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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### creature

*n.* a living being, especially an animal

*synonym*: being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

### cuddle

*v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something

*synonym*: embrace, snuggle, hug

(1) **cuddle** buddy, (2) **cuddle** up with a book

I love to **cuddle** with my dog on the couch after a long day.

### cousin

*n.* the child of your aunt or uncle

*synonym*: relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

### terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym*: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

## fuddle

*v.* to confuse, muddle, or perplex; to impair or disturb one's mental clarity or coordination, usually through the influence of alcohol or drugs

*synonym* : befuddle, confuse, puzzle

(1) **fuddle** the details, (2) **fuddle** the recipe

The alcohol caused him to **fuddle** his speech and stumble around.

## process

*n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

*synonym* : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

## adopt

*v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

*synonym* : accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

## peculiar

*adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way

*synonym* : bizarre, abnormal, odd

(1) **peculiar** way, (2) **peculiar** people

The juice has a **peculiar** taste.

## incubator

*n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

*synonym* :

hatchery, brooder, nursery

(1) infant **incubator**, (2) business **incubator** program

The eggs were placed in an artificial **incubator** to ensure proper hatching conditions.

## undergo

*v.* to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change

*synonym*: experience, suffer, endure

(1) **undergo** surgery, (2) **undergo** a decrease

The train has to **undergo** rigorous safety checks.

## fusion

*n.* the process of combining two or more things to form a single entity

*synonym*: merger, consolidation, amalgamation

(1) heat **fusion**, (2) **fusion** cuisine

Nuclear **fusion** is a process in which atomic nuclei combine to form heavier nuclei.

## combine

*v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

*synonym*: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

## purple

*adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue

*synonym*: violet

(1) deep **purple**, (2) **purple** sweet potatoes

The plant has a stunning **purple** blossom.

## pile

*n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

*synonym*: accumulation, heap, stack

(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**

After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

## random

*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

*synonym* : incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

## hatch

*v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

*synonym* : incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

## bond

*n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

*synonym* : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

## sight

*n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen

*synonym* : vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

## pause

*v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

*synonym* : halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

## ignore

*v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

*synonym* : neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

## **fuse**

*n.* a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat

*synonym* : (verb) melt, (verb) blend

(1) **fuse** blows, (2) **fuse** with one another

He has a short **fuse**.

## **parity**

*n.* the state or condition of being equal, especially in status or payment

*synonym* : equality, sameness, equivalence

(1) gender **parity**, (2) **parity** of fighting ability

We have yet to achieve wage or occupational **parity** for women in many fields.

## **odd**

*adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

*synonym* : strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

## **opposition**

*n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

*synonym* : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

## **flip**

*v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

*synonym* : throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

## **simultaneously**

*adv.* at the same time

*synonym* : concurrently, coincidentally, together

(1) **simultaneously** affected, (2) take several inputs

### **simultaneously**

Two students answered the teacher's question

**simultaneously**.

### **shopkeeper**

*n.* a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business

*synonym*: merchant, storekeeper, retailer

(1) local **shopkeeper**, (2) general **shopkeeper**

The elderly **shopkeeper** greeted customers and helped them find what they sought.

### **warn**

*v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

*synonym*: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

### **midnight**

*n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day

*synonym*: middle of the night, witching hour

(1) **midnight** snack, (2) **midnight** shift

I stayed up until **midnight** watching my favorite movie.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ad\_\_t a bill  
v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
2. business in\_\_\_\_or program  
n. an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
3. artificial cr\_\_\_\_re  
n. a living being, especially an animal
4. b\_\_d as a family  
n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
5. sim\_\_\_\_\_sly affected  
adv. at the same time
6. fu\_\_\_e the recipe  
v. to confuse, muddle, or perplex; to impair or disturb one's mental clarity or coordination, usually through the influence of alcohol or drugs
7. opp\_\_\_\_\_on campaign  
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
8. co\_\_\_\_\_e chemically with another substance  
v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group
9. un\_\_\_\_\_o surgery  
v. to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change

ANSWERS: 1. adopt, 2. incubator, 3. creature, 4. bond, 5. simultaneously, 6. fuddle, 7. opposition, 8. combine, 9. undergo

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| 10. pa___y of fighting ability | <i>n.</i> the state or condition of being equal, especially in status or payment  |
| 11. cu___e up with a book      | <i>v.</i> to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something   |
| 12. f__p over the pork chop    | <i>v.</i> to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion  |
| 13. gender pa___y              | <i>n.</i> the state or condition of being equal, especially in status or payment  |
| 14. pe____ar way               | <i>adj.</i> odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way  |
| 15. ad__t a child              | <i>v.</i> to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own  |
| 16. cr____re of habit          | <i>n.</i> a living being, especially an animal  |
| 17. pe____ar people            | <i>adj.</i> odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way  |
| 18. o_d behavior               | <i>adj.</i> strange or unexpected; not divisible by two   |
| 19. un____o a decrease         | <i>v.</i> to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change  |
| 20. decision-making pr____s    | <i>n.</i> a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products |

ANSWERS: 10. parity, 11. cuddle, 12. flip, 13. parity, 14. peculiar, 15. adopt, 16. creature, 17. peculiar, 18. odd, 19. undergo, 20. process



21. a ra\_\_\_m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
22. an unexpected si\_\_t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
23. f\_\_e blows *n.* a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat
24. the height of a p\_\_e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
25. w\_\_n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
26. bombs fell at ra\_\_\_m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
27. cu\_\_\_e buddy *v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
28. general sho\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business
29. ig\_\_\_e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
30. cross-co\_\_\_n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
31. in an o\_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

ANSWERS: 21. random, 22. sight, 23. fuse, 24. pile, 25. warn, 26. random, 27. cuddle, 28. shopkeeper, 29. ignore, 30. cousin, 31. odd

32. meet with opp\_\_\_\_\_on                      *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
33. deep pu\_\_\_e                                      *adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue
34. mi\_\_\_\_\_ht shift                              *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
35. co\_\_\_\_\_e augmented reality              *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
36. pu\_\_\_e sweet potatoes                      *adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue
37. infant in\_\_\_\_\_or                              *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
38. w\_\_ned me of the plan                      *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
39. mi\_\_\_\_\_ht snack                              *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
40. f\_\_e with one another                      *n.* a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat
41. local sho\_\_\_\_\_er                              *n.* a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business

ANSWERS: 32. opposition, 33. purple, 34. midnight, 35. combine, 36. purple, 37. incubator, 38. warn, 39. midnight, 40. fuse, 41. shopkeeper

42. pa\_\_e a moment      *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
43. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng experience      *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
44. fu\_\_\_e the details      *v.* to confuse, muddle, or perplex; to impair or disturb one's mental clarity or coordination, usually through the influence of alcohol or drugs
45. f\_\_p a coin      *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
46. dull si\_\_t      *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
47. pr\_\_\_\_\_s improvement      *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
48. heat fu\_\_\_n      *n.* the process of combining two or more things to form a single entity
49. ha\_\_h a baby chick      *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
50. take several inputs sim\_\_\_\_\_sly      *adv.* at the same time
51. co\_\_\_n's family      *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
52. fu\_\_\_n cuisine      *n.* the process of combining two or more things to form a single entity

ANSWERS: 42. pause, 43. terrifying, 44. fuddle, 45. flip, 46. sight, 47. process, 48. fusion, 49. hatch, 50. simultaneously, 51. cousin, 52. fusion

53. pa\_\_e for a reaction                    *v.*    to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
54. ha\_\_h a plan                            *v.*    to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
55. global b\_\_d market                   *n.*    a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
56. ig\_\_\_e her advice                    *v.*    to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
57. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng events                *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
58. a sand p\_\_e                             *n.*    a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

ANSWERS: 53. pause, 54. hatch, 55. bond, 56. ignore, 57. terrifying, 58. pile

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The deep sea \_\_\_\_\_ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.  
*n.* a living being, especially an animal
2. The elderly \_\_\_\_\_ greeted customers and helped them find what they sought.  
*n.* a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business
3. Hydrogen and oxygen \_\_\_\_\_ to form water.  
*v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
4. Nuclear \_\_\_\_\_ is a process in which atomic nuclei combine to form heavier nuclei.  
*n.* the process of combining two or more things to form a single entity
5. His grandfather was an \_\_\_\_ man.  
*adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
6. Two students answered the teacher's question \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* at the same time
7. I attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ him, but he ignored me.  
*v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.  
*n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 1. creature, 2. shopkeeper, 3. combine, 4. fusion, 5. odd, 6. simultaneously, 7. warn, 8. opposition

9. Since independence, the area has been completely \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
10. Many famous \_\_\_\_\_ are within walking distance.
- n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
11. After the party, they had to clean up \_\_\_\_\_ of dirty dishes.
- n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
12. We have yet to achieve wage or occupational \_\_\_\_\_ for women in many fields.
- n.* the state or condition of being equal, especially in status or payment
13. They had formed a friendship \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
14. He has a short \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat
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- v.* to confuse, muddle, or perplex; to impair or disturb one's mental clarity or coordination, usually through the influence of alcohol or drugs
16. To find drunk drivers, police conduct \_\_\_\_\_ tests.
- adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

ANSWERS: 9. ignored, 10. sights, 11. piles, 12. parity, 13. bond, 14. fuse, 15. fuddle, 16. random

17. The plant has a stunning \_\_\_\_\_ blossom.

*adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue

18. The eggs began to \_\_\_\_\_ and the small chicks emerged.

*v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

19. I stayed up until \_\_\_\_\_ watching my favorite movie.

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21. Large earthquakes often generate \_\_\_\_\_ tsunamis.

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

22. The juice has a \_\_\_\_\_ taste.

*adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way

23. I love to \_\_\_\_\_ with my dog on the couch after a long day.

*v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something

24. The train has to \_\_\_\_\_ rigorous safety checks.

*v.* to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change

ANSWERS: 17. purple, 18. hatch, 19. midnight, 20. incubator, 21. terrifying, 22. peculiar, 23. cuddle, 24. undergo

25. The man \_\_\_\_\_ before opening the door.

- v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

26. He \_\_\_\_\_ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

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28. I used to play with my younger male \_\_\_\_\_ when I was a little girl.

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ANSWERS: 25. paused, 26. flipped, 27. adopted, 28. cousins, 29. process