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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### biodegrade

v. to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi

(1) **biodegrade** by the microorganism, (2) bioplastic designed to **biodegrade**

The company's plastic products are easily **biodegraded** thanks to a unique manufacturing process.

### recyclability

n. the degree to which a material or product can be reused or repurposed after it has served its original function, without requiring significant modifications or environmental harm

*synonym*: reusability, sustainability, renewability

(1) **recyclability** rate, (2) low **recyclability** problem

The **recyclability** of electronic devices is a significant challenge due to the complexity of their components.

### innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

*synonym*: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

## dictate

*v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

*synonym* : read out, prescribe, order

(1) **dictate** a letter to secretary, (2) **dictate** to the associate

The allies **dictated** the terms of surrender to the country.

## folklore

*n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally

*synonym* : myths, legends, traditions

(1) **folklore** tradition, (2) **folklore** myth

The area's **folklore** tells of a ghost that haunts the old mill.

## interrelated

*adj.* closely connected or related to each other

*synonym* : connected, related, interdependent

(1) the **interrelated** nature of the problems, (2) **interrelated** factors

The different parts of the system are **interrelated** and rely on each other to function correctly.

## peck

*v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble

*synonym* : beak, nibble, pick

(1) **peck** on the cheek, (2) **peck** at feed

The wood **pecker** would peck at the tree high up in the branches.

## interlocking

*adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole

*synonym* : connected, linked, joined

(1) **interlocking** braid, (2) **interlocking** mechanism

The **interlocking** puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.

## degrade

*v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

*synonym* : demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

## cellulose

*n.* a complex carbohydrate that is the main structural component of plant cell walls and fibers; a substance used to make paper, textiles, and other materials

*synonym* : fiber, paper, wood pulp

(1) **cellulose** acetate, (2) **cellulose** insulation

The **cellulose** content in fruits and vegetables contributes to their dietary fiber.

## anaerobic

*adj.* living or occurring in the absence of oxygen; relating to or involving a process that does not require oxygen

*synonym* : oxygen-free, without oxygen, anoxic

(1) **anaerobic** atmosphere, (2) **anaerobic** exercise

**Anaerobic** bacteria thrive in environments without oxygen, such as a sealed landfill.

## methane

*n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

(1) atmospheric **methane**, (2) reduce **methane** emissions

The ignition of **methane** gas in the plant killed five employees.

## lettuce

*n.* a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor

*synonym* : greens, salad, cress

(1) crisp **lettuce**, (2) wilted **lettuce**

I want a sandwich with extra **lettuce**, please.

## displace

*v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

*synonym* : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power  
The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

## fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

*synonym*: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young  
The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

## offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

*synonym*: insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer  
His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

## simplistic

*adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms

*synonym*: basic, uncomplicated, elementary

(1) **simplistic** approach, (2) **simplistic** design  
The politician's solution to the problem was too **simplistic** to solve the underlying issue.

## soggy

*adj.* soaked with or full of moisture, especially to the point of being heavy or waterlogged; soft and wet due to saturation with liquid; lacking firmness or crispness due to excessive moisture

*synonym*: muddy, waterlogged, saturated

(1) **soggy** ground, (2) **soggy** potato chips  
The picnic was canceled due to the **soggy** weather.

## obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

*synonym*: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

## astronomical

*adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude

*synonym* : huge, vast, enormous

(1) **astronomical** observation, (2) **astronomical** numbers

The cost of the new equipment was **astronomical** and beyond the company's budget.

## phosphorus

*n.* a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element

*synonym* : P, phosphoric, phosphorous

(1) **phosphorus** element, (2) yellow **phosphorus**

**Phosphorus** compounds are commonly used to manufacture fertilizers to promote plant growth.

## embody

*v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

*synonym* : represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

## reconsider

*v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to

*synonym* : rethink, review, revisit

(1) **reconsider** the determination, (2) **reconsider** my transfer

He humbly **reconsidered** his conduct.

## modernity

*n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture

*synonym* : contemporaneousness, present-day, contemporaneity

(1) spirit of **modernity**, (2) path toward **modernity**

He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life

and the city's **modernity**.

## halve

*v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size

*synonym*: reduce by half, cut in half, split

(1) **halve** the price, (2) **halve** the workload

I need to **halve** the recipe to make just enough for two people.

## kettle

*n.* a metal container with a lid and handle, used for boiling water or other liquids over a heat source, commonly used for making tea or cooking pasta or soup

*synonym*: pot, cauldron, timpani

(1) electric **kettle**, (2) whistle **kettle**

The **kettle** on the stove started to whistle, signaling that the water was boiling.

## ubiquitous

*adj.* being or existing everywhere at once

*synonym*: universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

## electrify

*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym*: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

## recycle

*v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

*synonym*: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging

into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

### **disassemble**

*v.* to take apart, dismantle, or separate a device, machine, or other objects into its parts or components

*synonym*: dismantle, take apart, break down

(1) **disassemble** a machine, (2) **disassemble** furniture

The mechanic had to **disassemble** the engine to locate and fix the problem.

### **ramification**

*n.* the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches

*synonym*: fork, branching, complication

(1) **ramifications** of the scenario, (2) political **ramification**

The court's decision had many unforeseen **ramifications**.

### **externality**

*n.* a cost or benefit that affects a third party who did not choose to incur that cost or benefit

*synonym*: impact, consequence, effect

(1) **externality** costs, (2) network **externality**

The negative **externality** of pollution affects not just the polluter but also people living in the surrounding area.

### **expedient**

*adj.* convenient and practical, although possibly improper or immoral; (noun) a means or method that is chosen as the best or most practical way to achieve a particular result; a resource or device used for convenience or advantage

*synonym*: advantageous, practical, convenient

(1) **expedient** solution, (2) **expedient** decision

Using public transportation is an **expedient** way to reduce traffic congestion.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. de\_\_\_\_e his public image  
v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
2. so\_\_y ground  
*adj.* soaked with or full of moisture, especially to the point of being heavy or waterlogged; soft and wet due to saturation with liquid; lacking firmness or crispness due to excessive moisture
3. em\_\_\_y my goal  
v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
4. di\_\_\_\_\_e to the associate  
v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
5. the int\_\_\_\_\_ted nature of the problems  
*adj.* closely connected or related to each other
6. di\_\_\_\_\_e a letter to secretary  
v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
7. int\_\_\_\_\_ing braid  
*adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
8. in\_\_\_\_\_te the quality of his life  
v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
9. path toward mo\_\_\_\_\_ty  
*n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture

ANSWERS: 1. degrade, 2. soggy, 3. embody, 4. dictate, 5. interrelated, 6. dictate, 7. interlocking, 8. innovate, 9. modernity



10. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process      *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
11. rec\_\_\_\_\_er my transfer      *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
12. fo\_\_\_\_\_re tradition      *n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
13. re\_\_\_\_\_e milk packaging into new paper      *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
14. re\_\_\_\_\_e the cardboard boxes      *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
15. so\_\_y potato chips      *adj.* soaked with or full of moisture, especially to the point of being heavy or waterlogged; soft and wet due to saturation with liquid; lacking firmness or crispness due to excessive moisture
16. pho\_\_\_\_\_us element      *n.* a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element
17. low rec\_\_\_\_\_ity problem      *n.* the degree to which a material or product can be reused or repurposed after it has served its original function, without requiring significant modifications or environmental harm
18. ha\_\_e the price      *v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size

ANSWERS: 10. electrify, 11. reconsider, 12. folklore, 13. recycle, 14. recycle, 15. soggy, 16. phosphorus, 17. recyclability, 18. halve

19. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
20. int\_\_\_\_\_ing mechanism *adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
21. ram\_\_\_\_\_ions of the scenario *n.* the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches
22. de\_\_\_\_\_e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
23. reduce me\_\_\_\_\_e emissions *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
24. rec\_\_\_\_\_ity rate *n.* the degree to which a material or product can be reused or repurposed after it has served its original function, without requiring significant modifications or environmental harm
25. rec\_\_\_\_\_er the determination *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
26. wilted le\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor
27. di\_\_\_\_\_ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
28. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

ANSWERS: 19. fascinate, 20. interlocking, 21. ramification, 22. degrade, 23. methane, 24. recyclability, 25. reconsider, 26. lettuce, 27. displace, 28. fascinate

29. int\_\_\_\_\_ted factors *adj.* closely connected or related to each other
30. bioplastic designed to bio\_\_\_\_\_de *v.* to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi
31. ubi\_\_\_\_\_us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
32. di\_\_\_\_\_ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
33. whistle ke\_\_\_e *n.* a metal container with a lid and handle, used for boiling water or other liquids over a heat source, commonly used for making tea or cooking pasta or soup
34. p\_\_k at feed *v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
35. sim\_\_\_\_\_ic approach *adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms
36. ast\_\_\_\_\_cal observation *adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude
37. of\_\_\_d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
38. of\_\_\_d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
39. ce\_\_\_\_\_se acetate *n.* a complex carbohydrate that is the main structural component of plant cell walls and fibers; a substance used to make paper, textiles, and other materials

ANSWERS: 29. interrelated, 30. biodegrade, 31. ubiquitous, 32. displace, 33. kettle, 34. peck, 35. simplistic, 36. astronomical, 37. offend, 38. offend, 39. cellulose

40. yellow pho\_\_\_\_\_us *n.* a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element
41. ext\_\_\_\_\_ty costs *n.* a cost or benefit that affects a third party who did not choose to incur that cost or benefit
42. sim\_\_\_\_\_ic design *adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms
43. electric ke\_\_\_\_e *n.* a metal container with a lid and handle, used for boiling water or other liquids over a heat source, commonly used for making tea or cooking pasta or soup
44. ha\_\_e the workload *v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
45. fo\_\_\_\_\_re myth *n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
46. ubi\_\_\_\_\_us computing *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
47. bio\_\_\_\_\_de by the microorganism *v.* to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi
48. atmospheric me\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
49. em\_\_\_\_y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

ANSWERS: 40. phosphorus, 41. externality, 42. simplistic, 43. kettle, 44. halve, 45. folklore, 46. ubiquitous, 47. biodegrade, 48. methane, 49. embody

50. an\_\_\_\_\_ic atmosphere *adj.* living or occurring in the absence of oxygen; relating to or involving a process that does not require oxygen
51. political ram\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches
52. ce\_\_\_\_\_se insulation *n.* a complex carbohydrate that is the main structural component of plant cell walls and fibers; a substance used to make paper, textiles, and other materials
53. ex\_\_\_\_\_nt decision *adj.* convenient and practical, although possibly improper or immoral; (noun) a means or method that is chosen as the best or most practical way to achieve a particular result; a resource or device used for convenience or advantage
54. ob\_\_\_\_s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
55. ex\_\_\_\_\_nt solution *adj.* convenient and practical, although possibly improper or immoral; (noun) a means or method that is chosen as the best or most practical way to achieve a particular result; a resource or device used for convenience or advantage
56. an\_\_\_\_\_ic exercise *adj.* living or occurring in the absence of oxygen; relating to or involving a process that does not require oxygen
57. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 50. anaerobic, 51. ramification, 52. cellulose, 53. expedient, 54. obsess, 55. expedient, 56. anaerobic, 57. electrify

58. p\_\_k on the cheek      *v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
59. crisp le\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor
60. ast\_\_\_\_\_cal numbers      *adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude
61. in\_\_\_\_\_te a new method      *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
62. spirit of mo\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
63. dis\_\_\_\_\_le a machine      *v.* to take apart, dismantle, or separate a device, machine, or other objects into its parts or components
64. he is ob\_\_\_sed with the fear      *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
65. network ext\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* a cost or benefit that affects a third party who did not choose to incur that cost or benefit
66. dis\_\_\_\_\_le furniture      *v.* to take apart, dismantle, or separate a device, machine, or other objects into its parts or components

ANSWERS: 58. peck, 59. lettuce, 60. astronomical, 61. innovate, 62. modernity, 63. disassemble, 64. obsess, 65. externality, 66. disassemble

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He humbly \_\_\_\_\_ his conduct.  
*v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
2. \_\_\_\_\_ compounds are commonly used to manufacture fertilizers to promote plant growth.  
*n.* a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element
3. The ignition of \_\_\_\_\_ gas in the plant killed five employees.  
*n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.  
*adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
5. The mechanic had to \_\_\_\_\_ the engine to locate and fix the problem.  
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6. I want a sandwich with extra \_\_\_\_\_ please.  
*n.* a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the stove started to whistle, signaling that the water was boiling.  
*n.* a metal container with a lid and handle, used for boiling water or other liquids over a heat source, commonly used for making tea or cooking pasta or soup

ANSWERS: 1. reconsidered, 2. Phosphorus, 3. methane, 4. interlocking, 5. disassemble, 6. lettuce, 7. kettle

8. Using public transportation is an \_\_\_\_\_ way to reduce traffic congestion.  
*adj.* convenient and practical, although possibly improper or immoral; (noun) a means or method that is chosen as the best or most practical way to achieve a particular result; a resource or device used for convenience or advantage
9. Sugar is \_\_\_\_\_ in food.  
*adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
10. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently \_\_\_\_\_ the emerging technologies.  
*v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
11. The product developed through years of research continues to \_\_\_\_\_ the market.  
*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
12. The wood \_\_\_\_\_ would peck at the tree high up in the branches.  
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14. The company's plastic products are easily \_\_\_\_\_ thanks to a unique manufacturing process.  
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ANSWERS: 8. expedient, 9. ubiquitous, 10. innovate, 11. electrify, 12. pecker, 13. fascinated, 14. biodegraded, 15. simplistic



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18. He's utterly \_\_\_\_\_ with his promotion.  
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*n.* a cost or benefit that affects a third party who did not choose to incur that cost or benefit
21. The cost of the new equipment was \_\_\_\_\_ and beyond the company's budget.  
*adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude
22. The area's \_\_\_\_\_ tells of a ghost that haunts the old mill.  
*n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
23. The court's decision had many unforeseen \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches

ANSWERS: 16. dictated, 17. interrelated, 18. obsessed, 19. cellulose, 20. externality, 21. astronomical, 22. folklore, 23. ramifications

24. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ yourself by allowing them to use you.
- v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
25. The company's new products \_\_\_\_\_ the values of innovation and sustainability.
- v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
26. \_\_\_\_\_ bacteria thrive in environments without oxygen, such as a sealed landfill.
- adj. living or occurring in the absence of oxygen; relating to or involving a process that does not require oxygen
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- n. the degree to which a material or product can be reused or repurposed after it has served its original function, without requiring significant modifications or environmental harm
28. He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life and the city's \_\_\_\_\_.
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- v. to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
30. We largely \_\_\_\_\_ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
- v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

ANSWERS: 24. degrade, 25. embody, 26. Anaerobic, 27. recyclability, 28. modernity, 29. halve, 30. recycle

31. The construction of the new dam will \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of families living downstream.

- v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

32. The picnic was canceled due to the \_\_\_\_\_ weather.

- adj. soaked with or full of moisture, especially to the point of being heavy or waterlogged; soft and wet due to saturation with liquid; lacking firmness or crispness due to excessive moisture

33. His rude comments \_\_\_\_\_ many people at the party.

- v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

ANSWERS: 31. displace, 32. soggy, 33. offended