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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### protein

*n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues

(1) stress **protein**, (2) **protein** synthesis

The body needs a certain amount of **protein** to build and repair tissues.

### helmet

*n.* a protective covering for the head, worn for safety or as part of a uniform or ceremonial dress

*synonym*: headgear, head protector, safety hat

(1) **helmet** size, (2) safety **helmet**

The worker survived the impact because they were wearing sturdy **helmets**.

### gore

*v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death;  
(noun) coagulated blood from a wound

*synonym*: pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

### countdown

*n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major

event or deadline

*synonym* : timer

(1) **countdown** clock, (2) wedding **countdown**

The **countdown** to launch began as the astronauts prepared for their mission.

## engine

*n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

*synonym* : motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

## ignition

*n.* the act of starting a fire, engine, or other device; the beginning or starting point of a process or event

*synonym* : kindling, start, activation

(1) **ignition** system, (2) **ignition** switch

My car's **ignition** wouldn't turn over, so I had to call a mechanic.

## liftoff

*n.* the moment when a spacecraft or other vehicle takes off and lifts off the ground; the act or process of launching or beginning an endeavor

*synonym* : takeoff, launching, ascent

(1) **liftoff** time, (2) **liftoff** procedure

The spacecraft had a successful **liftoff**, launching into the atmosphere.

## grade

*n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

*synonym* : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

## capsule

*n.* a small, enclosed container often used for holding medicines or supplements or for transporting payloads in spacecraft; a small, elongated structure within the body, such as a joint or a gland

(1) space **capsule**, (2) medical **capsule**

The **capsule** hotel room may be small but it has all the necessary amenities.

## dare

*v.* to have the courage to do something

*synonym*: challenge, risk, attempt

(1) **dare** not go, (2) **dare** to take risks

I wouldn't **dare** to speak to him like that.

## peculiar

*adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way

*synonym*: bizarre, abnormal, odd

(1) **peculiar** way, (2) **peculiar** people

The juice has a **peculiar** taste.

## tin

*n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes

*synonym*: can, container, receptacle

(1) **tin** can, (2) **tin** foil

The roof of the old shed was made of rusty **tin**.

## planet

*n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

*synonym*: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

## spaceship

*n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space

*synonym*: starship, rocket, spacecraft

(1) a **spaceship** to survey the moon, (2) alien **spaceship**

They launched a crewless **spaceship** into space.

## **circuit**

*n.* (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area

*synonym* : route, course, rotation

(1) **circuit** breaker, (2) federal **circuit** courts

An intelligent battery has a voltage monitoring **circuit**.

## **prophet**

*n.* a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.

*synonym* : oracle, visionary, seer

(1) false **prophet**, (2) words of the **prophet**

In this tribe, people believed the **prophet** would save them from many calamities.

## **mortal**

*adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly

*synonym* : deathly, perishable, non-eternal

(1) a **mortal** combat, (2) this **mortal** life

All humans are **mortal** and will eventually die.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. t\_n foil *n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes
2. students at all gr\_\_e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
3. save the pl\_\_\_t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
4. a steam en\_\_\_e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
5. a sp\_\_\_\_\_ip to survey the moon *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
6. alien sp\_\_\_\_\_ip *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
7. d\_\_e to take risks *v.* to have the courage to do something
8. safety he\_\_\_t *n.* a protective covering for the head, worn for safety or as part of a uniform or ceremonial dress
9. t\_n can *n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes

ANSWERS: 1. tin, 2. grade, 3. planet, 4. engine, 5. spaceship, 6. spaceship, 7. dare, 8. helmet, 9. tin

10. false pr\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.
11. words of the pr\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.
12. pr\_\_\_\_n synthesis *n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
13. pe\_\_\_\_ar people *adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
14. medical ca\_\_\_\_e *n.* a small, enclosed container often used for holding medicines or supplements or for transporting payloads in spacecraft; a small, elongated structure within the body, such as a joint or a gland
15. g\_\_e him with a weapon *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
16. a mo\_\_\_l combat *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
17. co\_\_\_\_\_wn clock *n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline
18. d\_\_e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something
19. pe\_\_\_\_ar way *adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way

ANSWERS: 10. prophet, 11. prophet, 12. protein, 13. peculiar, 14. capsule, 15. gore, 16. mortal, 17. countdown, 18. dare, 19. peculiar

20. ig\_\_\_\_on system *n.* the act of starting a fire, engine, or other device; the beginning or starting point of a process or event
21. boys in the twelfth gr\_\_e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
22. pl\_\_\_\_t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
23. ci\_\_\_\_t breaker *n.* (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
24. federal ci\_\_\_\_t courts *n.* (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
25. li\_\_\_\_f procedure *n.* the moment when a spacecraft or other vehicle takes off and lifts off the ground; the act or process of launching or beginning an endeavor
26. an air-cooled en\_\_\_\_e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
27. li\_\_\_\_f time *n.* the moment when a spacecraft or other vehicle takes off and lifts off the ground; the act or process of launching or beginning an endeavor
28. stress pr\_\_\_\_n *n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues

ANSWERS: 20. ignition, 21. grade, 22. planet, 23. circuit, 24. circuit, 25. liftoff, 26. engine, 27. liftoff, 28. protein

29. space ca\_\_\_\_e                      *n.* a small, enclosed container often used for holding medicines or supplements or for transporting payloads in spacecraft; a small, elongated structure within the body, such as a joint or a gland
30. g\_\_e scene                          *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
31. wedding co\_\_\_\_\_wn              *n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline
32. ig\_\_\_\_\_on switch                *n.* the act of starting a fire, engine, or other device; the beginning or starting point of a process or event
33. this mo\_\_\_l life                      *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
34. he\_\_\_t size                          *n.* a protective covering for the head, worn for safety or as part of a uniform or ceremonial dress

ANSWERS: 29. capsule, 30. gore, 31. countdown, 32. ignition, 33. mortal, 34. helmet



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ to speak to him like that.  
*v.* to have the courage to do something
  
2. An intelligent battery has a voltage monitoring \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
  
3. In this tribe, people believed the \_\_\_\_\_ would save them from many calamities.  
*n.* a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.
  
4. The roof of the old shed was made of rusty \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes
  
5. Departments may set requirements for a higher \_\_\_\_\_ point average.  
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6. My car's \_\_\_\_\_ wouldn't turn over, so I had to call a mechanic.  
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7. The spacecraft had a successful \_\_\_\_\_ launching into the atmosphere.  
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ANSWERS: 1. dare, 2. circuit, 3. prophet, 4. tin, 5. grade, 6. ignition, 7. liftoff,

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ to launch began as the astronauts prepared for their mission.
- n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline
9. The body needs a certain amount of \_\_\_\_\_ to build and repair tissues.
- n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ hotel room may be small but it has all the necessary amenities.
- n.* a small, enclosed container often used for holding medicines or supplements or for transporting payloads in spacecraft; a small, elongated structure within the body, such as a joint or a gland
11. The hunter \_\_\_\_\_ the deer with an arrow.
- v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
12. Mercury is the closest \_\_\_\_\_ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
13. The juice has a \_\_\_\_\_ taste.
- adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
14. They launched a crewless \_\_\_\_\_ into space.
- n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
15. The policies he announces can be the \_\_\_\_\_ of economic growth in the country.
- n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

ANSWERS: 8. countdown, 9. protein, 10. capsule, 11. gored, 12. planet, 13. peculiar, 14. spaceship, 15. engine

16. All humans are \_\_\_\_\_ and will eventually die.

*adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly

17. The worker survived the impact because they were wearing sturdy \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a protective covering for the head, worn for safety or as part of a uniform or ceremonial dress

ANSWERS: 16. mortal, 17. helmets