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## Session 1: Word List

### reed

*n.* a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone

*synonym* : cane, grass

(1) **reed** instrument, (2) a young bud of **reed**

The **reed** in the wind instrument needs to be replaced.

### cultivate

*v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants

*synonym* : boost, foster, nurture

(1) **cultivate** a field, (2) **cultivate** relationships

University is a great place to **cultivate** our minds and expertise.

### nurture

*v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

*synonym* : boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

### determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular

outcome or result

*synonym* : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## wary

*adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience

*synonym* : cautious, suspicious, leery

(1) a **wary** statesman, (2) **wary** of marriage

She was **wary** of meeting new people because of past experiences.

## coronavirus

*n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

*synonym* : covid

(1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus** bankruptcy

Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped this year's beer festival.

## delineate

*v.* to describe or portray something in detail; to clearly and precisely define the boundaries or outline of something

*synonym* : outline, sketch, depict

(1) **delineate** the plan, (2) **delineate** a picture of the future

The architect needs to **delineate** the precise measurements of the building plan.

## escalate

*v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

*synonym* : increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to

### **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

### **perk**

*n.* an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job

*synonym*: extra, bonus, benefit

(1) **perks** for repeat guests, (2) worker **perk**

A yacht cruise is our company's ultimate **perk**.

### **barista**

*n.* a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages

*synonym*: coffee maker, coffee expert, espresso artist

(1) **barista** skills, (2) professional **barista**

The **barista** at my favorite coffee shop always makes the perfect latte.

### **nap**

*n.* a short sleep, especially during the day

*synonym*: rest, doze, drowse

(1) take a **nap**, (2) daytime **nap**

She woke the kids up from their **nap**.

### **crux**

*n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

*synonym*: heart, core, essence

(1) main **crux**, (2) the **crux** of the argument

The **crux** of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.

### **reclaim**

*v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

*synonym*: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

## commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

*synonym*: travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

## decompress

v. to reduce the pressure or tension on something or someone

*synonym*: unload, relieve, unburden

(1) **decompress** data, (2) **decompress** an archive file

She **decompressed** after a long day at work with a yoga class.

## immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

*synonym*: dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

## postmortem

*adj.* relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment

*synonym*: autopsied, deceased, dead

(1) **postmortem** findings, (2) **postmortem** analysis

The medical examiner performed a **postmortem** examination to determine the cause of death.

## debrief

v. to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance

*synonym*: brief, summarize, rehash

(1) **debrief** their business trip, (2) **debrief** the result

After the mission, the team gathered to **debrief** and discuss

their success and areas for improvement.

## repercussion

*n.* an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action

*synonym*: impact, consequence, outcome

(1) the **repercussion** of an action, (2) cultural **repercussion**

The decision had far-reaching **repercussions** and affected many people.

## ethereal

*adj.* delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual

*synonym*: airy, delicate, celestial

(1) **ethereal** beauty, (2) **ethereal** light

The **ethereal** music created a dreamlike atmosphere in the concert hall.

## subordinate

*adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else

*synonym*: inferior, secondary, subservient

(1) **subordinate** position, (2) **subordinate** role

The CEO's **subordinate** employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. daytime n\_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
2. co\_\_\_\_\_e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
3. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
4. nu\_\_\_\_\_e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
5. sub\_\_\_\_\_te position *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
6. dec\_\_\_\_\_ss an archive file *v.* to reduce the pressure or tension on something or someone
7. et\_\_\_\_\_al light *adj.* delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual
8. im\_\_\_\_\_e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

ANSWERS: 1. nap, 2. commute, 3. determinant, 4. nurture, 5. subordinate, 6. decompress, 7. ethereal, 8. immerse

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|------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| 9. re_____m a competitive position | <i>v.</i> | to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back  |
| 10. worker p__k                    | <i>n.</i> | an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job   |
| 11. a det_____nt of crop yields    | <i>n.</i> | a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result   |
| 12. daily co_____e                 | <i>v.</i> | to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work   |
| 13. cor_____us bankruptcy          | <i>n.</i> | a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 |
| 14. a young bud of r__d            | <i>n.</i> | a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone   |
| 15. the c__x of the argument       | <i>n.</i> | the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue   |
| 16. ba_____a skills                | <i>n.</i> | a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages  |

ANSWERS: 9. reclaim, 10. perk, 11. determinant, 12. commute, 13. coronavirus, 14. reed, 15. crux, 16. barista

17. r\_\_d instrument *n.* a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone
18. cultural rep\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action
19. main c\_\_x *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
20. pri\_\_\_\_\_ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
21. de\_\_\_\_\_te a picture of the future *v.* to describe or portray something in detail; to clearly and precisely define the boundaries or outline of something
22. to es\_\_\_\_\_te *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
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24. pos\_\_\_\_\_em analysis *adj.* relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment

ANSWERS: 17. reed, 18. repercussion, 19. crux, 20. prioritize, 21. delineate, 22. escalate, 23. coronavirus, 24. postmortem

25. re\_\_\_\_m land from the sea      *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
26. w\_\_y of marriage      *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
27. pos\_\_\_\_\_em findings      *adj.* relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment
28. take a n\_p      *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
29. de\_\_\_\_\_f their business trip      *v.* to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance
30. pri\_\_\_\_\_ze people over cars      *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
31. the rep\_\_\_\_\_ion of an action      *n.* an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action
32. de\_\_\_\_\_f the result      *v.* to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance
33. cu\_\_\_\_\_te a field      *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
34. a w\_\_y statesman      *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
35. de\_\_\_\_\_te the plan      *v.* to describe or portray something in detail; to clearly and precisely define the boundaries or outline of something

ANSWERS: 25. reclaim, 26. wary, 27. postmortem, 28. nap, 29. debrief, 30. prioritize, 31. repercussion, 32. debrief, 33. cultivate, 34. wary, 35. delineate

36. cu\_\_\_\_\_te relationships      *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
37. professional ba\_\_\_\_\_a      *n.* a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages
38. dec\_\_\_\_\_ss data      *v.* to reduce the pressure or tension on something or someone
39. completely im\_\_\_\_\_e the ingredient      *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
40. es\_\_\_\_\_te into a major international incident      *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
41. p\_\_ks for repeat guests      *n.* an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job
42. nu\_\_\_\_\_e love      *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
43. sub\_\_\_\_\_te role      *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
44. et\_\_\_\_\_al beauty      *adj.* delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual

ANSWERS: 36. cultivate, 37. barista, 38. decompress, 39. immerse, 40. escalate, 41. perk, 42. nurture, 43. subordinate, 44. ethereal

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ music created a dreamlike atmosphere in the concert hall.  
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2. He had to \_\_\_\_\_ two hours each way to get to work.  
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4. After the mission, the team gathered to \_\_\_\_\_ and discuss their success and areas for improvement.  
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5. The \_\_\_\_\_ at my favorite coffee shop always makes the perfect latte.  
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ANSWERS: 8. wary, 9. cultivate, 10. nurture, 11. determinant, 12. escalated, 13. immersed, 14. crux, 15. postmortem

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ANSWERS: 16. nap, 17. decompressed, 18. subordinate, 19. coronavirus, 20. delineate, 21. reclaim, 22. prioritized

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