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Session 1: Word List

eponymous

adj. giving one's name to a thing or place; named after a particular person or entity, often the creator or originator of that thing or place

synonym: named, titular, self-titled

(1) **eponymous** album, (2) **eponymous** restaurant The movie was named after its **eponymous** character, a famous detective.

moonshot

 an ambitious, risky, and innovative project or goal, especially one that is intended to bring about radical change or breakthroughs in a particular field or industry, often inspired by the lunar landing mission of Apollo 11 in 1969

synonym: initiative, endeavor, pursuit

(1) Al moonshot, (2) moonshot idea

The company's **moonshot** project aims to develop a revolutionary new technology within a tight deadline.

brainstorming

- 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.

blueprint

 a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym: draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint** A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

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.

excite

- v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate
- (1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion The news of her promotion **excited** her.

unchecked

- adj. not restrained or controlled; not examined or scrutinized;allowed to proceed without restraint or interferencesynonym: uncontrolled, unrestrained, unbridled
- (1) unchecked ambition, (2) unchecked growth
 The unchecked spread of the virus led to a nationwide outbreak.

optimism

 a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

skepticism

 an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

synonym: distrust, doubt, suspicion

(1) natural **skepticism**, (2) **skepticism** toward bureaucracy This party expresses **skepticism** about the efficacy of the health insurance system.

lettuce

- n. a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavorsynonym: greens, salad, cress
- (1) crisp lettuce, (2) wilted lettuceI want a sandwich with extra lettuce, please.

nourish

 to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

synonym: feed, sustain, nurture

nourish damaged skin, (2) nourish hope
 The mother used her breast milk to nourish the baby.

staple

- adj. essential, crucial, or regularly used synonym: essential, fundamental, pivotal
- staple commodities, (2) staple crop
 Rice and beans are a staple food in many cultures.

landlocked

- adj. referring to a country or region that is surrounded by land with no direct access to the sea or oceansynonym: trapped, enclosed
- (1) **landlocked** lake, (2) **landlocked** region

 The **landlocked** country needed more access to ports and trade routes.

buoyancy

- n. the ability or tendency of an object to float in a fluid synonym: flotation, levitation, airiness
- (1) buoyancy principle, (2) buoyancy compensator

The object's **buoyancy** helped it float on the water's surface.

footprint

- n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface synonym: footmark, imprint, impression
- (1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon footprint.

steer

- v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someonesynonym: guide, direct, control
- (1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

retrofit

- v. to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufacturedsynonym: backfit, reconstruct, recycle
- retrofit an electronic system, (2) retrofit applications
 A retrofit may involve putting in new door jambs.

mantra

 a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation

synonym: hymn, chant, phrase

(1) campaign **mantra**, (2) chant the **mantra** of structural reform

She repeated her personal **mantra** to herself to stay motivated.

industrious

- adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous
- (1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

kite

n. a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air

(1) kite string, (2) a picture on a kite

Benjamin Franklin proved that lightning is electricity through experiments with **kites**.

perch

v. to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

synonym: sit, roost, squat

- (1) **perch** on a ledge, (2) **perch** of a bird of prey
- The bird **perched** on the branch, watching the world below.

propeller

 a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft

synonym: prop, rotor, fan

(1) propeller design, (2) propeller aircraft

The boat's **propeller** stopped working in the middle of the lake.

tether

v. to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (noun) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog

synonym: tie, fasten, secure

(1) tether a horse, (2) tether strap

The hiker **tethered** their dog to a tree while they camped for the night.

loon

 a large migratory bird, typically having a haunting cry and known for its diving and swimming abilities; (an offensive word) a foolish or crazy person

synonym: fool, lunatic

(1) **loon** call, (2) wild **loon**

We spotted a common **loon** swimming gracefully in the lake.

stratosphere

n. the second layer of the Earth's atmosphere, extending from about 7 to 50 kilometers above the Earth's surface, containing the ozone layer

synonym: upper atmosphere, ozone layer

(1) **stratosphere** layer, (2) **stratosphere** ozone The ozone layer, which protects us from harmful UV radiation, is in the **stratosphere**.

stratum

 a layer or level of something, usually referring to a layer of rock or soil in the Earth's crust

synonym: layer, level, tier

(1) social **stratum**, (2) **stratum** corneum

The geologist identified a new **stratum** of rock through his research.

maneuver

 a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

synonym: gimmick, trick, action

(1) political **maneuvers**, (2) made a great **maneuver** In this class, we learn the basic **maneuver** of the plane.

freeway

 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.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

intermediary

 a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings

synonym: middleman, mediator, agent

(1) financial intermediary, (2) intermediary roleThe intermediary between the buyer and the seller helped

them agree.

helium

 a colorless, odorless, tasteless, non-toxic, inert, monatomic gas, the first in the noble gas series in the periodic table

synonym: He, light gas, noble gas

(1) helium atom, (2) helium gas

The **helium-filled** balloons floated into the sky.

fine-tuning

 the act of making small adjustments or changes to improve or optimize the performance, quality, or effectiveness of something

synonym: adjustment, calibration, tweaking

(1) **fine-tuning** process, (2) **fine-tuning** of a financial plan The **fine-tuning** of the car engine made it run more smoothly.

audacious

 adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

synonym: bold, daring, fearless

(1) audacious stunt, (2) audacious decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

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.

applause

 a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

synonym: clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of applause, (2) earn applause

The **applause** burst from the audience.

boundless

adj. having no limits; limitless

synonym: limitless, indefinite, bottomless

(1) boundless imagination, (2) boundless energy

The **boundless** ocean stretched before them as far as the eye could see.

Session 2: Spelling

11. ind____us worker

1.	yl as loud as we can	<i>v</i> .	to shout in a sudden and loud way
2.	prer design	n.	a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft
3.	braing 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
4.	indus student	adj.	hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
5.	exe the crowd	<i>v</i> .	to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
6.	wilted lee	n.	a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor
7.	prize people over cars	<i>v</i> .	to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
8.	exe rebellion	<i>v</i> .	to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
9.	stm corneum	n.	a layer or level of something, usually referring to a layer of rock or soil in the Earth's crust
10.	round of apse	n.	a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

ANSWERS: 1. yell, 2. propeller, 3. brainstorming, 4. industrious, 5. excite, 6. lettuce, 7. prioritize, 8. excite, 9. stratum, 10. applause, 11. industrious

effort

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in

12.	fonts in the snow	n.	a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
13.	campaign maa	n.	a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
14.	chant the maa of structural reform	n.	a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
15.	boss imagination	adj.	having no limits; limitless
16.	ke string	n.	a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air
17.	moot idea	n.	an ambitious, risky, and innovative project or goal, especially one that is intended to bring about radical change or breakthroughs in a particular field or industry, often inspired by the lunar landing mission of Apollo 11 in 1969
18.	hem atom	n.	a colorless, odorless, tasteless, non-toxic, inert, monatomic gas, the first in the noble gas series in the periodic table
19.	uned growth	adj.	not restrained or controlled; not examined or scrutinized; allowed to proceed without restraint or interference
20.	epus album	adj.	giving one's name to a thing or place; named after a particular person or entity, often the creator or originator of that thing or place

ANSWERS: 12. footprint, 13. mantra, 14. mantra, 15. boundless, 16. kite, 17. moonshot, 18. helium, 19. unchecked, 20. eponymous

21. l_n call	,	n.	a large migratory bird, typically having a haunting cry and known for its diving and swimming abilities; (an offensive word) a foolish or crazy person
22. noh hope	1	<i>v</i> .	to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
23. noh damaç	ged skin	<i>v</i> .	to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
24. 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
25. hem gas	7	n.	a colorless, odorless, tasteless, non-toxic, inert, monatomic gas, the first in the noble gas series in the periodic table
26. political op	_sm _ r	n.	a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
27. crisp lee	,	n.	a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor
28. finng pro	ocess	n.	the act of making small adjustments or changes to improve or optimize the performance, quality, or effectiveness of something

ANSWERS: 21. loon, 22. nourish, 23. nourish, 24. pretension, 25. helium, 26. optimism, 27. lettuce, 28. fine-tuning

29.	auus decision	adj.	showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
30.	ter strap	<i>v</i> .	to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (noun) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog
31.	peh of a bird of prey	<i>v</i> .	to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
32.	prize tasks	<i>v</i> .	to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
33.	strere ozone	n.	the second layer of the Earth's atmosphere, extending from about 7 to 50 kilometers above the Earth's surface, containing the ozone layer
34.	str a steady course	<i>v</i> .	to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
35.	a picture on a ke	n.	a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air
36.	bucy compensator	n.	the ability or tendency of an object to float in a fluid

ANSWERS: 29. audacious, 30. tether, 31. perch, 32. prioritize, 33. stratosphere, 34. steer, 35. kite, 36. buoyancy

37.	do a braing about a new product	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
38.	architect's blnt	n.	a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
39.	the fonts of an earlier civilization	n.	a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
40.	preon to authority	n.	the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
41.	sense of opsm	n.	a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
42.	yl for help	<i>v</i> .	to shout in a sudden and loud way
43.	ste commodities	adj.	essential, crucial, or regularly used
44.	finng of a financial plan	n.	the act of making small adjustments or changes to improve or optimize the performance, quality, or effectiveness of something
45.	reit an electronic system	<i>v</i> .	to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured
46.	strere layer	n.	the second layer of the Earth's atmosphere, extending from about 7 to 50 kilometers above the Earth's surface containing the ozone layer

ANSWERS: 37. brainstorming, 38. blueprint, 39. footprint, 40. pretension, 41. optimism, 42. yell, 43. staple, 44. fine-tuning, 45. retrofit, 46. stratosphere

47.	made a great maer	n.	a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
48.	boss energy	adj.	having no limits; limitless
49.	prer aircraft	n.	a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft
50.	bucy principle	n.	the ability or tendency of an object to float in a fluid
51.	blnt for economic reform	n.	a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
52.	natural skesm	n.	an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
53.	political maers	n.	a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
54.	reit applications	v.	to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured
55.	ter a horse	ν.	to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (noun) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog

ANSWERS: 47. maneuver, 48. boundless, 49. propeller, 50. buoyancy, 51. blueprint, 52. skepticism, 53. maneuver, 54. retrofit, 55. tether

56.	skesm toward bureaucracy	n.	an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
57.	laned lake	adj.	referring to a country or region that is surrounded by land with no direct access to the sea or ocean
58.	uned ambition	adj.	not restrained or controlled; not examined or scrutinized; allowed to proceed without restraint or interference
59.	expanded fry	n.	a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
60.	auus stunt	adj.	showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
61.	epus restaurant	adj.	giving one's name to a thing or place; named after a particular person or entity, often the creator or originator of that thing or place
62.	social stm	n.	a layer or level of something, usually referring to a layer of rock or soil in the Earth's crust
63.	laned region	adj.	referring to a country or region that is surrounded by land with no direct access to the sea or ocean
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ANSWERS: 56. skepticism, 57. landlocked, 58. unchecked, 59. freeway, 60. audacious, 61. eponymous, 62. stratum, 63. landlocked

64.	intary role	n.	a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings
65.	Al moot	n.	an ambitious, risky, and innovative project or goal, especially one that is intended to bring about radical change or breakthroughs in a particular field or industry, often inspired by the lunar landing mission of Apollo 11 in 1969
66.	peh on a ledge	v.	to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
67.	fry 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
68.	earn apse	n.	a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
69.	financial intary	n.	a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings

ANSWERS: 64. intermediary, 65. moonshot, 66. perch, 67. freeway, 68. applause, 69. intermediary

- 70. st_r a conversation
- 71. st___e crop
- 72. wild I__n

- v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
- adj. essential, crucial, or regularly used
- a large migratory bird, typically having a haunting cry and known for its diving and swimming abilities; (an offensive word) a foolish or crazy person

ANSWERS: 70. steer, 71. staple, 72. loon

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	The	country	needed more ac	cess to ports and	I trade routes.
adj.		ng to a country or sea or ocean	region that is sur	rounded by land	with no direct access
2.	Benjami 	n Franklin proved	that lightning is	electricity through	n experiments with
n.	-	nade of a light franthat you fly in the		cloth or plastic ar	nd joined to a long
3.	The boa	it'ssto	opped working in	the middle of the	lake.
n.		ce with rotating bla ly used on boats o		ed for propulsion	or creating lift,
4.		ne layer, which pr 	rotects us from ha	armful UV radiation	on, is in the
n.		cond layer of the E ters above the Ea	•	•	
5.	Α	may involve	putting in new do	or jambs.	
<i>v</i> .	-	a new component manufactured	or accessory int	o a machine that	did not initially have
6.	We spot	tted a common	swimming gra	cefully in the lak	e.
n.	•	e migratory bird, ty vimming abilities;		• •	known for its diving azy person
7.	The you	ng entrepreneur h	nad an	_ plan to start his	s own company.
adj.		ng a willingness to ventional or daring			g that is considered or boldness
	SWERS: lacious	1. landlocked, 2.	kites, 3. propelle	r, 4. stratosphere	e, 5. retrofit, 6. loon, 7

ANSWERS: 8. maneuver, 9. brainstorming, 10. staple, 11. fine-tuning, 12. pretensions, 13. applause, 14. prioritized, 15. excited

16.	We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon
n.	a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
17.	The bird on the branch, watching the world below.
<i>v</i> .	to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
18.	The company's project aims to develop a revolutionary new technology within a tight deadline.
n.	an ambitious, risky, and innovative project or goal, especially one that is intended to bring about radical change or breakthroughs in a particular field or industry, often inspired by the lunar landing mission of Apollo 11 in 1969
19.	The object's helped it float on the water's surface.
n.	the ability or tendency of an object to float in a fluid
20.	The between the buyer and the seller helped them agree.
n.	a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings
21.	The spread of the virus led to a nationwide outbreak.
adj	not restrained or controlled; not examined or scrutinized; allowed to proceed without restraint or interference
22.	She repeated her personal to herself to stay motivated.
n.	a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
	SWERS: 16. footprint, 17. perched, 18. moonshot, 19. buoyancy, 20. intermediary unchecked, 22. mantra

ANSWERS: 23. freeway, 24. nourish, 25. yelled, 26. boundless, 27. steer, 28. blueprint, 29. tethered, 30. skepticism

ANSWERS: 31. helium-filled, 32. optimism, 33. industrious, 34. stratum, 35. lettuce, 36. eponymous

often the creator or originator of that thing or place