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Session 1: Word List

tint

n. a shade or small amount of a color

synonym: hue, stain, pigment

(1) rosy tint lip, (2) tint color

This flower has milky white petals with a pink **tint** on its edges.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym: amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

occupy

 ν . to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

synonym: inhabit, settle, populate

(1) **occupy** his time, (2) **occupy** a position

The young prince will soon occupy the throne.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or

understand the true nature of something

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

distinguish

 to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

synonym: determine, differentiate, characterize

(1) **distinguish** these two things, (2) **distinguish** man from the other animals

This study **distinguished** four different ways to run a business.

similarly

adv. in almost the same way synonym: also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

physiology

- the branch of the biological sciences dealing with the functioning of organisms
- (1) human **physiology**, (2) **physiology** research **Physiology** is the science of how living things work.

medication

n. a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease

synonym: cure, drug, medicine

(1) antibiotic **medication**, (2) **medication** by mouth The pharmacist not only prescribes the **medication** but also guides its proper use.

relieve

v. to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe

synonym:

alleviate, ease, assuage

(1) **relieve** his thirst, (2) **relieve** stress

The medicine **relieved** his headache, and he felt much better.

fan

a person who admires and supports a person, group,
 sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym: lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan** I'm a big **fan** of French food.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

perspective

a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

preconceived

- adj. (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
- (1) a **preconceived** notion, (2) **preconceived** opinions We should start a discussion from scratch with no **preconceived** ideas.

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they

are different

synonym: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) inequality in salary, (2) algebraic inequality

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

large-scale

adj. involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity

synonym: big, massive, grand

(1) large-scale project, (2) large-scale agriculture

The company is planning to make a **large-scale** expansion of its factory.

survey

 an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym: study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

poorest

adj. having the least wealth or resources

synonym: impecunious, penniless, least

(1) poorest of the poor, (2) poorest area

The **poorest** countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

divide

- ν . to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
- synonym: separate, disconnect, split
- (1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you divide 123321 by eleven?

bucket

 an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids

synonym: pail, tub, can

(1) bucket list, (2) bucket of golf balls

She filled a **bucket** with water and carried it back to the house.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his wealth, (2) material wealth

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

concentration

n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

synonym: attention, engagement, assiduity

(1) **concentration** of armaments, (2) his research area of **concentration**

This exam requires excellent **concentration** to pass.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym: connect, link, associate

(1) relate a story, (2) relate a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

philosophy

 the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy** Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a random choice, (2) bombs fell at random

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

definition

 a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

aspect

- n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.synonym: characteristic, element, factor
- (1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

outcome

- n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
- synonym: result, consequence, effect
- improved student outcomes, (2) a desirable outcome
 mailed news of the outcome of the election.

decision

 n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) decision authority, (2) a selfish decision
She was struggling to make a decision between two job offers.

veil

n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscuresynonym: cover, mask, (verb) conceal

veil of mystery, (2) veil her face
 He lifted her veil with both hands.

ignorance

lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

synonym: unintelligence, inexperience, unawareness

(1) **ignorance** of the law, (2) **ignorance** is bliss His **ignorance** of the situation led him to make a poor decision.

characteristic

a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

synonym: feature, quality, attribute

(1) stripes **characteristic** of the zebra, (2) my friend's characteristic laugh

Bananas have their **characteristic** taste and odor.

fantastic

gap

adj. extremely good; excellent synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

- (1) a fantastic dress, (2) absolutely fantastic event The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
- a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions,

synonym: opening, lacuna, spread

situation, etc.

(1) the gap between ideal and reality, (2) distance gap Many people are working together to close the gender gap.

conservative

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

synonym: traditional, reactionary, cautious

(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about production

He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting future sales.

depart

to go away or leave, especially to start a journey synonym: go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believesynonym: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

ratio

- n. the relative size or amount of one thing to another,typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimalsynonym: proportion, rate, quota
- (1) debt-to-income **ratio**, (2) **ratio** of boys to girls The **ratio** of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.

unskilled

- adj. lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise
 synonym: inexperienced, untrained, amateur
- (1) unskilled salesperson, (2) unskilled job
 The unskilled worker struggled to keep up with the fast-paced manufacturing job.

avail

- v. to help or benefit; to use or take advantage of synonym: help, benefit, serve
- (1) **avail** you little, (2) **avail** ourselves of this opportunity Their financing options are reasonable and easy to **avail**.

prescription

 a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient

synonym: directive, instruction, order

(1) **prescription** drugs, (2) fill the **prescription**I need to refill my **prescription** for allergy medication at the pharmacy.

infant

a baby or very young child

synonym: baby, newborn, tot

(1) infant daughter, (2) infant food

Mozart was an **infant** prodigy.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

avert

v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

synonym: discourage, prevent, deter

(1) avert disaster, (2) avert a strike

The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to avert flooding during the rainy season

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

desirable

adj. worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after

synonym: appealing, attractive, advisable

(1) desirable effect, (2) desirable result

The beachfront property had a **desirable** location with stunning ocean views.

educate

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

synonym: instruct, teach, train

(1) educate student, (2) educate public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and prepare them for the future.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental consequences.

jealousy

- a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
- synonym: envy, covetousness, resentment
- (1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

motivation

the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym: inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

implement

- v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect synonym: execute, enforce, put through
- (1) **implement** a corporate strategy, (2) **implement** security measures

The government promised to **implement** a new system to control the financial crisis.

degree

 a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym: level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

extensive

adj. covering a large area; having a wide rangesynonym: ample, comprehensive, vast

(1) **extensive** experience, (2) have **extensive** vocabulary The incident attracted **extensive** media coverage throughout the world.

summarize

v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

synonym: recap, outline, digest

(1) **summarizes** the main ideas, (2) **summarize** text Each chapter **summarizes** the most critical issues.

placebo

- harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug
- (1) **placebo** therapy, (2) patient in the **placebo** group A double-blind procedure is used to guard against experimenter bias and **placebo** effects.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

Session 2: Spelling

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 n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

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ANSWERS: 1. develop, 2. slightly, 3. divide, 4. occupy, 5. jealousy, 6. unskilled, 7. decision, 8. conservative, 9. perspective

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ANSWERS: 10. degree, 11. ratio, 12. distribute, 13. bucket, 14. motivation, 15. poorest, 16. intensify, 17. blind, 18. depart, 19. educate, 20. ignorance

21. v I her face a piece of fine cloth worn by women to n. cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure 22. nontechnical as___ts of the job one part or feature of a situation, n. problem, subject, etc. 23. av t disaster to prevent something dangerous or ν. undesirable from happening 24. the def____on of a word a concise explanation of the meaning of n. a word, phrase, or symbol 25. have ex____ve vocabulary adj. covering a large area; having a wide 26. a desirable ou e the result or effect of an action, event, to prevent something dangerous or 27. av ta strike ν. undesirable from happening a shade or small amount of a color 28. t t color n. 29. ra o of boys to girls the relative size or amount of one thing n. to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal 30. re___e a story to establish a connection or association ν. between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something 31. ed____e public to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc. an investigation of the opinions, 32. a comprehensive su y n. behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people

ANSWERS: 21. veil, 22. aspect, 23. avert, 24. definition, 25. extensive, 26. outcome, 27. avert, 28. tint, 29. ratio, 30. relate, 31. educate, 32. survey

questions

ANSWERS: 33. physiology, 34. similarly, 35. develop, 36. fan, 37. distinguish, 38. placebo, 39. random, 40. relate, 41. unskilled

ANSWERS: 42. wealth, 43. distinguish, 44. philosophy, 45. inequality, 46. avail, 47. conservative, 48. divide, 49. tint, 50. medication, 51. infant, 52. characteristic

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ANSWERS: 85. slightly, 86. fantastic, 87. astonishing, 88. preconceived, 89. summarize, 90. fan, 91. similarly, 92. placebo, 93. intensify, 94. extensive, 95. decision, 96. degree

academic or professional attainment

ANSWERS: 97. poorest, 98. policy, 99. veil, 100. bucket, 101. desirable, 102. distribute, 103. implement, 104. policy, 105. concentration

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ANSWERS: 106. astonishing, 107. large-scale, 108. fantastic, 109. prescription, 110. implement, 111. infant, 112. jealousy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

| 1. We argue that wages for temporary workers should rise. adv. in almost the same way |
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| I need to refill my for allergy medication at the pharmacy. a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient |
| 3. The new amusement park ride was with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement. adj. extremely good; excellent |
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| 7. The worker struggled to keep up with the fast-paced manufacturing job. |
| adj. lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise |
| 3. This study four different ways to run a business. |
| v. to notice or understand the difference between two people or things |
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47. tint, 48. desirable, 49. policy