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## Session 1: Word List

### wasteful

*adj.* characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense

*synonym* : uneconomical, extravagant, profligate

(1) **wasteful** practices, (2) **wasteful** habits

Buying new clothes every week is a **wasteful** use of money and resources.

### 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.

### sentient

*adj.* having the ability to perceive or feel things, particularly through sense perception like touch or sight, especially at higher levels of intelligence and consciousness

*synonym* : conscious, aware, perceptive

(1) **sentient** beings, (2) **sentient** robots

Animals such as dolphins and elephants are highly **sentient** and intelligent creatures.

## fabricate

*v.* to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone

*synonym* : manufacture, assemble, falsify

(1) **fabricate** a chemical, (2) **fabricate** an excuse

The detective discovered that the witness had **fabricated** her story about the crime.

## medicinal

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

*synonym* : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

## windpipe

*n.* the tube in the body that carries inhaled air from the throat to the lungs

*synonym* : throat, larynx, trachea

(1) **windpipe** inflammation, (2) artificial **windpipe**

A foreign object lodged in the throat or **windpipe** causes choking.

## 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.

## reimagine

*v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

*synonym* : re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

## biopsy

*n.* the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease

*synonym* : examination, autopsy

(1) **biopsy** of bone marrow, (2) liquid **biopsy**

The doctor performed an excisional breast **biopsy**.

## daisy

*n.* a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead

*synonym* : marguerite, bellis, chrysanthemum

(1) **daisy** chain, (2) lawn **daisy**

She picked a blue **daisy** from the meadow and placed it in her hair.

## coax

*v.* to persuade, encourage, or gently urge someone to do something; to manipulate or persuade something to work or function properly

*synonym* : persuade, cajole, lure

(1) **coax** a confession, (2) **coax** a smile

She tried to **coax** her cat out of the tree with a can of tuna.

## collagen

*n.* a fibrous protein that forms the connective tissues in animals, including skin, tendons, and bone; often used in cosmetic and medical treatments for its ability to add firmness and elasticity to skin or other tissues

*synonym* : gelatin, protein, tissue

(1) **collagen** supplement, (2) **collagen** production

Our natural **collagen** production decreases as we age, leading to wrinkles, sagging skin, and joint pain.

## pastry

*n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes

*synonym* : bakery, baked goods, sweet treats

(1) **pastry** chef, (2) fruit **pastry**

The chef's specialty is a savory **pastry** with spinach and feta cheese.

## multilayer

*n.* something that consists of multiple layers or levels

*synonym* : lamination, layering, strata

(1) **multilayer** alloy, (2) **multilayer** film

A cake with a **multilayer** filling is a delicious treat.

## **excite**

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## **scar**

*n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

*synonym*: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

## **alligator**

*n.* a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China

*synonym*: crocodile, caiman, gator

(1) **alligator** habitat, (2) **alligator** watch strap

**Alligator** skin is used to make purses, boots, and other luxury goods.

## **opaque**

*adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view

*synonym*: impenetrable, obscure, cloudy

(1) **opaque** material, (2) **opaque** color

The curtains were made of **opaque** fabric that blocked out all light.

## **elasticity**

*n.* the ability of a material to return to its original shape after being stretched or compressed; flexibility; adaptability to change

*synonym*: flexibility, pliability, suppleness

(1) **elasticity** coefficient, (2) skin **elasticity**

The **elasticity** of the rubber band allowed it to stretch without breaking.

## mimic

*v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

*synonym*: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

## sterile

*adj.* free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing

*synonym*: clean, germ-free, hygienic

(1) **sterile** environment, (2) a **sterile** man

Surgeons must use **sterile** instruments to prevent infection during an operation.

## brew

*v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water

*synonym*: make, prepare

(1) **brew** a cup of tea, (2) **brew** beer

I am going to **brew** some coffee this morning.

## bioreactor

*n.* a device or system used to cultivate living cells, tissues, or organisms for industrial or research purposes

*synonym*: fermenter

(1) **bioreactor** engineering, (2) anaerobic **bioreactor**

The scientists optimized the conditions in the **bioreactor** to increase the yield of the desired product.

## figurative

*adj.* using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal

*synonym*: metaphorical, symbolic, allegorical

(1) in a **figurative** sense, (2) **figurative** painting

When he said he was starving to death, it was a **figurative** way of saying he was very hungry.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. da\_\_y chain *n.* a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead
2. wa\_\_\_\_\_ul practices *adj.* characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense
3. fa\_\_\_\_\_te a chemical *v.* to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone
4. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
5. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
6. anaerobic bio\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a device or system used to cultivate living cells, tissues, or organisms for industrial or research purposes
7. mi\_\_c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
8. al\_\_\_\_\_or habitat *n.* a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China

ANSWERS: 1. daisy, 2. wasteful, 3. fabricate, 4. opportune, 5. excite, 6. bioreactor, 7. mimic, 8. alligator

9. re\_\_\_\_\_ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
10. skin ela\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the ability of a material to return to its original shape after being stretched or compressed; flexibility; adaptability to change
11. in a fig\_\_\_\_\_ve sense *adj.* using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal
12. st\_\_\_\_\_e environment *adj.* free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing
13. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
14. bio\_\_\_\_\_or engineering *n.* a device or system used to cultivate living cells, tissues, or organisms for industrial or research purposes
15. al\_\_\_\_\_or watch strap *n.* a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China
16. op\_\_\_e material *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
17. lawn da\_\_\_y *n.* a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead
18. me\_\_\_\_\_al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
19. mul\_\_\_\_\_er alloy *n.* something that consists of multiple layers or levels

ANSWERS: 9. reimagine, 10. elasticity, 11. figurative, 12. sterile, 13. medicinal, 14. bioreactor, 15. alligator, 16. opaque, 17. daisy, 18. medicinal, 19. multilayer

20. burn s\_\_r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
21. b\_\_w beer *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
22. b\_\_w a cup of tea *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
23. c\_\_x a confession *v.* to persuade, encourage, or gently urge someone to do something; to manipulate or persuade something to work or function properly
24. co\_\_\_\_\_en supplement *n.* a fibrous protein that forms the connective tissues in animals, including skin, tendons, and bone; often used in cosmetic and medical treatments for its ability to add firmness and elasticity to skin or other tissues
25. liquid bi\_\_\_y *n.* the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease
26. fig\_\_\_\_\_ve painting *adj.* using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal
27. c\_\_x a smile *v.* to persuade, encourage, or gently urge someone to do something; to manipulate or persuade something to work or function properly
28. pa\_\_\_y chef *n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes

ANSWERS: 20. scar, 21. brew, 22. brew, 23. coax, 24. collagen, 25. biopsy, 26. figurative, 27. coax, 28. pastry



29. mi\_\_c a human voice      *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
30. artificial wi\_\_\_\_\_pe      *n.* the tube in the body that carries inhaled air from the throat to the lungs
31. bi\_\_\_y of bone marrow      *n.* the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease
32. fruit pa\_\_\_y      *n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes
33. wi\_\_\_\_\_pe inflammation      *n.* the tube in the body that carries inhaled air from the throat to the lungs
34. re\_\_\_\_\_ne the future      *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
35. ex\_\_\_e rebellion      *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
36. co\_\_\_\_\_en production      *n.* a fibrous protein that forms the connective tissues in animals, including skin, tendons, and bone; often used in cosmetic and medical treatments for its ability to add firmness and elasticity to skin or other tissues
37. wa\_\_\_\_\_ul habits      *adj.* characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense

ANSWERS: 29. mimic, 30. windpipe, 31. biopsy, 32. pastry, 33. windpipe, 34. reimagine, 35. excite, 36. collagen, 37. wasteful

38. ela\_\_\_\_\_ty coefficient *n.* the ability of a material to return to its original shape after being stretched or compressed; flexibility; adaptability to change
39. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
40. se\_\_\_\_\_nt beings *adj.* having the ability to perceive or feel things, particularly through sense perception like touch or sight, especially at higher levels of intelligence and consciousness
41. se\_\_\_\_\_nt robots *adj.* having the ability to perceive or feel things, particularly through sense perception like touch or sight, especially at higher levels of intelligence and consciousness
42. op\_\_\_\_e color *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
43. mul\_\_\_\_\_er film *n.* something that consists of multiple layers or levels
44. fa\_\_\_\_\_te an excuse *v.* to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone
45. a st\_\_\_\_\_e man *adj.* free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing
46. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 38. elasticity, 39. industrious, 40. sentient, 41. sentient, 42. opaque, 43. multilayer, 44. fabricate, 45. sterile, 46. industrious

47. carry a s\_\_r

*n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

48. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark

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

ANSWERS: 47. scar, 48. opportune

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
2. Buying new clothes every week is a \_\_\_\_\_ use of money and resources.  
*adj.* characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense
3. The curtains were made of \_\_\_\_\_ fabric that blocked out all light.  
*adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
4. He is very popular at school because he can \_\_\_\_\_ all the teachers' accents.  
*v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
5. The doctor performed an excisional breast \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease
6. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
7. When he said he was starving to death, it was a \_\_\_\_\_ way of saying he was very hungry.  
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ANSWERS: 1. industrious, 2. wasteful, 3. opaque, 4. mimic, 5. biopsy, 6. opportune, 7. figurative

8. The company is trying to \_\_\_\_\_ its business model to stay competitive.  
*v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
9. A cake with a \_\_\_\_\_ filling is a delicious treat.  
*n.* something that consists of multiple layers or levels
10. She picked a blue \_\_\_\_\_ from the meadow and placed it in her hair.  
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11. Our natural \_\_\_\_\_ production decreases as we age, leading to wrinkles, sagging skin, and joint pain.  
*n.* a fibrous protein that forms the connective tissues in animals, including skin, tendons, and bone; often used in cosmetic and medical treatments for its ability to add firmness and elasticity to skin or other tissues
12. The detective discovered that the witness had \_\_\_\_\_ her story about the crime.  
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13. \_\_\_\_\_ skin is used to make purses, boots, and other luxury goods.  
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- v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
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19. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.
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ANSWERS: 16. coax, 17. brew, 18. bioreactor, 19. excited, 20. elasticity, 21. windpipe, 22. pastry, 23. medicinal

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