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## Session 1: Word List

### desolate

*adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness

*synonym*: barren, stark, uninhabited

(1) a **desolate** scene, (2) **desolate** moon

The deserted island was **desolate** and uninhabited.

### palpable

*adj.* able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible

*synonym*: tangible, perceptible, noticeable

(1) **palpable** tumor, (2) **palpable** lie

The tension in the room was **palpable** as they waited for the results to come in.

### mediate

*v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

*synonym*: arbitrate, reconcile, intervene

(1) **mediate** allergic reaction, (2) **mediate** a negotiation

The teacher had to **mediate** a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.

### deprivation

*n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life

*synonym*: poverty, destitution, forfeiture

(1) chronic sleep **deprivation**, (2) **deprivation** of liberty  
Losing him is great **deprivation** to our team.

## institutionalize

*v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

*synonym*: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

## slippery

*adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted

*synonym*: smooth, glistening, furtive

(1) a **slippery** customer, (2) **slippery** ice

How extraordinarily **slippery** a liar the camera is.

## gyroscope

*n.* a device consisting of a spinning wheel or disk mounted in such a way that it can rotate freely in any direction, used to maintain balance, stability, or orientation in navigation, aerospace, or other systems

*synonym*: gyro, stabilizer, compass

(1) **gyroscope** sensor, (2) inertial navigation **gyroscope**

The **gyroscope** in the spacecraft helps to stabilize its orientation during the mission.

## frontline

*adj.* in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy

*synonym*: battlefield, cutting edge

(1) **frontline** health workers, (2) at the **frontline** of the war

Within days, the new aircraft was in **frontline** service.

## amaze

*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

*synonym*: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

## futile

*adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

*synonym* : useless, worthless, ineffective

(1) **futile** talk, (2) make a **futile** protest

It was **futile** to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

## jargon

*n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

*synonym* : lingo, vernacular, slang

(1) business **jargon**, (2) scientific **jargon**

The financial industry is notorious for using complicated **jargon** that confuses consumers.

## sliver

*n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

*synonym* : splinter, shard, fragment

(1) **sliver** of wood, (2) **sliver** of metal

I had to be careful not to step on a **sliver** of glass on the floor.

## intractable

*adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

*synonym* : obstinate, stubborn, unyielding

(1) **intractable** pain, (2) **intractable** situation

The **intractable** problem defied a solution.

## impersonal

*adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person

*synonym* : detached, unemotional

(1) **impersonal** communication, (2) **impersonal** treatment

The high-rise office building had an **impersonal** atmosphere,

making it feel corporate and uninviting.

## bureaucracy

*n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

*synonym*: administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

## underestimate

*v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

*synonym*: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

## ingrained

*adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

*synonym*: inborn, embedded, deep-seated

(1) **ingrained** habit, (2) **ingrained** prejudice

Her fear of dogs was **ingrained** after a traumatic experience in childhood.

## lifespan

*n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

*synonym*: duration, lifetime, continuance

(1) **lifespan** extension, (2) **lifespan** retrieval curve

Generally speaking, men have a shorter **lifespan** than women.

## eradicate

*v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

*synonym*: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

## sow

*v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

*synonym*: plant, scatter, seed

(1) **sow** wheat in a field, (2) **sow** discord

She carefully **sowed** the seeds in the garden.

## urbanization

*n.* the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture

*synonym*: urban development, urban growth, urban expansion

(1) **urbanization** process, (2) non- **urbanization** area

Rapid **urbanization** has led to many environmental and social issues in cities.

## loneliness

*n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people

*synonym*: isolation, alienation, desolation

(1) a strong sense of **loneliness**, (2) remedy **loneliness**

I realize the **loneliness** of a single life.

## like-minded

*adj.* having the same ideas or interests

*synonym*: simpatico, kindred-spirited, compatible

(1) find a **like-minded** friend, (2) **like-minded** group

They formed a group of **like-minded** individuals who shared a common goal.

## handyman

*n.* a person who is skilled at a variety of tasks related to home repair, maintenance, and improvement, typically performed on a part-time or freelance basis

*synonym*: handyperson, jack-of-all-trades, DIYer

(1) professional **handyman**, (2) **handyman** tools

The experienced **handyman** fixed my leaky faucet and creaky door in no time.

## unwell

*adj.* not in good health; feeling ill or sick

*synonym* : sick, ill, ailing

(1) **unwell** condition, (2) feel generally **unwell**

His **unwell** symptoms included nausea and a headache.

## dart

*n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly

*synonym* : arrow, (verb) dash

(1) blow **dart**, (2) **dart** here and there

A poison **dart** hit him.

## converge

*v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

*synonym* : congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points

The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

## secondly

*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

*synonym* : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

## underpin

*v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something

*synonym* : support, foundation, base

(1) **underpin** a structure, (2) **underpin** democratization

The research findings **underpin** the theory that human activities cause global warming.

## longevity

*n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

*synonym* : seniority, endurance

(1) **longevity** crisis, (2) **longevity** genes

He is proud of the **longevity** of the business.

## invert

v. to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something

*synonym*: turn upside down, reverse, flip

(1) **invert** a glass, (2) **invert** position

He decided to **invert** his investment portfolio, shifting from stocks to bonds.

## transact

v. to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract

*synonym*: conduct, carry out, perform

(1) **transact** internationally, (2) **transact** in cash

I need to **transact** some business at the bank before it closes.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## outperform

v. to be or do something compared to others of a similar type

*synonym*: beat, exceed, surpass

(1) **outperform** other countries, (2) **outperform** the human brain

They consistently **outperformed** other teams in the league.

## dreadful

*adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear

*synonym*: terrible, horrible, awful

(1) **dreadful** accident, (2) **dreadful** news

The conditions of the prison were **dreadful** and inhumane.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. de\_\_\_\_te moon *adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
2. int\_\_\_\_\_le situation *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
3. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
4. non-urb\_\_\_\_\_ion area *n.* the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture
5. ha\_\_\_\_\_an tools *n.* a person who is skilled at a variety of tasks related to home repair, maintenance, and improvement, typically performed on a part-time or freelance basis
6. se\_\_\_\_\_ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
7. er\_\_\_\_\_te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
8. make a fu\_\_\_e protest *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
9. remedy lon\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people

ANSWERS: 1. desolate, 2. intractable, 3. institutionalize, 4. urbanization, 5. handyman, 6. secondly, 7. eradicate, 8. futile, 9. loneliness



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| 10. a strong sense of lon_____ss  | <i>n.</i> a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people   |
| 11. co_____ge of a series         | <i>v.</i> to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet                 |
| 12. government bur_____cy         | <i>n.</i> a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives |
| 13. me_____e allergic reaction    | <i>v.</i> to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict   |
| 14. me_____e a negotiation        | <i>v.</i> to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict   |
| 15. se_____ly connected           | <i>adv.</i> used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.                               |
| 16. am___e everyone               | <i>v.</i> to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration   |
| 17. s_w discord                   | <i>v.</i> to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion  |
| 18. lo_____ty genes               | <i>n.</i> the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service  |
| 19. am___e and entertain visitors | <i>v.</i> to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration   |
| 20. und_____ate an enemy          | <i>v.</i> to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is  |

ANSWERS: 10. loneliness, 11. converge, 12. bureaucracy, 13. mediate, 14. mediate, 15. secondly, 16. amaze, 17. sow, 18. longevity, 19. amaze, 20. underestimate

21. sl\_\_\_r of metal *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
22. blow d\_\_t *n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
23. find a lik\_\_\_\_\_ed friend *adj.* having the same ideas or interests
24. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
25. fr\_\_\_\_\_ne health workers *adj.* in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
26. chronic sleep dep\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life
27. imp\_\_\_\_\_al treatment *adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person
28. in\_\_\_\_\_ed habit *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
29. dep\_\_\_\_\_on of liberty *n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life

ANSWERS: 21. sliver, 22. dart, 23. like-minded, 24. institutionalize, 25. frontline, 26. deprivation, 27. impersonal, 28. ingrained, 29. deprivation

30. int\_\_\_\_\_le pain *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
31. und\_\_\_\_\_ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
32. out\_\_\_\_\_rm the human brain *v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
33. lik\_\_\_\_\_ed group *adj.* having the same ideas or interests
34. co\_\_\_\_\_ge from different points *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
35. li\_\_\_\_\_an retrieval curve *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
36. un\_\_\_\_\_in democratization *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
37. tr\_\_\_\_\_ct in cash *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
38. un\_\_\_l condition *adj.* not in good health; feeling ill or sick
39. in\_\_\_t a glass *v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
40. sl\_\_\_\_\_ry ice *adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted
41. sl\_\_\_r of wood *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

ANSWERS: 30. intractable, 31. underestimate, 32. outperform, 33. like-minded, 34. converge, 35. lifespan, 36. underpin, 37. transact, 38. unwell, 39. invert, 40. slippery, 41. sliver

42. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
43. li\_\_\_\_\_an extension      *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
44. out\_\_\_\_\_rm other countries      *v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
45. a de\_\_\_\_\_te scene      *adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
46. lo\_\_\_\_\_ty crisis      *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
47. arbitrary bur\_\_\_\_\_cy      *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
48. d\_\_t here and there      *n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
49. scientific ja\_\_\_\_n      *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
50. business ja\_\_\_\_n      *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

ANSWERS: 42. opportune, 43. lifespan, 44. outperform, 45. desolate, 46. longevity, 47. bureaucracy, 48. dart, 49. jargon, 50. jargon

51. un\_\_\_\_\_ in a structure      *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
52. pa\_\_\_\_\_le tumor      *adj.* able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
53. in\_\_\_\_t position      *v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
54. s\_w wheat in a field      *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
55. er\_\_\_\_\_te racial discrimination      *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
56. professional ha\_\_\_\_\_an      *n.* a person who is skilled at a variety of tasks related to home repair, maintenance, and improvement, typically performed on a part-time or freelance basis
57. a sl\_\_\_\_\_ry customer      *adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted
58. fu\_\_\_\_e talk      *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
59. urb\_\_\_\_\_ion process      *n.* the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture
60. tr\_\_\_\_\_ct internationally      *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract

ANSWERS: 51. underpin, 52. palpable, 53. invert, 54. sow, 55. eradicate, 56. handyman, 57. slippery, 58. futile, 59. urbanization, 60. transact

61. dr\_\_\_\_\_ul news *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
62. feel generally un\_\_\_\_l *adj.* not in good health; feeling ill or sick
63. pa\_\_\_\_\_le lie *adj.* able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
64. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
65. in\_\_\_\_\_ed prejudice *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
66. inertial navigation gy\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a device consisting of a spinning wheel or disk mounted in such a way that it can rotate freely in any direction, used to maintain balance, stability, or orientation in navigation, aerospace, or other systems
67. dr\_\_\_\_\_ul accident *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
68. at the fr\_\_\_\_\_ne of the war *adj.* in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
69. gy\_\_\_\_\_pe sensor *n.* a device consisting of a spinning wheel or disk mounted in such a way that it can rotate freely in any direction, used to maintain balance, stability, or orientation in navigation, aerospace, or other systems
70. imp\_\_\_\_\_al communication *adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person

ANSWERS: 61. dreadful, 62. unwell, 63. palpable, 64. opportune, 65. ingrained, 66. gyroscope, 67. dreadful, 68. frontline, 69. gyroscope, 70. impersonal

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The new policy aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the use of renewable energy sources.
  - v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
  
2. The bumbling \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.
  - n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
  
3. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ some business at the bank before it closes.
  - v. to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
  
4. She carefully \_\_\_\_\_ the seeds in the garden.
  - v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
  
5. The conditions of the prison were \_\_\_\_\_ and inhumane.
  - adj. very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
  
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  - adj. lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person
  
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  - adj. not in good health; feeling ill or sick

ANSWERS: 1. institutionalize, 2. bureaucracy, 3. transact, 4. sowed, 5. dreadful, 6. impersonal, 7. unwell



8. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the spacecraft helps to stabilize its orientation during the mission.
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9. He is proud of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the business.
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- adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
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- adj.* having the same ideas or interests

ANSWERS: 8. gyroscope, 9. longevity, 10. mediate, 11. palpable, 12. deprivation, 13. handyman, 14. intractable, 15. like-minded

16. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; \_\_\_\_\_ we will go over the schedule.

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ANSWERS: 16. secondly, 17. dart, 18. jargon, 19. opportune, 20. eradicate, 21. underpin, 22. sliver

23. How extraordinarily \_\_\_\_\_ a liar the camera is.

*adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted

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29. It was \_\_\_\_\_ to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

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30. The deserted island was \_\_\_\_\_ and uninhabited.

*adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness

31. The magician's tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the audience.

*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

ANSWERS: 23. slippery, 24. outperformed, 25. underestimated, 26. urbanization, 27. converge, 28. loneliness, 29. futile, 30. desolate, 31. amazed

32. Generally speaking, men have a shorter \_\_\_\_\_ than women.  
*n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
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*adj.* in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
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*adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
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ANSWERS: 32. lifespan, 33. frontline, 34. ingrained, 35. invert