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## Session 1: Word List

### candlelight

*n.* light provided by a candle or candles

*synonym:* lamp light, oil light, firelight

(1) **candlelight** dinner, (2) **candlelight** vigil

The room was dimly lit by soft **candlelight**.

### cobalt

*n.* a lustrous, hard, silver-white element with the symbol Co that is often used in alloys, batteries, and pigments and is essential for certain biological processes in humans and other organisms

*synonym:* Co

(1) **cobalt** steel, (2) **cobalt** blue

The blades of gas turbine engines are often coated with a **cobalt** layer to improve their durability.

### appreciative

*adj.* expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with pleasure or enjoyment

*synonym:* grateful, thankful, pleased

(1) **appreciative** audience, (2) **appreciative** nod

The teacher was **appreciative** of the student's dedication and hard work.

## crave

v. to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely

*synonym*: desire, yearn, long for

(1) **crave** chocolate, (2) **crave** advice from others

She **craves** success and is always pushing herself to do better.

## sift

v. to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles

*synonym*: filter, go through, sieve

(1) **sift** the candidates, (2) **sift** sand

The search engine helps **sift** information.

## slideshow

n. a presentation of a series of images, typically with accompanying music, that can be displayed on a computer or other device

*synonym*: presentation, visual display

(1) animated **slideshow**, (2) **slideshow** software

He gave a **slideshow** presentation on his recent trip to Europe.

## intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

*synonym*: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

## stoic

*adj.* calm and unemotional, especially in difficult situations;  
(noun) a member of the ancient Greek school of philosophy founded by Zeno

*synonym*: unflappable, resigned, unemotional

(1) **stoic** courage, (2) do **stoic** strength training

He was known for his **stoic** demeanor, never showing emotion or weakness.

## **rubble**

*n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

*synonym*: debris, ruins, wreckage

(1) clear away **rubble**, (2) **rubble-strewn** road

After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of **rubble**.

## **anew**

*adv.* in a new or different way

*synonym*: again, once more, fresh

(1) arm **anew**, (2) review **anew**

He decided to start **anew** and leave his old life behind.

## **hamlet**

*n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church

*synonym*: village, settlement, community

(1) **hamlet** village, (2) historic **hamlet**

The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small **hamlet**.

## **speculate**

*v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

*synonym*: assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

## **sociologist**

*n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

(1) religious **sociologist**, (2) French **sociologist**

**Sociologist** studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

## **headquarter**

*n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

*synonym*: base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency **headquarter**

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

## trampoline

*n.* a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on

*synonym*: rebounder, bouncer, springboard

(1) **trampoline** park, (2) **trampoline** jump

I love jumping on the **trampoline** in my backyard.

## eloquent

*adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively

*synonym*: persuasive, fluent, well-spoken

(1) an **eloquent** speaker, (2) **eloquent** writing

She gave an **eloquent** speech at the graduation ceremony.

## spokesperson

*n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public

*synonym*: representative, interpreter, mouthpiece

(1) company **spokesperson**, (2) official **spokesperson**

The celebrity **spokesperson** made an appearance at the product launch event.

## smartphone

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

## sabbatical

*n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions

*synonym*: leave, vacation, break

(1) **sabbatical** leave, (2) **sabbatical** year

After ten years of teaching, she took a **sabbatical** to travel the world.

## offline

*adj.* not connected to the internet

*synonym*:

disconnected, not connected, unplugged

(1) **offline** course, (2) **offline** mode

The computer is **offline** and cannot be accessed at the moment.

## commandment

*n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority

*synonym*: law, edict, precept

(1) violate a **commandment**, (2) a religious **commandment**

He was punished because he contravened a **commandment** of God.

## adjective

*n.* a word that describes a noun or pronoun

*synonym*: modifier, accessory, attribute

(1) **adjective** clause, (2) an attributive **adjective**

The **adjective** "red" describes the color of the apple.

## Jewish

*adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

*synonym*: Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

## foist

*v.* to impose something unwanted or unwelcome on someone, often by deceit or trickery; to pass off or palm off something as genuine or valuable when it is not

*synonym*: impose, force, inflict

(1) **foist** responsibility, (2) **foist** blame

The company tried to **foist** unnecessary services on their customers to increase profits.

## exhaustion

*n.* the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength

*synonym*: fatigue, weariness, tiredness

(1) **exhaustion** of energy, (2) emotional **exhaustion**

The long work hours were taking a toll on her mental **exhaustion**.

## distracted

*adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

*synonym*: preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

## remake

*v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

*synonym*: revamp, redo, reproduce

(1) video game **remake**, (2) **remake** song

The director plans to **remake** the classic movie with a modern twist.

## backstreet

*adj.* located in a less prominent or central area of a city or town, often associated with poorer or seedier neighborhoods or establishments

*synonym*: underground, illicit, shady

(1) **backstreet** bar, (2) **backstreet** deals

The concert was held on a **backstreet** stage, giving it a unique and intimate atmosphere.

## exert

*v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

*synonym*: exert, apply, use

(1) **exert** control, (2) **exert** influence

He **exerted** himself to lift the heavyweight.

## gravitational

*adj.* relating to or caused by gravity (= the force that attracts objects towards one another)

*synonym* : weighty, heavy, earthbound

(1) **gravitational** energy, (2) **gravitational** waves

The **gravitational** force of the black hole was so strong that nothing, not even light, could escape.

## encircle

v. to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely

*synonym* : enclose, surround, encompass

(1) **encircle** the lake, (2) **encircle** the waist

The castle walls **encircled** the entire village for protection.

## shrine

n. a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship

*synonym* : altar, temple, monument

(1) **shrine** temple, (2) religious **shrine**

The holy **shrine** to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.

## meadow

n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

*synonym* : pasture, field, lawn

(1) graze in the **meadow**, (2) lowland **meadow**

The lush **meadow** was covered in wildflowers.

## veer

v. to change direction suddenly or sharply; to turn or swerve from one course or direction to another

*synonym* : swerve, diverge, shift

(1) **veer** toward danger, (2) **veer** to the left

The car **veered** off the road and crashed into a tree.

## 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.

## livelihood

*n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

*synonym*: occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

## commotion

*n.* a state of confused and noisy disturbance

*synonym*: disturbance, fuss, uproar

(1) a few minutes of **commotion**, (2) make **commotion**

The **commotion** in the classroom made it hard for the teacher to teach.

## germ

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym*: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## impart

*v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of

*synonym*: pass on, give, bestow

(1) **impart** a secret, (2) **impart** basic knowledge

She had knowledge she couldn't wait to **impart**.

## heartthrob

*n.* a person, especially a celebrity, who is widely admired and considered attractive, often causing strong romantic or infatuated feelings among their admirers

*synonym*: heartbreaker, idol

(1) **heartthrob** portrait, (2) male **heartthrob**

The actor's charming smile and good looks quickly made him a teenage **heartthrob**.

## monk

*n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience



*synonym* : friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

## zen

*n.* a school of Mahayana Buddhism that originated in China and was later developed in Japan, emphasizing the practice of meditation as the way to achieve enlightenment or awakening; (adjective) characterized by a sense of peace and tranquility, often through the practice of meditation or the use of natural elements

*synonym* : meditative, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **zen** garden, (2) **zen** meditation

Daily yoga helped her achieve a **zen** state of mind and calmness.

## intimacy

*n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

*synonym* : closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

## exhilarating

*adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill

*synonym* : thrilling, exciting, stimulating

(1) an **exhilarating** drink, (2) **exhilarating** view

Bungee jumping was an **exhilarating** experience that left me shaking with adrenaline.

## distract

*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

*synonym* : divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. can_____ht vigil   | <i>n.</i> light provided by a candle or candles  |
| 2. lowland me___w     | <i>n.</i> a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay  |
| 3. z_n garden         | <i>n.</i> a school of Mahayana Buddhism that originated in China and was later developed in Japan, emphasizing the practice of meditation as the way to achieve enlightenment or awakening; (adjective) characterized by a sense of peace and tranquility, often through the practice of meditation or the use of natural elements |
| 4. ha___t village     | <i>n.</i> a small village or settlement, often without a church  |
| 5. religious sh___e   | <i>n.</i> a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship  |
| 6. bac_____et bar     | <i>adj.</i> located in a less prominent or central area of a city or town, often associated with poorer or seedier neighborhoods or establishments   |
| 7. gra_____nal energy | <i>adj.</i> relating to or caused by gravity (= the force that attracts objects towards one another)   |
| 8. st__c courage      | <i>adj.</i> calm and unemotional, especially in difficult situations; (noun) a member of the ancient Greek school of philosophy founded by Zeno  |

ANSWERS: 1. candlelight, 2. meadow, 3. zen, 4. hamlet, 5. shrine, 6. backstreet, 7. gravitational, 8. stoic

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| 9. Je___h culture                      | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism   |
| 10. make co_____on                     | <i>n.</i> a state of confused and noisy disturbance  |
| 11. cloistered m__k                    | <i>n.</i> a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience                                   |
| 12. int_____te an opponent             | <i>v.</i> to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do  |
| 13. sma_____ne app developer           | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet   |
| 14. French soc_____st                  | <i>n.</i> a person who studies the institutions and development of human society   |
| 15. sp_____te on the outcome           | <i>v.</i> to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence   |
| 16. di_____ct public opinion           | <i>v.</i> to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do   |
| 17. exh_____ing view                   | <i>adj.</i> making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill                               |
| 18. ad_____ve clause                   | <i>n.</i> a word that describes a noun or pronoun  |
| 19. on terms of in_____cy              | <i>n.</i> close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person |
| 20. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter | <i>adj.</i> having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried                |

ANSWERS: 9. Jewish, 10. commotion, 11. monk, 12. intimidate, 13. smartphone, 14. sociologist, 15. speculate, 16. distract, 17. exhilarating, 18. adjective, 19. intimacy, 20. distracted

21. effectively int\_\_\_\_\_te a thief      *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
22. can\_\_\_\_\_ht dinner      *n.* light provided by a candle or candles
23. bac\_\_\_\_\_et deals      *adj.* located in a less prominent or central area of a city or town, often associated with poorer or seedier neighborhoods or establishments
24. an el\_\_\_\_\_nt speaker      *adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively
25. clear away ru\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
26. 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
27. en\_\_\_\_\_le the waist      *v.* to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely
28. dis\_\_\_\_\_ed by a conversation      *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

ANSWERS: 21. intimidate, 22. candlelight, 23. backstreet, 24. eloquent, 25. rubble, 26. freeway, 27. encircle, 28. distracted

29. an emergency hea\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
30. co\_\_\_t blue      *n.* a lustrous, hard, silver-white element with the symbol Co that is often used in alloys, batteries, and pigments and is essential for certain biological processes in humans and other organisms
31. arm a\_\_\_w      *adv.* in a new or different way
32. re\_\_\_e song      *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (*noun*) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
33. an attributive ad\_\_\_\_\_ve      *n.* a word that describes a noun or pronoun
34. historic ha\_\_\_t      *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
35. a means of liv\_\_\_\_\_od      *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
36. sl\_\_\_\_\_ow software      *n.* a presentation of a series of images, typically with accompanying music, that can be displayed on a computer or other device
37. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne addict      *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 29. headquarter, 30. cobalt, 31. anew, 32. remake, 33. adjective, 34. hamlet, 35. livelihood, 36. slideshow, 37. smartphone

38. z\_n meditation *n.* a school of Mahayana Buddhism that originated in China and was later developed in Japan, emphasizing the practice of meditation as the way to achieve enlightenment or awakening; (adjective) characterized by a sense of peace and tranquility, often through the practice of meditation or the use of natural elements
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ANSWERS: 38. zen, 39. exhilarating, 40. commandment, 41. impart, 42. speculate, 43. stoic, 44. commotion, 45. encircle, 46. appreciative

47. sab\_\_\_\_\_al leave *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
48. fo\_\_t responsibility *v.* to impose something unwanted or unwelcome on someone, often by deceit or trickery; to pass off or palm off something as genuine or valuable when it is not
49. of\_\_\_\_\_e mode *adj.* not connected to the internet
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ANSWERS: 47. sabbatical, 48. foist, 49. offline, 50. germ, 51. offline, 52. headquarter, 53. distract, 54. crave, 55. remake

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57. hea\_\_\_\_\_ob portrait *n.* a person, especially a celebrity, who is widely admired and considered attractive, often causing strong romantic or infatuated feelings among their admirers
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ANSWERS: 56. sift, 57. heartthrob, 58. crave, 59. spokesperson, 60. sabbatical, 61. spokesperson, 62. germ, 63. freeway, 64. shrine



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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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15. They were looking for \_\_\_\_\_ in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.
- n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

ANSWERS: 9. cobalt, 10. zen, 11. shrine, 12. offline, 13. smartphones, 14. distracted, 15. intimacy

16. The car \_\_\_\_\_ off the road and crashed into a tree.

- v.* to change direction suddenly or sharply; to turn or swerve from one course or direction to another

17. The company tried to \_\_\_\_\_ unnecessary services on their customers to increase profits.

- v.* to impose something unwanted or unwelcome on someone, often by deceit or trickery; to pass off or palm off something as genuine or valuable when it is not

18. I could no longer earn my own \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

19. The teacher was \_\_\_\_\_ of the student's dedication and hard work.

- adj.* expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with pleasure or enjoyment

20. He was punished because he contravened a \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

- n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority

21. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself to lift the heavyweight.

- v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

22. My friend is a \_\_\_\_\_ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

- adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

23. After ten years of teaching, she took a \_\_\_\_\_ to travel the world.

- n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions

ANSWERS: 16. veered, 17. foist, 18. livelihood, 19. appreciative, 20. commandment, 21. exerted, 22. Jewish, 23. sabbatical

24. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me while I'm studying.

*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

25. The room was dimly lit by soft \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* light provided by a candle or candles

26. The long work hours were taking a toll on her mental \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength

27. After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

28. She gave an \_\_\_\_\_ speech at the graduation ceremony.

*adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively

29. The \_\_\_\_\_ force of the black hole was so strong that nothing, not even light, could escape.

*adj.* relating to or caused by gravity (= the force that attracts objects towards one another)

30. The company decided to move its \_\_\_\_\_ to New York City.

*n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

31. The director plans to \_\_\_\_\_ the classic movie with a modern twist.

*v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

ANSWERS: 24. distract, 25. candlelight, 26. exhaustion, 27. rubble, 28. eloquent, 29. gravitational, 30. headquarters, 31. remake

32. The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
33. The \_\_\_\_\_ "red" describes the color of the apple.
- n.* a word that describes a noun or pronoun
34. He was known for his \_\_\_\_\_ demeanor, never showing emotion or weakness.
- adj.* calm and unemotional, especially in difficult situations; (noun) a member of the ancient Greek school of philosophy founded by Zeno
35. I love jumping on the \_\_\_\_\_ in my backyard.
- n.* a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on
36. The celebrity \_\_\_\_\_ made an appearance at the product launch event.
- n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public
37. The concert was held on a \_\_\_\_\_ stage, giving it a unique and intimate atmosphere.
- adj.* located in a less prominent or central area of a city or town, often associated with poorer or seedier neighborhoods or establishments
38. The castle walls \_\_\_\_\_ the entire village for protection.
- v.* to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely
39. The ascetic \_\_\_\_\_ spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.
- n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

ANSWERS: 32. hamlet, 33. adjective, 34. stoic, 35. trampoline, 36. spokesperson, 37. backstreet, 38. encircled, 39. monk



40. He gave a \_\_\_\_\_ presentation on his recent trip to Europe.  
*n.* a presentation of a series of images, typically with accompanying music, that can be displayed on a computer or other device
41. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the classroom made it hard for the teacher to teach.  
*n.* a state of confused and noisy disturbance
42. He \_\_\_\_\_ that this investment would lead to success.  
*v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
43. Bungee jumping was an \_\_\_\_\_ experience that left me shaking with adrenaline.  
*adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
44. \_\_\_\_\_ studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.  
*n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
45. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.  
*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 40. slideshow, 41. commotion, 42. speculated, 43. exhilarating, 44. Sociologist, 45. germ