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Session 1: Word List

solvable

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

synonym: attainable, resolvable, achievable

(1) **solvable** problem, (2) mathematically **solvable** equation The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite **solvable** with a software update.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym: evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym: Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym: intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

vengeful

adj. feeling or showing a strong desire for revenge; vindictive *synonym*: retaliatory, revengeful, vindictive

(1) feel vengeful toward him, (2) vengeful actions

She was **vengeful** and always sought revenge on those who wronged her.

stateless

adj. having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government

synonym: without citizenship, homeless

(1) become **stateless**, (2) **stateless** person

The **stateless** refugees were not allowed to enter the country.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym: despairing, helpless, futile

(1) hopeless situation, (2) hopeless at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

rampage

 a violent and uncontrollable outburst of destructive behavior

synonym: storm, binge, destruction

(1) killing rampage, (2) an outrageous rampage

The crowd went on a **rampage** after their team lost the championship game.

lifeless

adj. without life; dead

synonym: inanimate, inert, motionless

(1) fall **lifeless**, (2) a **lifeless** corpse

The plant had a **lifeless** appearance, indicating that it was not getting enough water.

silo

 a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

synonym: storage, warehouse, barn

(1) nuclear **silo**, (2) **silo** organization

The farmer used a **silo** to store feed for the animals.

blip

- a sudden and small, and typically temporary, change or deviation from a general trend
- (1) temporary **blip**, (2) minor **blip**

The stock market had one bad **blip** today.

papal

- adj. relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
- synonym: pontifical, papistic, apostolical
- (1) **papal** authority, (2) **papal** visit

The **papal** palace was a grand and imposing structure.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

indifference

 a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

synonym: apathy, disinterest, unconcern

(1) **indifference** to pain, (2) general **indifference** I tried to assume an air of **indifference**.

haunting

adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or

shake off

synonym: lingering, disturbing, unsettling

(1) haunting memory, (2) a haunting sense of fear The song's haunting melody stayed with me long after I heard it.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

lifeline

 a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help

synonym: savior, support, safety net

(1) lifeline support, (2) emotional lifeline

My best friend has been my **lifeline** throughout all of my hardships.

numeracy

n. the ability to understand and work with numbers,
 particularly in the context of everyday life and practical applications

synonym: numerical ability, math proficiency, math skills

(1) basic **numeracy**, (2) **numeracy** test results **Numeracy** skills are important in many industries, including finance and science.

symbolism

 the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images

synonym: iconography, allegory, metaphor

(1) the **symbolism** of the event, (2) political **symbolism** The **symbolism** in the painting was rich and complex, with many layers of meaning.

trump

- n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
- (1) trump card, (2) choose trump

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

faraway

- adj. located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessiblesynonym: distant, remote, far-off
- (1) **faraway** land, (2) **faraway** dream

 The view from the **faraway** hilltop was breathtakingly beautiful.

rev

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**.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients **Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

altruism

 the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

synonym: selflessness, philanthropy, generosity

(1) acts of altruism, (2) altruism in society

His act of volunteering at the homeless shelter was a clear example of practical **altruism**.

credo

a statement of the beliefs or principles of a person or group

synonym: belief, doctrine, principle

(1) artist's **credo**, (2) the **credo** of a philosophy His business **credo** was to always be honest and fair in his dealings.

smartphone

- a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
- (1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

statesman

 a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs

synonym: solon, politician, legislator

(1) a woman **statesman**, (2) international **statesman**This statue honors a distinguished **statesman**.

dictator

 a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym: autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

cub

 a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy

synonym: young, male child, boy

(1) a tiger **cub**, (2) the arrival of a **cub**

The **cub** reporter covered the murder case for the first time.

peril

- n. serious and great danger or risk
- synonym: hazard, danger, threat
- the peril of the sea, (2) environmental peril
 bue to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in peril.

humility

- 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.

prosaic

- adj. lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry
- synonym: mundane, ordinary, dull
- (1) prosaic language, (2) prosaic approach

The book's **prosaic** writing style left me uninterested despite the dramatic premise.

heroic

- adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
- synonym: brave, courageous, daring
- (1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

germ

- a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
- synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen
- (1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in

flocks.

summon

- v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally synonym: call for, muster, assemble
- (1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

amiss

adj. not quite right, not suitable, or not as expectedsynonym: wrong, awry, graceless

(1) take her words **amiss**, (2) something is **amiss** It would not be **amiss** to tell him the facts in advance.

plead

v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

synonym: beg, implore, supplicate

(1) **plead** for mercy, (2) **plead** a political cause He **pleaded** with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

Catholic

- adj. universal and including many different types of things;
 related to or associated with the part of the Christian
 Church that has the Pope as its leader
- (1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

monsieur

 a French title of respect and formality used to address or refer to a man, typically accompanied by the person's last name

synonym: gentleman, mister, sir

(1) gentle **monsieur**, (2) distinguished **monsieur**Despite his humble origins, **Monsieur** Petit became a respected figure in the art community.

shrug

v. to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested

(1) **shrug** off the importance, (2) **shrug** his shoulders sadly I respect her ability to **shrug** off harsh criticism.

divisive

adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

synonym: polarizing, contentious, disagreeable

(1) **divisive** question, (2) suppress **divisive** arguments The proposed policy has been met with **divisive** reactions from the public.

temper

 a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

synonym: mood, disposition, nature

(1) a hasty **temper**, (2) bridle my **temper**

The **temper** of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.

backlash

n. a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact

synonym: reaction, retaliation, counteraction

(1) political **backlash**, (2) the **backlash** from the community The company faced a **backlash** from customers after the recall.

polarization

 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.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) mobilize cooperation, (2) mobilize a stiff joint

The military mobilized troops to the border.						

Session 2: Spelling

1.	emotional li	ne	n.	a line, rope, or cable used to support or
				rescue a person in danger or distress;
				vital or necessary support, connection,
				or source of help

adj. courageous and daring; having or 3. he___c explorers displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and

daring

4. distinguished mo ur

a French title of respect and formality n. used to address or refer to a man, typically accompanied by the person's last name

Je h history 5.

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

mo____ze a stiff joint 6.

to make something ready for action or ν. use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

7. bridle my te r

a person's state of mind, emotions, or n. attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

the sy____sm of the event 8.

the use of symbols to represent ideas or n. qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images

ANSWERS: 1. lifeline, 2. shrug, 3. heroic, 4. monsieur, 5. Jewish, 6. mobilize, 7. temper, 8. symbolism

9.	killing rae	n.	a violent and uncontrollable outburst of destructive behavior
10.	environmental pel	n.	serious and great danger or risk
11.	a hang sense of fear	adj.	lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
12.	cor honor	ν.	to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
13.	become stss	adj.	having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government
14.	basic nucy	n.	the ability to understand and work with numbers, particularly in the context of everyday life and practical applications
15.	caic in his tastes	adj.	universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
16.	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
17.	general indnce	n.	a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
18.	dice workers	ν.	to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

ANSWERS: 9. rampage, 10. peril, 11. haunting, 12. confer, 13. stateless, 14. numeracy, 15. Catholic, 16. rev, 17. indifference, 18. displace

19.	the arrival of a c_b	n.	a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
20.	the peI of the sea	n.	serious and great danger or risk
21.	take her words ams	adj.	not quite right, not suitable, or not as expected
22.	the bash from the community	n.	a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
23.	smane addict	n.	a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
24.	suppress dive arguments	adj.	tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
25.	hoss at everything	adj.	having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
26.	full of emy	n.	the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
27.	trp card	n.	a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
28.	international stan	n.	a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs
29.	fay land	adj.	located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
30.	the cro of a philosophy	n.	a statement of the beliefs or principles of a person or group

ANSWERS: 19. cub, 20. peril, 21. amiss, 22. backlash, 23. smartphone, 24. divisive, 25. hopeless, 26. empathy, 27. trump, 28. statesman, 29. faraway, 30. credo

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ANSWERS: 31. invade, 32. dictator, 33. blip, 34. invade, 35. hopeless, 36. shrug, 37. faraway, 38. vengeful, 39. silo, 40. cub

boy

40. a tiger c b

a young of certain carnivorous

mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced

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ANSWERS: 41. vengeful, 42. solvable, 43. silo, 44. backlash, 45. Catholic, 46. smartphone, 47. empathy, 48. rampage, 49. divisive, 50. humility, 51. plead

52.	a gm-free environment	n.	a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
53.	ace his rudeness	<i>v</i> .	to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
54.	dielectric polion	n.	the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
55.	artist's cro	n.	a statement of the beliefs or principles of a person or group
56.	sun a city council	ν.	to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
57.	fall liss	adj.	without life; dead
58.	a hec poem	adj.	courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
59.	prc language	adj.	lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry
60.	nucy test results	n.	the ability to understand and work with numbers, particularly in the context of everyday life and practical applications
61.	something is ams	adj.	not quite right, not suitable, or not as expected

ANSWERS: 52. germ, 53. accuse, 54. polarization, 55. credo, 56. summon, 57. lifeless, 58. heroic, 59. prosaic, 60. numeracy, 61. amiss

62.	line support	n.	a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
63.	ace each other	<i>v</i> .	to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
64.	antibiotic-resistant gm	n.	a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
65.	hang memory	adj.	lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
66.	pld for mercy	<i>v</i> .	to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
67.	stss person	adj.	having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government
68.	lack of huty	n.	the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
69.	sole problem	adj.	capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
70.	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
71.	polion effect	n.	the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

ANSWERS: 62. lifeline, 63. accuse, 64. germ, 65. haunting, 66. plead, 67. stateless, 68. humility, 69. solvable, 70. rev, 71. polarization

72.	cor degree	ν.	to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
73.	moze cooperation	v.	to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
74.	choose trp	n.	a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
75.	alsm in society	n.	the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity
76.	minor bp	n.	a sudden and small, and typically temporary, change or deviation from a general trend
77.	drn in a bath	<i>v</i> .	to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
78.	dice the explosive power	ν.	to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
79.	a woman stan	n.	a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs
80.	indnce to pain	n.	a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

ANSWERS: 72. confer, 73. mobilize, 74. trump, 75. altruism, 76. blip, 77. drown, 78. displace, 79. statesman, 80. indifference

81. acts of	falsm	n.	the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity
82. politica	al sysm	n.	the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images
83. sur	n a lawyer	v.	to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
84. I was c	drned in work	v.	to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
85. a hasty	y ter	n.	a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
86. gentle	mour	n.	a French title of respect and formality used to address or refer to a man, typically accompanied by the person's last name
87. Jeł	h culture	adj.	of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
88. pal a	authority	adj.	relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
89. pal v	visit	adj.	relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

ANSWERS: 81. altruism, 82. symbolism, 83. summon, 84. drown, 85. temper, 86. monsieur, 87. Jewish, 88. papal, 89. papal

90. a li___ss corpse

- 91. a di____or with enormous powers
- a political leader who has complete n. power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

adj. without life; dead

92. pr___c approach

adj. lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry

ANSWERS: 90. lifeless, 91. dictator, 92. prosaic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	The military troops to the border.
v.	to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
2.	The company faced a from customers after the recall.
n.	a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
3.	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
4.	After months of job searching, he felt and unsure of his future.
adj	having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
5.	I respect her ability to off harsh criticism.
v.	to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
6.	The of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
n.	a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
7.	The suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
n.	a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
AN	SWERS: 1. mobilized, 2. backlash, 3. rev, 4. hopeless, 5. shrug, 6. germ, 7. trump

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credo, 14. stateless, 15. smartphones

temper, 22. Monsieur

n.

ANSWERS: 23. rampage, 24. accused, 25. prosaic, 26. lifeline, 27. blip, 28. drown,

29. peril, 30. humility, 31. divisive

ANSWERS: 32. vengeful, 33. Empathy, 34. displace, 35. cub, 36. Numeracy, 37. silo, 38. haunting, 39. indifference

ANSWERS: 40. confer, 41. dictator, 42. heroic, 43. catholic, 44. papal, 45. altruism, 46. polarization

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