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## Session 1: Word List

### painkiller

*n.* medicine used to relieve physical pain

*synonym*: anesthetic, anodyne, analgesic

(1) a strong **painkiller**, (2) take a **painkiller** beforehand  
Over-the-counter **painkillers** are less effective for patients who have taken many in the past.

### ibuprofen

*n.* a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation

(1) **ibuprofen** intoxication, (2) **ibuprofen** tablet

Daily use of **ibuprofen** can irritate the stomach.

### medicinal

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

*synonym*: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

### throb

*v.* to beat with a strong, regular rhythm, as a pulse or a heart

*synonym*: pulse, beat, pound

(1) **throb** at the thought of the accident, (2) **throb** with excitement

The wound continued to **throb** with pain, despite the

medication.

## sprain

v. to injure a joint in your body by a sudden wrenching of it  
*synonym*: turn, twist, wrench

(1) **sprain** a joint, (2) **sprain** my knee in a game

She **sprained** her ankles when she fell.

## hitch

v. to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle

*synonym*: fasten, jerk, tether

(1) **hitch** a ride, (2) **hitch** up my trousers

The mechanics **hitched** the trailer to the broken-down car.

## circulatory

adj. relating to the system that moves blood through the body, which includes the heart, arteries, and veins

*synonym*: circulative, rotating

(1) a **circulatory** disease, (2) cause **circulatory** failure  
shock

The **circulatory** system of the animal is also responsible for heat transportation.

## snare

n. a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks

*synonym*: trap, noose, entanglement

(1) **snare** drum, (2) fall into a **snare**

The thief was caught in a **snare** set by the police.

## neutralize

v. to counteract or cancel the effects of something; to make something neutral or harmless

*synonym*: counteract, invalidate, cancel out

(1) **neutralize** a toxin, (2) **neutralize** an argument

We need to **neutralize** the acidity of this soil before we can grow any crops.

## expel

v. to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country

*synonym*: deport, oust, dislodge

(1) **expel** him from his native country, (2) **expel** air from the lungs

He took a big drag of his cigarette and slowly **expelled** the smoke.

## digestive

*adj.* relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food

(1) **digestive** juices, (2) a **digestive** enzyme

A nutritious diet improves **digestive** functions.

## disintegrate

v. break or cause to break into small fragments

*synonym*: shatter, crumble, break down

(1) **disintegrate** in an explosion, (2) **disintegrate** over time

The vase **disintegrated** into pieces when it fell to the ground.

## acidic

*adj.* having a pH lower than 7; having characteristics of an acid, such as tasting sour or corroding metal

*synonym*: sour, tart, acrid

(1) **acidic** solution, (2) **acidic** taste

The soil in this region is too **acidic** for most crops to grow well.

## dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

*synonym*: disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

## intestine

n. a long, tube-like organ in the digestive system that is responsible for absorbing nutrients from food and eliminating waste products

*synonym*: gut, bowel, tract

(1) large **intestine**, (2) **intestine** wall

The small **intestine** is responsible for absorbing most of the nutrients from food.

### metabolite

*n.* a substance produced by metabolic processes in living organisms, especially those that are essential for normal physiological functions

*synonym* : intermediate

(1) **metabolite** concentration, (2) drug **metabolite**

The liver **metabolite** levels were higher than usual.

### unscathed

*adj.* not harmed or injured; untouched or unharmed by a negative or dangerous situation

*synonym* : unhurt, intact, unharmed

(1) **unscathed** survivor, (2) come away **unscathed**

Thankfully, the driver emerged from the accident **unscathed**.

### detach

*v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage

*synonym* : separate, disengage, disconnect

(1) **detach** a ticket from its stub, (2) **detach** you from the matter

She **detached** the trailer from the truck before driving away.

### fluctuate

*v.* to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably

*synonym* : vary, oscillate, sway

(1) **fluctuate** prices, (2) **fluctuate** rapidly

Stock prices **fluctuate** daily based on market demand and supply.

### infancy

*n.* the state or period of being a baby or very young child

*synonym* : childhood, babyhood, juvenescence

(1) **infancy** stage, (2) in early **infancy**

The technology is still in its **infancy** and has much room for improvement.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------------|------|--|
| 1. ex__l air from the lungs           | v.   | to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country  |
| 2. a di_____ve enzyme                 | adj. | relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food   |
| 3. large in_____ne                    | n.   | a long, tube-like organ in the digestive system that is responsible for absorbing nutrients from food and eliminating waste products |
| 4. fl_____te prices                   | v.   | to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably  |
| 5. th__b with excitement              | v.   | to beat with a strong, regular rhythm, as a pulse or a heart   |
| 6. officially di_____ved the marriage | v.   | to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss                                   |
| 7. un_____ed survivor                 | adj. | not harmed or injured; untouched or unharmed by a negative or dangerous situation  |
| 8. sp___n a joint                     | v.   | to injure a joint in your body by a sudden wrenching of it   |
| 9. ex__l him from his native country  | v.   | to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country  |
| 10. come away un_____ed               | adj. | not harmed or injured; untouched or unharmed by a negative or dangerous situation  |

ANSWERS: 1. expel, 2. digestive, 3. intestine, 4. fluctuate, 5. throb, 6. dissolve, 7. unscathed, 8. sprain, 9. expel, 10. unscathed

11. de\_\_\_h a ticket from its stub      *v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage
12. neu\_\_\_\_\_ze an argument      *v.* to counteract or cancel the effects of something; to make something neutral or harmless
13. ac\_\_\_c taste      *adj.* having a pH lower than 7; having characteristics of an acid, such as tasting sour or corroding metal
14. a cir\_\_\_\_\_ry disease      *adj.* relating to the system that moves blood through the body, which includes the heart, arteries, and veins
15. me\_\_\_\_\_al chemistry      *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
16. hi\_\_h up my trousers      *v.* to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle
17. in\_\_\_\_\_ne wall      *n.* a long, tube-like organ in the digestive system that is responsible for absorbing nutrients from food and eliminating waste products
18. th\_\_b at the thought of the accident      *v.* to beat with a strong, regular rhythm, as a pulse or a heart
19. met\_\_\_\_\_te concentration      *n.* a substance produced by metabolic processes in living organisms, especially those that are essential for normal physiological functions
20. in early in\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the state or period of being a baby or very young child

ANSWERS: 11. detach, 12. neutralize, 13. acidic, 14. circulatory, 15. medicinal, 16. hitch, 17. intestine, 18. throb, 19. metabolite, 20. infancy

21. sn\_\_e drum *n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks
22. fall into a sn\_\_e *n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks
23. in\_\_\_\_y stage *n.* the state or period of being a baby or very young child
24. de\_\_\_h you from the matter *v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage
25. ib\_\_\_\_\_en intoxication *n.* a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation
26. ib\_\_\_\_\_en tablet *n.* a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation
27. hi\_\_h a ride *v.* to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle
28. sp\_\_\_n my knee in a game *v.* to injure a joint in your body by a sudden wrenching of it
29. di\_\_\_\_\_ve juices *adj.* relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food
30. drug met\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* a substance produced by metabolic processes in living organisms, especially those that are essential for normal physiological functions

ANSWERS: 21. snare, 22. snare, 23. infancy, 24. detach, 25. ibuprofen, 26. ibuprofen, 27. hitch, 28. sprain, 29. digestive, 30. metabolite

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| 31. take a pai_____er beforehand   | <i>n.</i> medicine used to relieve physical pain  |
| 32. traditional me_____al          | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease  |
| 33. cause cir_____ry failure shock | <i>adj.</i> relating to the system that moves blood through the body, which includes the heart, arteries, and veins |
| 34. dis_____ate over time          | <i>v.</i> break or cause to break into small fragments  |
| 35. dis_____ate in an explosion    | <i>v.</i> break or cause to break into small fragments  |
| 36. fl_____te rapidly              | <i>v.</i> to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably                   |
| 37. di_____ve the sugar            | <i>v.</i> to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss        |
| 38. ac____c solution               | <i>adj.</i> having a pH lower than 7; having characteristics of an acid, such as tasting sour or corroding metal    |
| 39. a strong pai_____er            | <i>n.</i> medicine used to relieve physical pain  |
| 40. neu_____ze a toxin             | <i>v.</i> to counteract or cancel the effects of something; to make something neutral or harmless                   |

ANSWERS: 31. painkiller, 32. medicinal, 33. circulatory, 34. disintegrate, 35. disintegrate, 36. fluctuate, 37. dissolve, 38. acidic, 39. painkiller, 40. neutralize



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The political party \_\_\_\_\_ after much internal fighting.  
*v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
  
2. Thankfully, the driver emerged from the accident \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* not harmed or injured; untouched or unharmed by a negative or dangerous situation
  
3. The soil in this region is too \_\_\_\_\_ for most crops to grow well.  
*adj.* having a pH lower than 7; having characteristics of an acid, such as tasting sour or corroding metal
  
4. The technology is still in its \_\_\_\_\_ and has much room for improvement.  
*n.* the state or period of being a baby or very young child
  
5. The thief was caught in a \_\_\_\_\_ set by the police.  
*n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks
  
6. She \_\_\_\_\_ her ankles when she fell.  
*v.* to injure a joint in your body by a sudden wrenching of it
  
7. She \_\_\_\_\_ the trailer from the truck before driving away.  
*v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage
  
8. The wound continued to \_\_\_\_\_ with pain, despite the medication.  
*v.* to beat with a strong, regular rhythm, as a pulse or a heart

ANSWERS: 1. dissolved, 2. unscathed, 3. acidic, 4. infancy, 5. snare, 6. sprained, 7. detached, 8. throb

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ system of the animal is also responsible for heat transportation.

*adj.* relating to the system that moves blood through the body, which includes the heart, arteries, and veins

10. The liver \_\_\_\_\_ levels were higher than usual.

*n.* a substance produced by metabolic processes in living organisms, especially those that are essential for normal physiological functions

11. A nutritious diet improves \_\_\_\_\_ functions.

*adj.* relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food

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ANSWERS: 9. circulatory, 10. metabolite, 11. digestive, 12. hitched, 13. disintegrated, 14. intestine, 15. medicinal, 16. ibuprofen

17. Stock prices \_\_\_\_\_ daily based on market demand and supply.  
*v.* to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably
18. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the acidity of this soil before we can grow any crops.  
*v.* to counteract or cancel the effects of something; to make something neutral or harmless
19. Over-the-counter \_\_\_\_\_ are less effective for patients who have taken many in the past.  
*n.* medicine used to relieve physical pain
20. He took a big drag of his cigarette and slowly \_\_\_\_\_ the smoke.  
*v.* to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country

ANSWERS: 17. fluctuate, 18. neutralize, 19. painkillers, 20. expelled