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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### humility

*n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

*synonym*: humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

### horrify

*v.* to shock or disgust greatly

*synonym*: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

### blacksmith

*n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

## insistent

*adj.* characterized by a persistent and forceful demand or urging; unyielding or uncompromising in one's position or viewpoint; persistent in pursuit of a goal or objective

*synonym* : demanding, persistent, assertive

(1) **insistent** tone, (2) **insistent** demand

The **insistent** chatter from the other room made it impossible for her to focus on her work.

## monsoon

*n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas

*synonym* : rainy season, deluge, downpour

(1) **monsoon** season, (2) **monsoon** current

The **monsoon** rains often bring relief to areas suffering from drought.

## literate

*adj.* having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic

*synonym* : educated, well-read, knowledgeable

(1) **literate** population, (2) digitally **literate**

Being **literate** in multiple languages can open up many opportunities for travel and work.

## terrify

*v.* to frighten someone very much

*synonym* : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym* : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## needless

*adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

*synonym* : unnecessary, pointless, superfluous

(1) **needless** argument, (2) **needless** waste

This **needless** paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

## biometric

*adj.* relating to the measurement and analysis of unique physical or behavioral characteristics of an individual, such as fingerprints or voice patterns, often used for identification or security purposes; (noun, biometrics) the use of measurable biological characteristics or traits, such as fingerprints, facial recognition, iris scans, or voice recognition, to identify or authenticate individuals

(1) **biometric** recognition, (2) **biometrics** for visitors

The new smartphone has **biometric** authentication, such as facial recognition and fingerprint scanning.

## fodder

*n.* feed, such as hay or straw, for cattle and other livestock; figuratively, something that is used as material or inspiration for something else

*synonym* : forage, feed, provender

(1) **fodder** shortage, (2) **fodder** options

The farmer bundled the hay into **fodder** stacks for the livestock to eat.

## jockey

*n.* a person who rides horses in races, typically as a professional occupation; a person who manipulates or tries to gain an advantage through skillful maneuvering or persuasion

*synonym* : rider, horseman, equestrian

(1) **jockey** hat, (2) professional **jockey**

The **jockey** on the winning horse was showered with praise and applause from the crowd.

## untouchable

*adj.* unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by

higher castes

*synonym*: unreachable, inviolable, sacrosanct

(1) **untouchable** caste, (2) **untouchable** authority

The wealthy elite in society often feels **untouchable** and above the law.

## caste

*n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

*synonym*: class, social group, status group

(1) military **caste**, (2) **caste-based** discrimination

He was born into a lower **caste** and faced discrimination throughout his life.

## insemination

*n.* the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy

*synonym*: fertilization, insemination, impregnation

(1) artificial **insemination**, (2) bovine **insemination**

The couple opted for donor **insemination** after struggling with infertility.

## congratulation

*n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

*synonym*: praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

## cutout

*n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing

*synonym*: silhouette, shape, form

(1) **cutout** from magazines, (2) **cutout** of flowers

The artist used a star **cutout** to make a unique art piece.

## **amaze**

*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

*synonym*: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

## **chai**

*n.* a type of spiced tea originating from India, typically made with black tea, milk, and a variety of spices such as cinnamon, ginger, and cardamom

*synonym*: tea, masala tea, spiced tea

(1) spiced **chai**, (2) **chai** latte

I love to start my day off with a hot cup of **chai** tea.

## **shepherd**

*n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

*synonym*: herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

## **dedicate**

*v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

*synonym*: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. spiced c\_\_i *n.* a type of spiced tea originating from India, typically made with black tea, milk, and a variety of spices such as cinnamon, ginger, and cardamom
2. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
3. con\_\_\_\_\_ion on a promotion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
4. mo\_\_\_\_\_n current *n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas
5. bla\_\_\_\_\_th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
6. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
7. bi\_\_\_\_\_ics for visitors *adj.* relating to the measurement and analysis of unique physical or behavioral characteristics of an individual, such as fingerprints or voice patterns, often used for identification or security purposes; (noun, biometrics) the use of measurable biological characteristics or traits, such as fingerprints, facial recognition, iris scans, or voice recognition, to identify or authenticate individuals

ANSWERS: 1. chai, 2. determinant, 3. congratulation, 4. monsoon, 5. blacksmith, 6. determinant, 7. biometric

8. cu\_\_\_t of flowers *n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing
9. in\_\_\_\_\_nt demand *adj.* characterized by a persistent and forceful demand or urging; unyielding or uncompromising in one's position or viewpoint; persistent in pursuit of a goal or objective
10. bla\_\_\_\_\_th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
11. am\_\_\_e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
12. te\_\_\_\_\_y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
13. military ca\_\_\_e *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
14. am\_\_\_e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
15. jo\_\_\_y hat *n.* a person who rides horses in races, typically as a professional occupation; a person who manipulates or tries to gain an advantage through skillful maneuvering or persuasion
16. in\_\_\_\_\_nt tone *adj.* characterized by a persistent and forceful demand or urging; unyielding or uncompromising in one's position or viewpoint; persistent in pursuit of a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 8. cutout, 9. insistent, 10. blacksmith, 11. amaze, 12. terrify, 13. caste, 14. amaze, 15. jockey, 16. insistent

17. ho\_\_\_\_y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
18. sheep without a sh\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
19. develop an attitude of hu\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
20. ne\_\_\_\_ss waste *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
21. unt\_\_\_\_le authority *adj.* unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by higher castes
22. li\_\_\_\_te population *adj.* having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic
23. fo\_\_\_\_r shortage *n.* feed, such as hay or straw, for cattle and other livestock; figuratively, something that is used as material or inspiration for something else
24. c\_\_i latte *n.* a type of spiced tea originating from India, typically made with black tea, milk, and a variety of spices such as cinnamon, ginger, and cardamom
25. ho\_\_\_\_y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
26. unt\_\_\_\_le caste *adj.* unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by higher castes

ANSWERS: 17. horrify, 18. shepherd, 19. humility, 20. needless, 21. untouchable, 22. literate, 23. fodder, 24. chai, 25. horrify, 26. untouchable



27. sh\_\_\_\_rd boy *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
28. mo\_\_\_\_n season *n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas
29. digitally li\_\_\_\_te *adj.* having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic
30. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
31. ne\_\_\_\_ss argument *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
32. de\_\_\_\_te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
33. ca\_\_e-based discrimination *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
34. fo\_\_\_\_r options *n.* feed, such as hay or straw, for cattle and other livestock; figuratively, something that is used as material or inspiration for something else
35. lack of hu\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

ANSWERS: 27. shepherd, 28. monsoon, 29. literate, 30. opportune, 31. needless, 32. dedicate, 33. caste, 34. fodder, 35. humility

36. bovine ins\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy
37. cu\_\_\_t from magazines *n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing
38. de\_\_\_\_\_te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
39. professional jo\_\_\_\_y *n.* a person who rides horses in races, typically as a professional occupation; a person who manipulates or tries to gain an advantage through skillful maneuvering or persuasion
40. bi\_\_\_\_\_ic recognition *adj.* relating to the measurement and analysis of unique physical or behavioral characteristics of an individual, such as fingerprints or voice patterns, often used for identification or security purposes; (noun, biometrics) the use of measurable biological characteristics or traits, such as fingerprints, facial recognition, iris scans, or voice recognition, to identify or authenticate individuals
41. the threats te\_\_\_\_\_y him *v.* to frighten someone very much

ANSWERS: 36. insemination, 37. cutout, 38. dedicate, 39. jockey, 40. biometric, 41. terrify

42. a matter for con\_\_\_\_\_ion                      *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
43. artificial ins\_\_\_\_\_ion                      *n.* the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy
44. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion                      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 42. congratulation, 43. insemination, 44. opportune

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The wealthy elite in society often feels \_\_\_\_\_ and above the law.  
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