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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### probabilistic

*adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

*synonym* : probable, statistical, likely

(1) **probabilistic** model, (2) **probabilistic** approach

In a **probabilistic** system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.

### dismal

*adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

*synonym* : gloomy, depressing, dreary

(1) **dismal** failure, (2) **dismal** performance

The weather was so **dismal** that we decided to stay indoors all day.

### stereotype

*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

## deterministic

*adj.* characterized by an assumption of cause and effect and the absence of chance or randomness, often used to describe scientific or engineering calculations

*synonym* : predictable, predetermined, certain

(1) **deterministic** approach, (2) **deterministic** system

The **deterministic** algorithm always produces the same result for a given input.

## exhaustive

*adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned

*synonym* : thorough, complete, comprehensive

(1) **exhaustive** study, (2) **exhaustive** review

The team conducted an **exhaustive** search for the missing hiker, but unfortunately, she was never found.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym* : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## trade-off

*n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

*synonym* : compromise, balance, exchange

(1) **trade-off** problem, (2) environmental **trade-off**

There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

## 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.

## wardrobe

*n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

*synonym* : clothing, attire, closet

(1) walk-in **wardrobe**, (2) minimalist **wardrobe**

Her **wardrobe** selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

## agon

*n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others

*synonym* : struggle, conflict, fight

(1) emotional **agon**, (2) an **agon** of creativity

The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international **agon**.

## doe

*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

*synonym* : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

## FIFO

*n.* (an acronym for "first in, first out") a method of accounting or inventory management in which the first items acquired or produced are also the first items to be sold or used

*synonym* : first-in first-out, queue

(1) **FIFO** algorithm, (2) **FIFO** stock rotation

The warehouse uses a **FIFO** system to keep track of inventory.

## LIFO

*n.* (an acronym for "last in, first out") a method of accounting or inventory management in which the most recent items acquired or produced are the first to be sold or used

*synonym* : last-in first-out, stack

(1) **LIFO** accounting practices, (2) **LIFO** basis

The company uses a **LIFO** inventory method to keep track of its stock.

## **malign**

*v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence

*synonym*: defame, vilify, (adjective) evil

(1) **malign** influence, (2) **malign** the politician in the media

The article **maligned** the company's reputation with false accusations.

## **disorganize**

*v.* to disrupt or destroy the systematic order or function of something

*synonym*: disrupt, demobilize, derange

(1) **disorganized** the party, (2) **disorganize** the whole country

His betrayal **disorganized** the company completely.

## **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.

## **concession**

*n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

*synonym*: agreement, compromise, deal

(1) an oil **concession**, (2) make a **concession**

The movie theater offered a special **concession** for seniors on Tuesdays.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ma\_\_\_n the politician in the media      *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
2. di\_\_\_l performance      *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
3. walk-in wa\_\_\_\_\_be      *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
4. 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
5. avoid ste\_\_\_\_\_pe      *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
6. an a\_\_n of creativity      *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
7. pro\_\_\_\_\_tic approach      *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

ANSWERS: 1. malign, 2. dismal, 3. wardrobe, 4. solace, 5. stereotype, 6. agon, 7. probabilistic

8. negative ste\_\_\_\_\_pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
9. pro\_\_\_\_\_tic model *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
10. tr\_\_\_\_\_ff problem *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
11. ma\_\_\_n influence *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
12. r\_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
13. exh\_\_\_\_\_ve review *adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
14. F\_\_O algorithm *n.* (an acronym for "first in, first out") a method of accounting or inventory management in which the first items acquired or produced are also the first items to be sold or used
15. L\_\_O basis *n.* (an acronym for "last in, first out") a method of accounting or inventory management in which the most recent items acquired or produced are the first to be sold or used

ANSWERS: 8. stereotype, 9. probabilistic, 10. trade-off, 11. malign, 12. rev, 13. exhaustive, 14. FIFO, 15. LIFO

16. an oil con\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
17. det\_\_\_\_\_tic system *adj.* characterized by an assumption of cause and effect and the absence of chance or randomness, often used to describe scientific or engineering calculations
18. dis\_\_\_\_\_zed the party *v.* to disrupt or destroy the systematic order or function of something
19. det\_\_\_\_\_tic approach *adj.* characterized by an assumption of cause and effect and the absence of chance or randomness, often used to describe scientific or engineering calculations
20. exh\_\_\_\_\_ve study *adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
21. d\_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
22. make a con\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
23. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 16. concession, 17. deterministic, 18. disorganize, 19. deterministic, 20. exhaustive, 21. doe, 22. concession, 23. opportune

24. F\_\_O stock rotation *n.* (an acronym for "first in, first out") a method of accounting or inventory management in which the first items acquired or produced are also the first items to be sold or used
25. minimalist wa\_\_\_\_\_be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
26. low-r\_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
27. environmental tr\_\_\_\_\_ff *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
28. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
29. emotional a\_\_n *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
30. buck and d\_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
31. 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

ANSWERS: 24. FIFO, 25. wardrobe, 26. rev, 27. trade-off, 28. opportune, 29. agon, 30. doe, 31. solace



32. L\_\_O accounting practices      *n.* (an acronym for "last in, first out") a method of accounting or inventory management in which the most recent items acquired or produced are the first to be sold or used
33. dis\_\_\_\_\_ze the whole country      *v.* to disrupt or destroy the systematic order or function of something
34. di\_\_\_l failure      *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

ANSWERS: 32. LIFO, 33. disorganize, 34. dismal

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her \_\_\_\_\_ selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.  
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2. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
3. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. Changing \_\_\_\_\_ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.  
*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
5. The warehouse uses a \_\_\_\_\_ system to keep track of inventory.  
*n.* (an acronym for "first in, first out") a method of accounting or inventory management in which the first items acquired or produced are also the first items to be sold or used
6. His betrayal \_\_\_\_\_ the company completely.  
*v.* to disrupt or destroy the systematic order or function of something
7. The weather was so \_\_\_\_\_ that we decided to stay indoors all day.  
*adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

ANSWERS: 1. wardrobe, 2. rev, 3. opportune, 4. stereotypes, 5. FIFO, 6. disorganized, 7. dismal

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9. The team conducted an \_\_\_\_\_ search for the missing hiker, but unfortunately, she was never found.
- adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
10. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ between speed and accuracy in the task.
- n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
11. The article \_\_\_\_\_ the company's reputation with false accusations.
- v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
12. Hunters use a whistle that makes the \_\_\_\_ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
13. The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
14. The company uses a \_\_\_\_\_ inventory method to keep track of its stock.
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