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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### diamond

*n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

*synonym*: gemstone, jewel, precious stone

(1) **diamond** ring, (2) **diamond** necklace

The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling **diamond**.

### dehydrated

*adj.* to remove the water or moisture from something by a natural or artificial process

*synonym*: dried, desiccated, parched

(1) **dehydrated** skin, (2) **dehydrated** skimmed milk

I need to drink more water because I'm feeling **dehydrated**.

### desert

*n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

### wander

*v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

*synonym*: ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from

home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

## paradox

*n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

*synonym*: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

## pioneering

*adj.* involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field

*synonym*: innovative, groundbreaking, trailblazing

(1) **pioneering** research, (2) **pioneering** spirit

The **pioneering** scientist developed a breakthrough technology that revolutionized the industry.

## economical

*adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

*synonym*: frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

## blacksmith

*n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

## define

*v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

*synonym*: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

## exchange

- v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

*synonym* : trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words

My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

## obtain

- v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort

*synonym* : accept, acquire, receive

(1) **obtain** a license, (2) **obtain** a bid

Where can I **obtain** the application form?

## emergency

- n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

*synonym* : crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

## scenario

- n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

*synonym* : plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

## 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.

## modern

*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

*synonym*: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre-**modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

## attempt

*n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

*synonym*: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

## concept

*n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

*synonym*: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

## utility

*n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

*synonym*: usefulness, practicality, utility

(1) **utility** costs, (2) marginal **utility**

The **utility** of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

## satisfy

*v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

*synonym*: please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

## naturally

*adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners

*synonym*: by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest

He was **naturally** gifted.

## vary

*v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

*synonym* : alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price  
Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

## circumstance

*n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

*synonym* : condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury  
She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

## economy

*n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

*synonym* : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

## marginal

*adj.* of, relating to, or situated at the edge or outer limit; of secondary or minor importance; barely satisfactory or effective

*synonym* : fringy, peripheral, borderline

(1) **marginal** note, (2) **marginal** cost

The company's profits have only been **marginal** this year, but they're hoping for a better year.

## addition

*n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

*synonym* : accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

## eventually

*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

*synonym* : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed  
The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

## burden

*n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

*synonym* : obligation, duty, load

(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease  
That car has a low environmental **burden**.

## necessity

*n.* the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable

*synonym* : need, essentiality, prerequisite

(1) in great **necessity**, (2) the **necessity** of the concrete measure

He emphasized the **necessity** of immediate action.

## acquire

*v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

*synonym* : attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company  
Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

## diminish

*v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

*synonym* : decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling  
As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

## nauseate

*v.* to cause feelings of nausea or sickness; to feel sick or queasy; to cause repugnance or disgust

*synonym* : queasy, sicken, disgust

(1) **nauseate** my stomach, (2) make me **nauseate**  
The roller coaster ride was so intense that it **nauseated** some passengers.

## spoil

*v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

*synonym*: rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

## bore

*v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources

*synonym*: bear, tire, weary

(1) **bore** diameter, (2) **bore** him with his stories

The lecture on quantum physics **bored** me to tears.

## 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.

## intuitive

*adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof

*synonym*: involuntary, instinctive, innate

(1) **intuitive** eating, (2) **intuitive** judgment

I had an **intuitive** feeling that I might be pregnant.

## maximum

*adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

*synonym*: peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed

The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

## theoretical

*adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

*synonym* : conceptual, conjectural, ideal

(1) **theoretical** models, (2) **theoretical** physicist

Absolute zero is the lowest **theoretical** temperature.

## decide

*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

*synonym* : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

## invest

*v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

*synonym* : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

## ultimate

*adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

*synonym* : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.



## Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. bla_____th welding             | <i>n.</i> a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil   |
| 2. pio_____ng spirit              | <i>adj.</i> involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field   |
| 3. number of different sc_____ios | <i>n.</i> a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work   |
| 4. a reckless at_____t            | <i>n.</i> an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult   |
| 5. in_____ve judgment             | <i>adj.</i> obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof   |
| 6. acute em_____cy                | <i>n.</i> a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action   |
| 7. in great ne_____ty             | <i>n.</i> the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable  |
| 8. v__y according to the age      | <i>v.</i> to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.  |
| 9. di_____d necklace              | <i>n.</i> a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond |

ANSWERS: 1. blacksmith, 2. pioneering, 3. scenario, 4. attempt, 5. intuitive, 6. emergency, 7. necessity, 8. vary, 9. diamond

10. in\_\_\_t in stocks      *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
11. the \_\_\_\_\_al models      *adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
12. deh\_\_\_\_\_ed skin      *adj.* to remove the water or moisture from something by a natural or artificial process
13. ob\_\_\_n a license      *v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort
14. French pa\_\_\_\_\_x      *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
15. co\_\_\_\_\_t car      *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
16. sp\_\_l the surprise      *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
17. eve\_\_\_\_\_ly become obsolete      *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
18. ex\_\_\_\_\_ge rate      *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 10. invest, 11. theoretical, 12. dehydrated, 13. obtain, 14. paradox, 15. concept, 16. spoil, 17. eventually, 18. exchange

19. the ul\_\_\_\_te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
20. de\_\_\_e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
21. deh\_\_\_\_\_ed skimmed milk *adj.* to remove the water or moisture from something by a natural or artificial process
22. di\_\_\_\_\_sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
23. ad\_\_\_\_\_on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
24. eve\_\_\_\_\_ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
25. ut\_\_\_\_\_y costs *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
26. b\_\_e diameter *v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
27. wa\_\_\_\_r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

ANSWERS: 19. ultimate, 20. decide, 21. dehydrated, 22. diminish, 23. addition, 24. eventually, 25. utility, 26. bore, 27. wander

28. bla\_\_\_\_\_th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
29. na\_\_\_\_\_te my stomach *v.* to cause feelings of nausea or sickness; to feel sick or queasy; to cause repugnance or disgust
30. di\_\_\_\_\_d ring *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
31. ac\_\_\_\_\_e knowledge *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
32. chemical ad\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
33. make me na\_\_\_\_\_te *v.* to cause feelings of nausea or sickness; to feel sick or queasy; to cause repugnance or disgust
34. de\_\_\_\_e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
35. ec\_\_\_\_\_y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
36. a selfish de\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 28. blacksmith, 29. nauseate, 30. diamond, 31. acquire, 32. addition, 33. nauseate, 34. define, 35. economy, 36. decision

37. de\_\_\_\_on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
38. ma\_\_\_\_\_al cost *adj.* of, relating to, or situated at the edge or outer limit; of secondary or minor importance; barely satisfactory or effective
39. wa\_\_\_\_r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
40. ob\_\_\_\_n a bid *v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort
41. b\_\_e him with his stories *v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
42. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
43. ac\_\_\_\_\_e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
44. in\_\_\_\_t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 37. decision, 38. marginal, 39. wander, 40. obtain, 41. bore, 42. opportune, 43. acquire, 44. invest

45. pre-mo\_\_\_n agricultural society      *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
46. the worst case sc\_\_\_\_\_io      *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
47. in\_\_\_\_\_ve eating      *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
48. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
49. de\_\_\_t basin      *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
50. the ul\_\_\_\_\_te goal in life      *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
51. pio\_\_\_\_\_ng research      *adj.* involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field
52. oasis in the de\_\_\_t      *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
53. the pa\_\_\_\_\_x of the heap      *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
54. na\_\_\_\_\_ly regenerated forest      *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
55. v\_\_y directly with the price      *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
56. cir\_\_\_\_\_nce of injury      *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

ANSWERS: 45. modern, 46. scenario, 47. intuitive, 48. opportune, 49. desert, 50. ultimate, 51. pioneering, 52. desert, 53. paradox, 54. naturally, 55. vary, 56. circumstance

57. an eco\_\_\_\_\_al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
58. ec\_\_\_\_\_y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
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60. ex\_\_\_\_\_ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
61. di\_\_\_\_\_sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
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63. sa\_\_\_\_\_y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
64. the ma\_\_\_\_\_m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

ANSWERS: 57. economical, 58. economy, 59. naturally, 60. exchange, 61. diminish, 62. attempt, 63. satisfy, 64. maximum

65. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
66. marginal ut\_\_\_\_y *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
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74. the ne\_\_\_\_\_ty of the concrete measure *n.* the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable

ANSWERS: 65. decide, 66. utility, 67. circumstance, 68. satisfy, 69. burden, 70. modern, 71. emergency, 72. spoil, 73. economical, 74. necessity



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79. de\_\_\_e my position      *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
80. learn new co\_\_\_\_\_ts      *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

ANSWERS: 75. burden, 76. maximum, 77. marginal, 78. theoretical, 79. define, 80. concept

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company's profits have only been \_\_\_\_\_ this year, but they're hoping for a better year.  
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2. She explained the \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding the accident.  
*n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
3. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.  
*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
4. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.  
*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
5. The roller coaster ride was so intense that it \_\_\_\_\_ some passengers.  
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6. My sister and I frequently \_\_\_\_\_ books, as we love reading.  
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7. I often \_\_\_\_\_ around the park for half an hour.  
*v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

ANSWERS: 1. marginal, 2. circumstances, 3. modern, 4. decide, 5. nauseated, 6. exchange, 7. wander

8. He emphasized the \_\_\_\_\_ of immediate action.  
*n.* the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable
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- v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

23. The lecture on quantum physics \_\_\_\_\_ me to tears.

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ANSWERS: 16. invest, 17. attempt, 18. naturally, 19. obtain, 20. economical, 21. acquire, 22. vary, 23. bored

24. I had an \_\_\_\_\_ feeling that I might be pregnant.

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31. In \_\_\_\_\_ private corporations provide healthcare services.

*n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

ANSWERS: 24. intuitive, 25. burden, 26. diminish, 27. opportune, 28. define, 29. economy, 30. pioneering, 31. addition,

32. The \_\_\_\_\_ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

*adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

33. This region is predominantly \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

34. If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

35. The president declared a state of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

36. There are many theories to explain this \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

37. The corporation \_\_\_\_\_ dominated the entire tobacco business.

*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

38. Did this response \_\_\_\_\_ your request?

*v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

39. The president prepared several possible \_\_\_\_\_ for an enemy attack.

*n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

ANSWERS: 32. maximum, 33. desert, 34. spoil, 35. emergency, 36. paradox, 37. eventually, 38. satisfy, 39. scenarios

40. The \_\_\_\_\_ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

*n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

ANSWERS: 40. blacksmith