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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym*: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

### philosophy

*n.* 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**.

### demolish

*v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something

*synonym*: destroy, wreck, level

(1) **demolish** a myth, (2) **demolish** a bridge

The city decided to **demolish** the old, unsafe building and build a new one.

### 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.

## perception

*n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

*synonym* : understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

## deceive

*v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

*synonym* : mislead, dupe, hoodwink

(1) **deceive** to lie, (2) **deceive** skillfully

The magician's illusions were designed to **deceive** the audience into believing they saw something impossible.

## crazy

*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

*synonym* : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

## deny

*v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

*synonym* : refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

## doubt

*n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

*synonym* : distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

**Doubt** is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

## monster

*n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

*synonym* : giant, freak, behemoth

(1) horde of **monsters**, (2) **monster** film

This car has a **monster** engine.

## perceive

*v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

*synonym* : sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light

Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

## abstract

*adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

*synonym* : conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

## 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.

## deception

*n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

*synonym* : fraud, deceit, trickery

(1) **deception** tactics, (2) **deception** in advertising

The politician was accused of **deception** for making false promises during his campaign.

## concoct

*v.* to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose

*synonym* : conceive, invent, cook up

(1) **concoct** a conspiracy, (2) **concoct** herbal medicines

They **concocted** a plot to discredit the local politician.

## evil

*adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

*synonym*: malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

## genius

*n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

*synonym*: brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

## disprove

*v.* to show that something is not true or correct

*synonym*: refute, discredit, invalidate

(1) **disprove** global warming, (2) **disprove** the conjecture

The researchers were unable to **disprove** the theory.

## demon

*n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful

*synonym*: fiend, devil, evil spirit

(1) **demon** hunter, (2) cast **demon** eyes

The actor's portrayal of the **demon** in the horror movie was terrifying.

## diabolical

*adj.* characterized by extreme wickedness, cruelty, or evil; devilish or inhuman in nature or character

*synonym*: wicked, evil, sinister

(1) **diabolical** revenge, (2) **diabolical** media mogul

The **diabolical** plan was to steal the diamond using sophisticated traps and deception.

## dupe

*v.* to deceive or trick someone into believing something that is not true; to cheat or swindle someone; (noun) a person who has been deceived or tricked into believing something that is not true, often by someone who is

trying to take advantage of them

*synonym* : trick, deceive, fool

(1) **dupe** him into believing, (2) **dupe** the public

He tried to **dupe** me into buying a product that didn't work.

## bet

*v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

*synonym* : stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

## row

*n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars

*synonym* : line, sequence, layer

(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees

He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.

## merry

*adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood

*synonym* : jolly, happy, cheerful

(1) **merry-making**, (2) **merry** laughter

We had a **merry** time at the Christmas party, singing carols and drinking eggnog.

## weary

*adj.* feeling or showing extreme tiredness, especially after working hard or doing something for a long time

*synonym* : depleted, exhausted, fatigued

(1) a **weary** brain, (2) **weary** expression

He became **weary** of the daily train commute.

## non-existent

*adj.* not real; not existing or having no real existence

*synonym* : not real, lacking, absent

(1) **non-existent** resources, (2) presently **non-existent**

The evidence for this theory is **non-existent**.

## convincing

*adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true  
*synonym*: clear, compelling, believable

(1) a **convincing** victory, (2) **convincing** biochemical explanation

I found her assertion pretty **convincing**.

## persuade

*v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

*synonym*: convince, influence, sway

(1) attempt to **persuade**, (2) **persuade** enough people

She tried to **persuade** her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

## engine

*n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

*synonym*: motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. me\_\_y laughter *adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
2. per\_\_\_\_\_on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
3. mo\_\_\_\_\_r film *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
4. cast de\_\_n eyes *n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful
5. b\_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
6. b\_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
7. presently non\_\_\_\_\_ent *adj.* not real; not existing or having no real existence
8. dia\_\_\_\_\_al media mogul *adj.* characterized by extreme wickedness, cruelty, or evil; devilish or inhuman in nature or character

ANSWERS: 1. merry, 2. perception, 3. monster, 4. demon, 5. bet, 6. bet, 7. non-existent, 8. diabolical

9. learn new co\_\_\_\_\_ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
10. a pre\_\_\_\_\_ved notion *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
11. horde of mo\_\_\_\_\_rs *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
12. a we\_\_y brain *adj.* feeling or showing extreme tiredness, especially after working hard or doing something for a long time
13. attempt to pe\_\_\_\_\_de *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
14. me\_\_y-making *adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
15. a con\_\_\_\_\_ng victory *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
16. co\_\_\_\_\_t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
17. pre\_\_\_\_\_ved opinions *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
18. we\_\_y expression *adj.* feeling or showing extreme tiredness, especially after working hard or doing something for a long time

ANSWERS: 9. concept, 10. preconceived, 11. monster, 12. weary, 13. persuade, 14. merry, 15. convincing, 16. concept, 17. preconceived, 18. weary



19. ob\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
20. co\_\_\_\_t a conspiracy *v.* to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose
21. criminal on death r\_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
22. d\_\_e the public *v.* to deceive or trick someone into believing something that is not true; to cheat or swindle someone; (noun) a person who has been deceived or tricked into believing something that is not true, often by someone who is trying to take advantage of them
23. co\_\_\_\_t herbal medicines *v.* to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose
24. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
25. adamantly d\_\_y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
26. western phi\_\_\_\_hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
27. pe\_\_\_\_ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
28. a cr\_\_y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 19. obvious, 20. concoct, 21. row, 22. dupe, 23. concoct, 24. obvious, 25. deny, 26. philosophy, 27. perceive, 28. crazy

29. d\_\_e him into believing      *v.* to deceive or trick someone into believing something that is not true; to cheat or swindle someone; (noun) a person who has been deceived or tricked into believing something that is not true, often by someone who is trying to take advantage of them
30. dispel do\_\_ts      *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
31. dia\_\_\_\_\_al revenge      *adj.* characterized by extreme wickedness, cruelty, or evil; devilish or inhuman in nature or character
32. pe\_\_\_\_\_de enough people      *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
33. non\_\_\_\_\_ent resources      *adj.* not real; not existing or having no real existence
34. pe\_\_\_\_\_ve light      *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
35. de\_\_\_\_\_sh a bridge      *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
36. de\_\_\_\_\_on tactics      *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
37. de\_\_\_\_\_on in advertising      *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

ANSWERS: 29. dupe, 30. doubt, 31. diabolical, 32. persuade, 33. non-existent, 34. perceive, 35. demolish, 36. deception, 37. deception

38. de\_\_\_\_e to lie *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
39. de\_\_n hunter *n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful
40. a person of ge\_\_\_\_s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
41. de\_\_\_\_sh a myth *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
42. e\_\_l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
43. ab\_\_\_\_ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
44. a r\_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
45. de\_\_\_\_e skillfully *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
46. an air-cooled en\_\_\_\_e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
47. di\_\_\_\_ve the conjecture *v.* to show that something is not true or correct

ANSWERS: 38. deceive, 39. demon, 40. genius, 41. demolish, 42. evil, 43. abstract, 44. row, 45. deceive, 46. engine, 47. disprove

48. a steam en\_\_\_e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
49. a charm against e\_\_l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
50. no do\_\_t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
51. an ab\_\_\_\_\_ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
52. d\_\_y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
53. a ge\_\_\_s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
54. cr\_\_y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
55. keen per\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
56. di\_\_\_\_\_ve global warming *v.* to show that something is not true or correct
57. con\_\_\_\_\_ng biochemical explanation *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
58. phi\_\_\_\_\_hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 48. engine, 49. evil, 50. doubt, 51. abstract, 52. deny, 53. genius, 54. crazy, 55. perception, 56. disprove, 57. convincing, 58. philosophy

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
  
2. The city decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the old, unsafe building and build a new one.
  - v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
  
3. The politician was accused of \_\_\_\_\_ for making false promises during his campaign.
  - n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
  
4. He is still \_\_\_\_\_ stealing the money from the cash register.
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5. The rain and thunder are \_\_\_\_\_ today.
  - adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
  
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  - n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
  
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ANSWERS: 1. row, 2. demolish, 3. deception, 4. denying, 5. crazy, 6. monster, 7. deceive

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ANSWERS: 8. concept, 9. merry, 10. persuade, 11. bet, 12. demon, 13. engine, 14. weary

15. The invention of the camera triggered the development of \_\_\_\_\_ painting.  
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ANSWERS: 15. abstract, 16. convincing, 17. obvious, 18. genius, 19. concocted, 20. diabolical, 21. philosophy, 22. perceived



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*adj.* not real; not existing or having no real existence

ANSWERS: 23. evil, 24. preconceived, 25. perception, 26. Doubt, 27. disprove, 28. dupe, 29. non-existent