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## Session 1: Word List

### dumpster

*n.* a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck

(1) **dumpster** diving, (2) empty the **dumpster**

The employee found \$100 in the **dumpster** behind the store.

### episodic

*adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; of or relating to writing or narration

*synonym*: intermittent, recurrent, sporadic

(1) **episodic** story, (2) **episodic** event

The patient's memory loss is **episodic**, with periods of normal memory followed by episodes of amnesia.

### individualism

*n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant

*synonym*: self-reliance, autonomy, self-sufficiency

(1) rampant **individualism**, (2) nation of **individualism**

An ethic of **individualism** encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.

### bootstrap

*n.* a loop or strap on a boot that is used to pull it on; a self-starting process, often in IT or business, that is designed for beginning or continuing without external

assistance

*synonym* : boot, self-starting, load

(1) **bootstrap** method, (2) **bootstrap** framework

Many startups use **bootstrap** funding to get their businesses off the ground.

**hobo**

*n.* a person who is often homeless or transient and travels from place to place in search of work or sustenance, typically by illegally hopping on trains or hitchhiking, often associated with a certain lifestyle or counterculture

*synonym* : tramp, vagabond, drifter

(1) **hobo** lifestyle, (2) old **hobo**

The kind-hearted woman offered the wandering **hobo** a warm meal and a place to sleep for the night.

**bum**

*n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive

*synonym* : hobo, vagrant, tramp

(1) homeless **bum**, (2) lazy **bum**

He used to be a successful businessman, but now he's a washed-up **bum** with nothing to show.

**Christ**

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

*synonym* : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

**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.

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym*: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## addict

*n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

*synonym*: devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

## condom

*n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

*synonym*: prophylactic, rubber, sheath

(1) **condom** brand, (2) safe **condom** use

Using a **condom** during sexual activity is one of the most effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.

## sever

*v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

*synonym*: cut apart, separate, detach

(1) **sever** a rope, (2) **sever** a positive relationship

He **severed** a branch from a tree quickly.

## 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.

## stabilize

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

*synonym*: brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

## 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.

## scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

*synonym*: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

## chop

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

*synonym*: cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

## sober

*adj.* not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises

*synonym*: calm, lucid, temperate

(1) **sober** discussion, (2) as **sober** as a judge

He led a **sober** life.

## disbeliever

*n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

*synonym*: non-believer, skeptic, doubter

(1) persuade a **disbeliever**, (2) stubborn **disbeliever**

Despite the evidence, she remained a **disbeliever** in the theory of evolution.

## disrupt

*v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

*synonym* : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep  
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

## frontline

*adj.* in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy

*synonym* : battlefield, cutting edge

(1) **frontline** health workers, (2) at the **frontline** of the war  
Within days, the new aircraft was in **frontline** service.

## prostitute

*n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

*synonym* : hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**  
She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

## pimp

*n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker

*synonym* : pandar, procurer, hustler

(1) **pimp** lifestyle, (2) **pimp** culture

The lazy **pimp** controlled and exploited the women working for him.

## unprotected

*adj.* not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense

*synonym* : uncovered, defenseless, vulnerable

(1) **unprotected** area, (2) **unprotected** Wi-Fi

It's important never to have **unprotected** sex to prevent the spread of STDs.

## thermostat

*n.* a device that automatically regulates temperature by controlling the heating or cooling system based on the temperature in a room or building

*synonym* : thermoregulator, climate control

(1) **thermostat** settings, (2) smart **thermostat**

The digital **thermostat** has a programmable feature, and it can be controlled through your smartphone.

## **campfire**

*n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

*synonym*: bonfire, blaze, fire pit

(1) **campfire** story, (2) roast marshmallows around the **campfire**

We sat around the **campfire** and told stories late into the night.

## **reconnect**

*v.* to connect again after a break or interruption

*synonym*: reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. sc_____r seeds                          | <i>v.</i> to cause to separate and go in different directions   |
| 2. pro_____te street                       | <i>n.</i> a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment   |
| 3. unp_____ed area                         | <i>adj.</i> not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense  |
| 4. homeless b_m                            | <i>n.</i> a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive |
| 5. a drug ad____t                          | <i>n.</i> a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful  |
| 6. stubborn dis_____er                     | <i>n.</i> a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea  |
| 7. roast marshmallows around the ca_____re | <i>n.</i> an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire       |
| 8. sc_____r around the internet            | <i>v.</i> to cause to separate and go in different directions   |
| 9. du_____er diving                        | <i>n.</i> a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck   |

ANSWERS: 1. scatter, 2. prostitute, 3. unprotected, 4. bum, 5. addict, 6. disbeliever, 7. campfire, 8. scatter, 9. dumpster

10. teaching of Ch\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
11. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
12. p\_\_p culture *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
13. st\_\_\_\_\_ze blood sugar levels *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
14. co\_\_\_m brand *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
15. nation of ind\_\_\_\_\_ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
16. fr\_\_\_\_\_ne health workers *adj.* in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
17. persuade a dis\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
18. as so\_\_r as a judge *adj.* not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises
19. rampant ind\_\_\_\_\_ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant

ANSWERS: 10. Christ, 11. opportune, 12. pimp, 13. stabilize, 14. condom, 15. individualism, 16. frontline, 17. disbeliever, 18. sober, 19. individualism



20. empty the du\_\_\_\_er *n.* a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck
21. safe co\_\_\_m use *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
22. a male pro\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
23. st\_\_\_\_\_ze prices *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
24. p\_\_p lifestyle *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
25. h\_\_o lifestyle *n.* a person who is often homeless or transient and travels from place to place in search of work or sustenance, typically by illegally hopping on trains or hitchhiking, often associated with a certain lifestyle or counterculture
26. co\_\_\_r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
27. old h\_\_o *n.* a person who is often homeless or transient and travels from place to place in search of work or sustenance, typically by illegally hopping on trains or hitchhiking, often associated with a certain lifestyle or counterculture

ANSWERS: 20. dumpster, 21. condom, 22. prostitute, 23. stabilize, 24. pimp, 25. hobo, 26. confer, 27. hobo

28. bo\_\_\_\_\_ap method *n.* a loop or strap on a boot that is used to pull it on; a self-starting process, often in IT or business, that is designed for beginning or continuing without external assistance
29. the\_\_\_\_\_at settings *n.* a device that automatically regulates temperature by controlling the heating or cooling system based on the temperature in a room or building
30. make ast\_\_\_\_\_ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
31. se\_\_r a rope *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
32. ast\_\_\_\_\_ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
33. lazy b\_m *n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
34. bo\_\_\_\_\_ap framework *n.* a loop or strap on a boot that is used to pull it on; a self-starting process, often in IT or business, that is designed for beginning or continuing without external assistance
35. before Ch\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
36. re\_\_\_\_\_ct with family *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption

ANSWERS: 28. bootstrap, 29. thermostat, 30. astonishing, 31. sever, 32. astonishing, 33. bum, 34. bootstrap, 35. Christ, 36. reconnect

37. ep\_\_\_\_ic event *adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; of or relating to writing or narration
38. unp\_\_\_\_\_ed Wi-Fi *adj.* not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense
39. di\_\_\_\_t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
40. ep\_\_\_\_ic story *adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; of or relating to writing or narration
41. di\_\_\_\_t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
42. se\_\_r a positive relationship *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
43. c\_\_p a meet with a knife *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
44. c\_\_p wood *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
45. at the fr\_\_\_\_\_ne of the war *adj.* in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
46. so\_\_r discussion *adj.* not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises

ANSWERS: 37. episodic, 38. unprotected, 39. disrupt, 40. episodic, 41. disrupt, 42. sever, 43. chop, 44. chop, 45. frontline, 46. sober

47. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
48. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
49. re\_\_\_\_\_ct a telephone *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
50. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
51. smart the\_\_\_\_\_at *n.* a device that automatically regulates temperature by controlling the heating or cooling system based on the temperature in a room or building
52. ca\_\_\_\_\_re story *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
53. co\_\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
54. Internet ad\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

ANSWERS: 47. improvisation, 48. improvisation, 49. reconnect, 50. opportune, 51. thermostat, 52. campfire, 53. confer, 54. addict

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I'm so sorry to \_\_\_\_\_ you when you're pretty busy.
  - v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
  
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ a branch from a tree quickly.
  - v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
  
3. The cook \_\_\_\_\_ the vegetables for the soup.
  - v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
  
4. The kind-hearted woman offered the wandering \_\_\_\_\_ a warm meal and a place to sleep for the night.
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ANSWERS: 1. disrupt, 2. severed, 3. chopped, 4. hobo, 5. dumpster, 6. prostitute, 7. campfire

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- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
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- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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- n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
11. The raising of interest rates \_\_\_\_\_ the inflation rate.
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ANSWERS: 8. Christmas, 9. opportune, 10. addicts, 11. stabilizes, 12. bum, 13.

bootstrap, 14. confer, 15. condom

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21. He led a \_\_\_\_\_ life.  
*adj.* not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises
22. It's important never to have \_\_\_\_\_ sex to prevent the spread of STDs.  
*adj.* not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense
23. Despite the evidence, she remained a \_\_\_\_\_ in the theory of evolution.  
*n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

ANSWERS: 16. scattered, 17. improvisation, 18. episodic, 19. thermostat, 20. individualism, 21. sober, 22. unprotected, 23. disbeliever



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ANSWERS: 24. reconnected, 25. astonishing, 26. frontline, 27. pimp