonym*: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. orn\_\_\_\_\_gy conference *n.* the scientific study of birds, including their behavior, anatomy, physiology, and ecology
2. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
3. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
4. de\_\_\_e a message *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
5. alleged inf\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or state of being unfaithful, especially having sex with someone who is not your partner
6. practice mo\_\_\_\_\_my *n.* the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner
7. wa\_\_\_\_\_wl hunting *n.* birds that are adapted to living near or on the water, such as ducks and geese
8. mo\_\_\_\_\_my rules *n.* the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner
9. le\_\_\_\_\_n of business phrases *n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical

ANSWERS: 1. ornithology, 2. opportune, 3. overlook, 4. decode, 5. infidelity, 6. monogamy, 7. waterfowl, 8. monogamy, 9. lexicon

10. re\_\_\_\_t a place *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
11. reached the pi\_\_\_\_le *n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success
12. hard b\_p *v.* to move or dance in a lively, rhythmic way, especially to jazz or pop music; to hit or strike someone or something quickly and lightly; (noun) a type of music, especially jazz or swing, characterized by a lively, upbeat rhythm
13. re\_\_\_\_t a conversation with him *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
14. secret s\_\_t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
15. migratory so\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a bird with a musical call, such as a blackbird or thrush
16. co\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
17. rec\_\_\_\_fy the mollusks *v.* to divide things or people into new or different groups
18. act of inf\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or state of being unfaithful, especially having sex with someone who is not your partner
19. a local pu\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person or company that provides goods or services

ANSWERS: 10. revisit, 11. pinnacle, 12. bop, 13. recount, 14. sect, 15. songbird, 16. confuse, 17. reclassify, 18. infidelity, 19. purveyor

20. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
21. abb\_\_\_\_\_ion of the full name *n.* a shortened form of a word or phrase used to represent the whole, typically for ease of use
22. rec\_\_\_\_\_fy some of its books *v.* to divide things or people into new or different groups
23. tropical so\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a bird with a musical call, such as a blackbird or thrush
24. re\_\_x a couple of tracks *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
25. orn\_\_\_\_\_gy club *n.* the scientific study of birds, including their behavior, anatomy, physiology, and ecology
26. re\_\_\_\_\_t an old friend *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
27. b\_p to the beat *v.* to move or dance in a lively, rhythmic way, especially to jazz or pop music; to hit or strike someone or something quickly and lightly; (noun) a type of music, especially jazz or swing, characterized by a lively, upbeat rhythm
28. currency abb\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a shortened form of a word or phrase used to represent the whole, typically for ease of use
29. Greek-English le\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical

ANSWERS: 20. opportune, 21. abbreviation, 22. reclassify, 23. songbird, 24. remix, 25. ornithology, 26. revisit, 27. bop, 28. abbreviation, 29. lexicon



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| 30. je____sy feeling towards another person | <i>n.</i> | a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire   |
| 31. com_____nd English                      | <i>v.</i> | to understand the nature or meaning of something fully  |
| 32. re____t the adventure                   | <i>v.</i> | to describe what happened or to narrate a story   |
| 33. re___e a long list of the article       | <i>v.</i> | to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,   |
| 34. architectural pi____le                  | <i>n.</i> | the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success                  |
| 35. a pu____or to the army                  | <i>n.</i> | a person or company that provides goods or services   |
| 36. com_____nd instructions                 | <i>v.</i> | to understand the nature or meaning of something fully  |
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| 38. co____e fantasy with reality            | <i>v.</i> | to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand   |
| 39. s__t beliefs                            | <i>n.</i> | a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream |
| 40. ability to de___e the differences       | <i>v.</i> | to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand                                |

ANSWERS: 30. jealousy, 31. comprehend, 32. recount, 33. recite, 34. pinnacle, 35. purveyor, 36. comprehend, 37. remix, 38. confuse, 39. sect, 40. decode

41. burn with je\_\_\_\_sy                      *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
42. re\_\_\_e a charm                              *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
43. ov\_\_\_\_ok that fact                        *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
44. migratory wa\_\_\_\_\_wl                    *n.* birds that are adapted to living near or on the water, such as ducks and geese

ANSWERS: 41. jealousy, 42. recite, 43. overlook, 44. waterfowl

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The lake was home to many different types of \_\_\_\_\_ including ducks and geese.
  - n.* birds that are adapted to living near or on the water, such as ducks and geese
2. He could \_\_\_\_\_ all of Shakespeare's works.
  - v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
3. This company is the world's largest \_\_\_\_\_ of caviar.
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4. The \_\_\_\_\_ department at the local university has state-of-the-art facilities for the study of birds
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