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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### hemisphere

*n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere

(1) northern **hemisphere**, (2) cerebral **hemisphere**

This weather pattern is unique to the southern **hemisphere**.

### atoll

*n.* a ring-shaped coral reef or a chain of coral islands and reefs surrounding a central lagoon, typically formed by the subsidence of a volcanic island over time, leaving only the coral reefs visible above the water surface

*synonym* : coral reef, islet, cay

(1) coral **atoll**, (2) lagoon **atoll**

The tourists were excited to explore the remote **atoll**, which was uninhabited and untouched.

### fragility

*n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable

*synonym* : delicacy, weakness, frailty

(1) **fragility** of life, (2) emotional **fragility**

The **fragility** of the glass required careful handling during shipping.

## impending

*adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent

*synonym*: imminent, upcoming, approaching

(1) **impending** doom, (2) **impending** crisis

We must prepare for the **impending** storm expected to hit our area.

## peril

*n.* serious and great danger or risk

*synonym*: hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**

Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

## categorical

*adj.* stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories

*synonym*: absolute, unconditional, unqualified

(1) **categorical** denial, (2) law of **categorical** judgment

She made a **categorical** statement that she would never eat sushi.

## skeptic

*n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

*synonym*: doubter, disbeliever, questioner

(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**

He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

## swell

*v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

*synonym*: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

## dislocate

*v.* to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship

*synonym*: displace

(1) **dislocate** my shoulder, (2) **dislocate** residents

X-rays revealed that several of his joints were **dislocated**.

## seawall

*n.* a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline

*synonym*: embankment, breakwater

(1) strong **seawall**, (2) **seawall** construction

The beachfront property owners installed a **seawall** to protect their homes from the rising tides.

## relocate

*v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

*synonym*: emigrate, resettle, migrate

(1) **relocate** a company, (2) **relocate** with a new job

The university **relocated** to campuses several miles away.

## cyclone

*n.* a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs

*synonym*: tornado, twister, hurricane

(1) **cyclone** warning, (2) devastating **cyclone**

The **cyclone's** strong winds and rough seas severely impacted the fishing industry.

## equator

*n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)

(1) south of the **equator**, (2) above the **equator**

Ecuador is on the **equator**.

## doldrums

*n.* a region of the Atlantic Ocean near the equator characterized by calms, light fluctuating winds, and often squalls, known as the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ); a state or period of listlessness, melancholy, or stagnation; a condition of low spirits or lack of energy or motivation

*synonym* : stagnation, depression, rut

(1) **doldrums** economy, (2) navigating the **doldrums**

The stock prices have hit the **doldrums** as investors remain cautious.

## magnify

*v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

*synonym* : enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display

Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

## recourse

*n.* a source of help or support, especially in a difficult or critical situation; the option or ability to seek or pursue something, particularly legal action or appeal

*synonym* : resort, alternative, choice

(1) **recourse** debt, (2) legal **recourse**

The government has no **recourse** but to raise taxes to fund public services.

## sneaking

*adj.* characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner

*synonym* : sneaky, furtive, covert

(1) **sneaking** suspicion, (2) a **sneaking** sense of satisfaction

He had a **sneaking** admiration for his rival's work, even though they were competitors.

## chew

*v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

*synonym* :

masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

## betel

*n.* a type of tropical vine (Piper betle) native to Southeast Asia, whose leaves are commonly chewed, often in combination with areca nut and slaked lime, to produce a mild stimulant effect and to cleanse the mouth

(1) chewing **betel**, (2) **betel** stain

The **betel** leaf is a key ingredient in paan, a traditional Indian chew often offered at ceremonies.

## accuse

*v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

*synonym*: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## 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.

## forgo

*v.* to give up or abstain from something; to do without something that one might be entitled to

*synonym*: abstain, renounce, sacrifice

(1) **forgo** dessert, (2) **forgo** the luxury

We had to **forgo** our outdoor picnic because of the sudden

rain.

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym*: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## wharf

*n.* a landing place or platform built along the shore of a body of water, typically used for loading and unloading goods and passengers from ships or boats

*synonym*: dock, pier, quay

(1) **wharf** crane, (2) riverfront **wharf**

The workers loaded the barrels of wine onto the truck at the **wharf**.

## penetrate

*v.* to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance

*synonym*: pierce, stab, go through

(1) **penetrate** a cell, (2) **penetrate** quickly into the skin

Western ideology slowly **penetrates** through the eastern countries.

## restructure

*v.* to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively

*synonym*: reorganize, revamp, reconstruct

(1) **restructure** sentence, (2) **restructure** my debts

The economic downturn made it necessary to **restructure** the business.

## deplete

*v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

*synonym*: exhaust, consume, use up

(1) **deplete** customer confidence, (2) **deplete** glycogen stores

If we continue to **deplete** the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.

### **seine**

*n.* a large fishing net that hangs vertically in the water with floats at the top and weights at the bottom used to enclose and catch fish

*synonym* : net, fishing net, trawl

(1) haul a **seine**, (2) beach **seine**

The fishermen used a purse **seine** to catch fish in the river.

### **grandchild**

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

*synonym* : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. law of cat\_\_\_\_\_al judgment  
*adj.* stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories
2. re\_\_\_\_\_se debt  
*n.* a source of help or support, especially in a difficult or critical situation; the option or ability to seek or pursue something, particularly legal action or appeal
3. be\_\_l stain  
*n.* a type of tropical vine (Piper betle) native to Southeast Asia, whose leaves are commonly chewed, often in combination with areca nut and slaked lime, to produce a mild stimulant effect and to cleanse the mouth
4. riverfront wh\_\_f  
*n.* a landing place or platform built along the shore of a body of water, typically used for loading and unloading goods and passengers from ships or boats
5. emotional fr\_\_\_\_\_ty  
*n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
6. chewing be\_\_l  
*n.* a type of tropical vine (Piper betle) native to Southeast Asia, whose leaves are commonly chewed, often in combination with areca nut and slaked lime, to produce a mild stimulant effect and to cleanse the mouth

ANSWERS: 1. categorical, 2. recourse, 3. betel, 4. wharf, 5. fragility, 6. betel



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| 7. haul a se__e                       | <i>n.</i> a large fishing net that hangs vertically in the water with floats at the top and weights at the bottom used to enclose and catch fish   |
| 8. fr_____ty of life                  | <i>n.</i> the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable   |
| 9. di_____te residents                | <i>v.</i> to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship   |
| 10. cy_____e warning                  | <i>n.</i> a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs  |
| 11. a sn_____ng sense of satisfaction | <i>adj.</i> characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner   |
| 12. sw__l a population                | <i>v.</i> to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important   |
| 13. sn_____ng suspicion               | <i>adj.</i> characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner   |
| 14. the pe__l of the sea              | <i>n.</i> serious and great danger or risk   |
| 15. strong se_____l                   | <i>n.</i> a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline |

ANSWERS: 7. seine, 8. fragility, 9. dislocate, 10. cyclone, 11. sneaking, 12. swell, 13. sneaking, 14. peril, 15. seawall

16. se\_\_\_\_\_l construction *n.* a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline
17. res\_\_\_\_\_re my debts *v.* to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively
18. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
19. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
20. make a fu\_\_\_\_\_e protest *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
21. environmental pe\_\_l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
22. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
23. cat\_\_\_\_\_al denial *adj.* stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories
24. ac\_\_\_\_\_e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
25. re\_\_\_\_\_te with a new job *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

ANSWERS: 16. seawall, 17. restructure, 18. improvisation, 19. opportune, 20. futile, 21. peril, 22. grandchild, 23. categorical, 24. accuse, 25. relocate

26. fu\_\_\_e talk *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
27. sw\_\_\_l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
28. res\_\_\_\_\_re sentence *v.* to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively
29. ma\_\_\_\_\_y the danger *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
30. do\_\_\_\_\_ms economy *n.* a region of the Atlantic Ocean near the equator characterized by calms, light fluctuating winds, and often squalls, known as the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ); a state or period of listlessness, melancholy, or stagnation; a condition of low spirits or lack of energy or motivation
31. re\_\_\_\_\_te a company *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
32. im\_\_\_\_\_ng doom *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
33. devastating cy\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs

ANSWERS: 26. futile, 27. swell, 28. restructure, 29. magnify, 30. doldrums, 31. relocate, 32. impending, 33. cyclone

34. de\_\_\_\_\_e customer confidence      *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
35. legal re\_\_\_\_\_se      *n.* a source of help or support, especially in a difficult or critical situation; the option or ability to seek or pursue something, particularly legal action or appeal
36. climate sk\_\_\_\_\_c      *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
37. an ingrained sk\_\_\_\_\_c      *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
38. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
39. im\_\_\_\_\_ng crisis      *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
40. above the eq\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
41. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld development      *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
42. cerebral hem\_\_\_\_\_re      *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
43. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 34. deplete, 35. recourse, 36. skeptic, 37. skeptic, 38. industrious, 39. impending, 40. equator, 41. grandchild, 42. hemisphere, 43. opportune

44. ma\_\_\_\_y the image for display      *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
45. south of the eq\_\_\_\_r      *n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
46. ind\_\_\_\_us worker      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
47. fo\_\_o the luxury      *v.* to give up or abstain from something; to do without something that one might be entitled to
48. beach se\_\_e      *n.* a large fishing net that hangs vertically in the water with floats at the top and weights at the bottom used to enclose and catch fish
49. di\_\_\_\_te my shoulder      *v.* to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship
50. fo\_\_o dessert      *v.* to give up or abstain from something; to do without something that one might be entitled to
51. c\_\_w each word      *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
52. c\_\_w a stick of gum      *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
53. wh\_\_f crane      *n.* a landing place or platform built along the shore of a body of water, typically used for loading and unloading goods and passengers from ships or boats

ANSWERS: 44. magnify, 45. equator, 46. industrious, 47. forgo, 48. seine, 49. dislocate, 50. forgo, 51. chew, 52. chew, 53. wharf



62. de\_\_\_\_e glycogen stores

v. to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

ANSWERS: 62. deplete

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
2. Western ideology slowly \_\_\_\_\_ through the eastern countries.  
*v.* to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
3. My dog loves to \_\_\_\_\_ on bones.  
*v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
4. If we continue to \_\_\_\_\_ the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.  
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