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## Session 1: Word List

### sneak

*v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

*synonym*: creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

### overlook

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

*synonym*: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

### 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.

### revitalization

*n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something

*synonym*: renewal, reactivation, rejuvenation

(1) **revitalization** project, (2) **revitalization** of humanity

The **revitalization** of the downtown area brought new life to

the community.

## stent

*n.* a small tube or wire mesh device that is used to keep an artery or other body opening open after surgery or other medical procedures

(1) cardiac **stent**, (2) remove a **stent**

The doctor inserted a **stent** into the patient's artery to keep it open.

## catheter

*n.* a thin, flexible tube that is inserted into a body cavity, duct, or vessel to drain fluid, inject medication, or perform a medical procedure

*synonym*: tube, drainage tube, pipe

(1) insert **catheter**, (2) urinary **catheter**

After the surgery, the patient was required to wear a **catheter** for several days.

## stenosis

*n.* a narrowing or constriction of a passage, channel, or opening in the body, often resulting in a decrease in the flow or function of bodily fluids or structures

*synonym*: narrowing, constriction, occlusion

(1) mitral **stenosis**, (2) spinal **stenosis**

The patient was diagnosed with aortic **stenosis**, a narrowing of the aortic valve.

## diffuse

*adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place

*synonym*: spread, scatter

(1) **diffuse** bleeding, (2) **diffuse** cloud

Direct lighting is preferable to **diffuse** lighting when reading.

## 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.

- iota**
- n.* an extremely small amount or quantity; a tiny or insignificant element or part; the 9th letter of the Greek alphabet
- synonym* : bit, particle, jot
- (1) without an **iota** of forgiveness, (2) an **iota** of truth
- I didn't understand an **iota** of what the professor was saying during the lecture.
- godfather**
- n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
- synonym* : sponsor, mentor, protector
- (1) political **godfather**, (2) be my **godfather** at my christening
- The wealthy businessman acted as a **godfather** to his protege, helping him to succeed in his career.
- 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**.
- haunt**
- v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
- synonym* : stalk, spook, obsess
- (1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience
- The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.
- verge**
- n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
- synonym* :

brink, edge, margin

(1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears

He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. me\_\_\_\_\_al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
3. ha\_\_t my conscience *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
4. sn\_\_k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
5. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
6. di\_\_\_\_\_e cloud *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
7. ve\_\_e of bankruptcy *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
8. without an i\_\_a of forgiveness *n.* an extremely small amount or quantity; a tiny or insignificant element or part; the 9th letter of the Greek alphabet
9. spinal st\_\_\_\_\_is *n.* a narrowing or constriction of a passage, channel, or opening in the body, often resulting in a decrease in the flow or function of bodily fluids or structures

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. medicinal, 3. haunt, 4. sneak, 5. improvisation, 6. diffuse, 7. verge, 8. iota, 9. stenosis



19. urinary ca\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a thin, flexible tube that is inserted into a body cavity, duct, or vessel to drain fluid, inject medication, or perform a medical procedure
20. be my go\_\_\_\_\_er at my christening *n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
21. rev\_\_\_\_\_ion of humanity *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
22. an i\_\_a of truth *n.* an extremely small amount or quantity; a tiny or insignificant element or part; the 9th letter of the Greek alphabet
23. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
24. political go\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
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ANSWERS: 19. catheter, 20. godfather, 21. revitalization, 22. iota, 23. overlook, 24. godfather, 25. catheter

26. on the ve\_\_e of tears                      *n.*    the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
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28. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion                      *adj.*    suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 26. verge, 27. sneak, 28. opportune

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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4. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.  
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7. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
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ANSWERS: 8. sneak, 9. diffuse, 10. haunt, 11. verge, 12. iota, 13. overlook, 14. catheter