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## Session 1: Word List

### skyline

*n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance

*synonym*: silhouette, cityscape, horizon

(1) **skyline** view, (2) downtown **skyline**

The **skyline** of the city was dotted with tall buildings.

### ecologist

*n.* a person who studies the relationships between living organisms and their environment; the state of being outside or directed toward or relating to the outside or exterior

*synonym*: conservationist, naturalist

(1) behavioral **ecologist**, (2) forestry **ecologist**

The forestry **ecologist** studied the interactions between the different species in the forest's ecosystem.

### interconnect

*v.* to connect similar things

*synonym*: interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

### egalitarian

*adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people,

regardless of their race, gender, or social class

*synonym*: equalitarian, democratic, fair

(1) **egalitarian** society, (2) **egalitarian** principles

The company prides itself on being an **egalitarian** workplace with equal employment opportunities.

## 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.

## masonry

*n.* the art or work of constructing buildings, walls, or other structures from carefully shaped and arranged blocks of stone, brick, or other materials

*synonym*: brickwork, stonework, bricklaying

(1) **masonry** wall, (2) **masonry** restoration

The cathedral's **masonry** sculptures were intricately carved and carefully placed.

## nurture

*v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

*synonym*: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

## fireside

*n.* the area or space around a fireplace, often used to represent a cozy or intimate gathering or conversation that takes place in front of a fire

*synonym*: fireplace, hearth, chimney corner

(1) enjoy the **fireside** ambiance, (2) relaxing **fireside**

We cozy up to each other around the **fireside**, enjoying the warmth and crackling sounds.

## hundredfold

*adj.* a hundred times as great or as much

(1) rise nearly **hundredfold**, (2) improve **hundredfold**

The development team reported two **hundredfold** increases in performance.

## inward

*adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking

*synonym*: internal, introspective, interior

(1) **inward** peace, (2) **inward** cargo

The **inward** motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.

## slab

*n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure

*synonym*: slate, tile, paving stone

(1) a **slab** of chocolate, (2) marble **slab**

The construction workers poured a large **slab** of concrete for the foundation of the building.

## 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.

## windy

*adj.* characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance

*synonym*: airy, gusty, breezy

(1) **windy** hillside, (2) **windy** eloquence

The weather is too **windy** for us to go on a boat ride.

## cohesion

*n.* the act or state of keeping or sticking together

*synonym*: coherence, coherency, cohesiveness

(1) social **cohesion**, (2) the **cohesion** of a team

We gain higher levels of social **cohesion** and stability.

## fortress

*n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers

*synonym* : castle, citadel, stronghold

(1) **fortress** wall, (2) military **fortress**

The ancient **fortress** was built on a hill to give the defenders a strategic advantage.

## brainstorming

*n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

(1) **brainstorming** session, (2) do a **brainstorming** about a new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

## barber

*n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered

*synonym* : hairdresser, stylist, shaver

(1) favorite **barber**, (2) **barber** pole

The **barber** shop was closed on Monday, much to the disappointment of many customers.

## astonishing

*adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

*synonym* : surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

## utopian

*adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)

*synonym* : idealistic, perfectionistic, unrealistic

(1) **utopian** society, (2) **utopian** goal

He had a **utopian** vision of a world without war.

## reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

*synonym*: re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

## intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

*synonym*: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

## polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

*synonym*: polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. int\_\_\_\_\_te an opponent  
*v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
2. pol\_\_\_\_\_ion effect  
*n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
3. make ast\_\_\_\_\_ng gains  
*adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
4. fo\_\_\_\_\_ss wall  
*n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers
5. improve hun\_\_\_\_\_ld  
*adj.* a hundred times as great or as much
6. human activities int\_\_\_\_\_ect with the environment  
*v.* to connect similar things
7. favorite ba\_\_\_\_r  
*n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
8. ma\_\_\_\_\_y restoration  
*n.* the art or work of constructing buildings, walls, or other structures from carefully shaped and arranged blocks of stone, brick, or other materials
9. dielectric pol\_\_\_\_\_ion  
*n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

ANSWERS: 1. intimidate, 2. polarization, 3. astonishing, 4. fortress, 5. hundredfold, 6. interconnect, 7. barber, 8. masonry, 9. polarization

10. social co\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or state of keeping or sticking together
11. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
12. bra\_\_\_\_\_ing session *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
13. ut\_\_\_\_\_n society *adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
14. a s\_\_b of chocolate *n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure
15. ega\_\_\_\_\_an principles *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
16. ma\_\_\_\_\_y wall *n.* the art or work of constructing buildings, walls, or other structures from carefully shaped and arranged blocks of stone, brick, or other materials
17. marble s\_\_b *n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure
18. ut\_\_\_\_\_n goal *adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)

ANSWERS: 10. cohesion, 11. opportune, 12. brainstorming, 13. utopian, 14. slab, 15. egalitarian, 16. masonry, 17. slab, 18. utopian

19. directly int\_\_\_\_\_ect with those systems      *v.* to connect similar things
20. the co\_\_\_\_\_on of a team      *n.* the act or state of keeping or sticking together
21. wi\_\_y hillside      *adj.* characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance
22. relaxing fi\_\_\_\_\_de      *n.* the area or space around a fireplace, often used to represent a cozy or intimate gathering or conversation that takes place in front of a fire
23. co\_\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality      *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
24. wi\_\_y eloquence      *adj.* characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance
25. ba\_\_\_\_r pole      *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
26. military fo\_\_\_\_\_ss      *n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers
27. sk\_\_\_\_\_e view      *n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance

ANSWERS: 19. interconnect, 20. cohesion, 21. windy, 22. fireside, 23. confuse, 24. windy, 25. barber, 26. fortress, 27. skyline



28. do a bra\_\_\_\_\_ing about a new product  
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*v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
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36. nu\_\_\_\_\_e his talents  
*v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
37. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener  
*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
38. in\_\_\_\_d peace  
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ANSWERS: 28. brainstorming, 29. hundredfold, 30. inward, 31. fireside, 32. egalitarian, 33. reimagine, 34. intimidate, 35. reimagine, 36. nurture, 37. confuse, 38. inward

39. forestry ec\_\_\_\_\_st

*n.* a person who studies the relationships between living organisms and their environment; the state of being outside or directed toward or relating to the outside or exterior

40. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion

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41. ast\_\_\_\_\_ng achievement

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ANSWERS: 39. ecologist, 40. opportune, 41. astonishing, 42. skyline, 43. ecologist, 44. nurture

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.  
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2. The company prides itself on being an \_\_\_\_\_ workplace with equal employment opportunities.  
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ANSWERS: 8. inward, 9. confused, 10. cohesion, 11. reimagine, 12. fortress, 13. masonry, 14. intimidate, 15. skyline

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