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## Session 1: Word List

### cape

*n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

*synonym* : shawl, cloak, mantle

(1) **cape** cod, (2) red **cape**

The superhero wore a flowing **cape** as part of their costume.

### sip

*v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

*synonym* : taste, sample, drink

(1) **sip** a drink, (2) take a **sip** of beer

He **sipped** his tea slowly, savoring the taste.

### scarcity

*n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

*synonym* : lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

### ingrained

*adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

*synonym* : inborn, embedded, deep-seated

(1) **ingrained** habit, (2) **ingrained** prejudice

Her fear of dogs was **ingrained** after a traumatic experience in childhood.

## conserve

*v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

*synonym*: preserve, save, maintain

(1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal resources

Children must be taught to **conserve** our natural environment.

## sibling

*n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

*synonym*: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

## pretension

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym*: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## billboard

*n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads

*synonym*: hoarding, signboard, advertisement

(1) **billboard** advertising, (2) digital **billboard**

The new **billboard** on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.

## freeway

*n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

*synonym* : highway, expressway, motorway

(1) **freeway** exit, (2) expanded **freeway**

We got stuck in a traffic jam on the **freeway** for over an hour.

## yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

*synonym* : shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

## 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.

## rainwater

n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

*synonym* : precipitation, drizzle, showers

(1) **rainwater** acidity, (2) **rainwater** drainage

The company installed a **rainwater** harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.

## empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

*synonym* : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## 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**.

## capita

*n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

*synonym*: head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**  
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

## toolkit

*n.* a set of tools, materials, or resources that are designed to be used together for a specific purpose or task; a collection of information or techniques that can be used to address a problem or achieve a goal

*synonym*: tool set, equipment, utility kit

(1) handy **toolkit**, (2) digital **toolkit**

The DIY **toolkit** includes a variety of power and hand tools for home repair.

## preset

*v.* to set or adjust something beforehand, often about electronic or technological devices or systems; (noun) a preconfigured setting or adjustment that is programmed into a device, system, or software

*synonym*: preconfigure, program, prearrange

(1) **preset** not to make a connection, (2) **preset** settings  
I always **preset** my coffee maker the night before to have a fresh cup when I wake up.

## quo

*n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

*synonym*: status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

## barrage

*n.* a concentrated and continuous outpouring or overwhelming amount of something, such as bombs, questions, criticisms, or comments; a defensive barrier of artillery fire or gunfire

*synonym* : onslaught, bombardment, hail

(1) **barrage** of questions, (2) artillery **barrage**

She used a **barrage** of facts and figures to make her argument.

## jog

*v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose

*synonym* : run, sprint, trot

(1) **jog** in place, (2) **jog** my memory

She decided to **jog** around the park to clear her head.

## grapevine

*n.* a climbing plant on which grapes grow; the informal transmission of information, gossip, or rumors from person to person

*synonym* : rumor, gossip, hearsay

(1) **grapevine** trellis, (2) office **grapevine**

I heard through the **grapevine** that they are planning to sell the company.

## intern

*v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

*synonym* : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

## arid

*adj.* lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality

*synonym* : dry, parched, barren

(1) **arid** terrain, (2) semi- **arid** zone

The desert is known for its **arid** climate and lack of rainfall.

## recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

*synonym*: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

## purify

v. to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it

*synonym*: refine, filter, clarify

(1) **purify** hydrogen gas, (2) **purify** the blood

The equipment is frequently used to **purify** and distribute drinking water.

## reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

*synonym*: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. means to co\_\_\_\_ve energy  
*v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
2. semi-a\_\_d zone  
*adj.* lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality
3. pr\_\_\_t settings  
*v.* to set or adjust something beforehand, often about electronic or technological devices or systems; (noun) a preconfigured setting or adjustment that is programmed into a device, system, or software
4. c\_\_e cod  
*n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
5. in\_\_\_n civilians  
*v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
6. pre\_\_\_\_\_on to authority  
*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
7. per ca\_\_\_a sales  
*n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

ANSWERS: 1. conserve, 2. arid, 3. preset, 4. cape, 5. intern, 6. pretension, 7. capita

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| 8. take a s_p of beer               | v.   | to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink   |
| 9. medical in__n                    | v.   | to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria        |
| 10. office gr_____ne                | n.   | a climbing plant on which grapes grow; the informal transmission of information, gossip, or rumors from person to person  |
| 11. pu___y hydrogen gas             | v.   | to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it  |
| 12. sc_____ty of capital            | n.   | the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount   |
| 13. re_____nt our life              | v.   | to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new   |
| 14. baseless pre_____on             | n.   | the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition   |
| 15. a__d terrain                    | adj. | lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality   |
| 16. pr___t not to make a connection | v.   | to set or adjust something beforehand, often about electronic or technological devices or systems; (noun) a preconfigured setting or adjustment that is programmed into a device, system, or software |

ANSWERS: 8. sip, 9. intern, 10. grapevine, 11. purify, 12. scarcity, 13. reinvent, 14. pretension, 15. arid, 16. preset



17. co\_\_\_\_ve coal resources      *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
18. status q\_o politician      *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
19. gr\_\_\_\_\_ne trellis      *n.* a climbing plant on which grapes grow; the informal transmission of information, gossip, or rumors from person to person
20. digital bi\_\_\_\_\_rd      *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
21. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life      *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
22. in\_\_\_\_\_ed habit      *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
23. pu\_\_\_y the blood      *v.* to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it
24. re\_\_\_\_\_e the cardboard boxes      *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
25. in\_\_\_\_\_ed prejudice      *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
26. s\_p a drink      *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

ANSWERS: 17. conserve, 18. quo, 19. grapevine, 20. billboard, 21. empower, 22. ingrained, 23. purify, 24. recycle, 25. ingrained, 26. sip

27. pl\_\_d for mercy *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
28. re\_\_\_\_nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
29. the agricultural yield per ca\_\_\_a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
30. fuel sc\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
31. y\_\_l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
32. ra\_\_\_\_\_er acidity *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
33. em\_\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
34. ra\_\_\_\_\_er drainage *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
35. have a si\_\_\_\_\_g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
36. handy to\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a set of tools, materials, or resources that are designed to be used together for a specific purpose or task; a collection of information or techniques that can be used to address a problem or achieve a goal
37. digital to\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a set of tools, materials, or resources that are designed to be used together for a specific purpose or task; a collection of information or techniques that can be used to address a problem or achieve a goal

ANSWERS: 27. plead, 28. reinvent, 29. capita, 30. scarcity, 31. yell, 32. rainwater, 33. empower, 34. rainwater, 35. sibling, 36. toolkit, 37. toolkit

38. fr\_\_\_\_y exit *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
39. j\_g in place *v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose
40. j\_g my memory *v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose
41. red c\_\_e *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
42. re\_\_\_\_e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
43. artillery ba\_\_\_\_e *n.* a concentrated and continuous outpouring or overwhelming amount of something, such as bombs, questions, criticisms, or comments; a defensive barrier of artillery fire or gunfire
44. bi\_\_\_\_rd advertising *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
45. 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

ANSWERS: 38. freeway, 39. jog, 40. jog, 41. cape, 42. recycle, 43. barrage, 44. billboard, 45. rev

46. expanded fr\_\_\_\_y                    *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
47. play with my si\_\_\_\_gs              *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
48. ba\_\_\_\_e of questions               *n.* a concentrated and continuous outpouring or overwhelming amount of something, such as bombs, questions, criticisms, or comments; a defensive barrier of artillery fire or gunfire
49. y\_\_l for help                         *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
50. 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
51. q\_o warranto                         *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
52. pl\_\_d a political cause               *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

ANSWERS: 46. freeway, 47. sibling, 48. barrage, 49. yell, 50. rev, 51. quo, 52. plead

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
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ANSWERS: 1. pretensions, 2. reinvent, 3. rev, 4. interned, 5. barrage, 6. cape, 7. ingrained

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ANSWERS: 16. toolkit, 17. conserve, 18. grapevine, 19. preset, 20. yelled, 21. empowered, 22. siblings, 23. quo

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