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Session 1: Word List

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to seesynonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an invisible asset, (2) invisible stars

The phenomenon is invisible at optical wavelengths.

spy

 a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

synonym: agent, undercover operative

(1) **spy** cameras, (2) digital **spy** tools

The government recruited a **spy** to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

magician

 a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

synonym: illusionist, conjurer, wizard

(1) magician's hat, (2) street magician

The children were delighted with the **magician's** clever tricks.

utilize

v. to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way

synonym: employ, use, operate

(1) **utilize** a different approach, (2) **utilize** a catheter The cook **utilized** the leftover oxtail to make soup.

disappear

- v. to cease to exist or be visiblesynonym: fade, evaporate, vanish
- (1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

illusion

 a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

synonym: delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

ray

- n. a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy synonym: beam, light, glimmer
- (1) opaque to X- rays, (2) effect of cosmic rays
 Gamma rays penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.

dimension

 a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

synonym: extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym: space, gap, span

(1) driving distance, (2) social distance

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

undetected

adj. not perceived or discovered

synonym: undiscovered, hidden, concealed

(1) **undetected** cancer, (2) leave the house **undetected**Doctors made mistakes, and diseases remained **undetected**.

perfume

n. a liquid that emits and diffuses a pleasant smell, usually used on the skin

synonym: scent, aroma, bouquet

(1) a subtle **perfume**, (2) **perfume** every day He sniffed the **perfume** voluptuously.

accidentally

adv. by chance or without planning

synonym: by chance, unintentionally, unwittingly

(1) they met **accidentally**, (2) **accidentally** coincide He was **accidentally** killed by friendly fire.

spill

v. to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident

synonym: slop, drop, scatter

(1) **spill** a bit of wine, (2) **spill** my heart He was determined to **spill** everything.

scold

- v. to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily synonym: reprimand, rebuke, chastise
- scold him for being late, (2) scold in a loud voice
 scolded his employees for not meeting their deadlines.

liquid

 a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

synonym: fluid

(1) colorless liquid, (2) hazardous liquid

The sponge takes up the **liquid** well.

visible

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

synonym: clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray

My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

consist

v. to be composed or made up of

synonym: lie in, comprise, exist

(1) **consist** mainly of cells, (2) **consist** only in knowing facts

This examination **consists** of five problems to solve.

soil

 \imath . the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

synonym: earth, ground, mud

(1) soils retentive of moisture, (2) parched soil

Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

particle

n. a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance

synonym: atom, grain, bit

(1) charged particle, (2) particle energy

We can calculate the position of the particles statistically.

fiber

 thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

synonym: yarn, thread, wool

(1) carbon fiber, (2) synthetic fiber

We must consume dietary **fiber** to maintain good health.

cotton

 a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing (1) **cotton** cloth, (2) culture of **cotton**

The price of raw **cotton** continued to rise.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) stick a key in a lock, (2) fire stick

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

moisture

small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance

synonym: dampness, humidity, wetness

(1) moisture level, (2) lot of moisture

My hair looks greasy because there is too much **moisture** in the air.

sweat

n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

synonym: perspiration, steam, hardwork

(1) all in a **sweat**, (2) **sweat** bath

She wiped the **sweat** off her forehead with a towel.

blob

a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance

synonym: chunk, lump, hunk

(1) a big **blob** of yellow, (2) a **blob** of jelly

A **blob** of ink fell on the floor.

gross

adj. being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

synonym: before tax, total, abhorrent

(1) the **gross** amount, (2) **gross** injustice

The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this

	company	/'S	gross	profits.
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retina

- the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
- (1) **retinal** cells, (2) **retina** scanner

 Damage to the **retina** may play a role in the development of glaucoma.

brain

- *n*. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
- *synonym*: intellect, mind, encephalon
- basic brain function, (2) permanent brain damage
 rays revealed a small tumor in his brain.

interpret

- v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
- *synonym*: decode, decipher, analyze
- (1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

definition

- a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
- synonym: description, connotation, meaning
- (1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

bounce

- v. to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
- synonym: bound, leap, spring
- (1) **bounce** across the floor, (2) **bounce** back from failure They will **bounce** between various emotional states.

permanent

- *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change *synonym*: lasting, ceaseless, endless
- (1) literature of permanent value, (2) permanent life

insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

injury

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

synonym: wound, damage, hurt

(1) without injury, (2) a fatal injury

My accidental injury got better right away.

ointment

 a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition

synonym: salve, balm, cream

(1) ointment for eczema, (2) eye ointment

I need to apply the **ointment** to my burn to help it heal faster.

infection

 a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body

synonym: contagion, disease, transmission

(1) a bacterial **infection**, (2) treat the **infection** with antibiotics

Hospitals must meet various standards to prevent nosocomial **infections**.

diagnose

 to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

synonym: identify, analyze, interpret

(1) **diagnose** the problem, (2) **diagnose** with CT scans This device is used to **diagnose** brain cancer and other tumors.

inflammation

 a physical condition in which a part of the body becomes red, painful, hot, and often swollen, especially as a reaction to infection or injury

synonym: rash, hives, irritation

(1) reduce **inflammation** and pain, (2) **inflammation** of the lungs

The medicine soothes the pain of chronic **inflammation**.

boring

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull synonym: dull, tedious, monotonous

(1) boring work, (2) boring day

The lecture was so **boring** that many people fell asleep.

superpower

 a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) superpower country, (2) superpower leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

physics

- n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions
- (1) nuclear physics,(2) laws of physicsHe studied the physics of radiation.

shifting

adj. constantly changing or moving synonym: unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym: exit, escape, run away

(1) flee their homes, (2) flee abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength** Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

immortality

- n. the state or quality of being able to live or last foreversynonym: endless life, timelessness, agelessness
- (1) the **immortality** of the soul, (2) achieve **immortality** Many people believe in the concept of **immortality** and an afterlife.

Session 2: Spelling

1.	treat the inon with antibiotics	n.	a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
2.	maan's hat	n.	a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
3.	boe across the floor	<i>v</i> .	to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
4.	culture of con	n.	a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
5.	infion of the lungs	n.	a physical condition in which a part of the body becomes red, painful, hot, and often swollen, especially as a reaction to infection or injury
6.	rea scanner	n.	the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
7.	temporary meI treatment	adj.	relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
8.	the crosswise dion	n.	a measurable extent of a particular kind such as width, height, or length
9.	inet a graph	ν.	to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. infection, 2. magician, 3. bounce, 4. cotton, 5. inflammation, 6. retina, 7. medical, 8. dimension, 9. interpret

10. a subtle pee	n.	a liquid that emits and diffuses a pleasant smell, usually used on the skin
11. the gr_s amount	adj.	being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
12. pale energy	n.	a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance
13. super leader	n.	a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
14. spI a bit of wine	v.	to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
15. scd him for being late	v.	to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily
16. effect of cosmic r_ys	n.	a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
17. hazardous lid	n.	a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
18. vie by X-ray	adj.	capable of being seen; or open to easy view
19. fe abroad	<i>v</i> .	to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
20. a precise defon	n.	a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

ANSWERS: 10. perfume, 11. gross, 12. particle, 13. superpower, 14. spill, 15. scold, 16. ray, 17. liquid, 18. visible, 19. flee, 20. definition

21.	digital s_y tools	n.	a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
22.	parched sI	n.	the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
23.	eye oint	n.	a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition
24.	real cells	n.	the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
25.	driving dice	n.	the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
26.	diar without a trace	<i>v</i> .	to cease to exist or be visible
27.	dise with CT scans	v.	to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
28.	shng balance	adj.	constantly changing or moving
29.	the defon of a word	n.	a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
30.	carbon fir	n.	thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

ANSWERS: 21. spy, 22. soil, 23. ointment, 24. retina, 25. distance, 26. disappear, 27. diagnose, 28. shifting, 29. definition, 30. fiber

31.	new dion	n.	a measurable extent of a particular kind such as width, height, or length
32.	synthetic fir	n.	thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
33.	charged pale	n.	a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance
34.	spI my heart	<i>v</i> .	to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
35.	cot only in knowing facts	<i>v</i> .	to be composed or made up of
36.	gr_s injustice	adj.	being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
37.	the immty of the soul	n.	the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
38.	fe their homes	<i>v</i> .	to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
39.	scd in a loud voice	<i>v</i> .	to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily
40.	continuously shng landscape	adj.	constantly changing or moving
41.	optical ilon	n.	a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
42.	stth of the economy	n.	the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
43.	a bacterial inon	n.	a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body

ANSWERS: 31. dimension, 32. fiber, 33. particle, 34. spill, 35. consist, 36. gross, 37. immortality, 38. flee, 39. scold, 40. shifting, 41. illusion, 42. strength, 43. infection

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ANSWERS: 44. soil, 45. brain, 46. injury, 47. perfume, 48. boring, 49. physics, 50. consist, 51. invisible, 52. responsible, 53. boring, 54. accidentally, 55. sweat, 56. illusion

57.	super country	n.	a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
58.	a fatal iny	n.	harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
59.	they met acclly	adv.	by chance or without planning
60.	colorless lid	n.	a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
61.	street maan	n.	a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
62.	inet the question	<i>v</i> .	to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
63.	pent life insurance	adj.	lasting for a long time without essentia change
64.	muscular stth	n.	the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
65.	inle stars	adj.	impossible or nearly impossible to see
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ANSWERS: 57. superpower, 58. injury, 59. accidentally, 60. liquid, 61. magician, 62. interpret, 63. permanent, 64. strength, 65. invisible, 66. responsible

67.	laws of phs	n.	the science of matter and energy and their interactions
68.	diar after a week	ν.	to cease to exist or be visible
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72.	achieve immty	n.	the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
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75.	boe back from failure	<i>v</i> .	to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
76.	a bb of jelly	n.	a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
77.	oint for eczema	n.	a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition

ANSWERS: 67. physics, 68. disappear, 69. spy, 70. inflammation, 71. diagnose, 72. immortality, 73. utilize, 74. undetected, 75. bounce, 76. blob, 77. ointment

78.	vie stars	adj.	capable of being seen; or open to easy view
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82.	literature of pent value	adj.	lasting for a long time without essential change
83.	swt bath	n.	the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
84.	unded cancer	adj.	not perceived or discovered
85.	lot of more	n.	small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance
86.	opaque to X-r_ys	n.	a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
87.	fire stk	ν.	to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
88.	ute a different approach	<i>v</i> .	to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way

ANSWERS: 78. visible, 79. medical, 80. distance, 81. blob, 82. permanent, 83. sweat, 84. undetected, 85. moisture, 86. ray, 87. stick, 88. utilize

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ANSWERS: 89. brain, 90. moisture, 91. stick, 92. cotton

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	A of ink fell on the floor.
n.	a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
2.	Overall are approximately 400x200mm.
n.	a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
3.	My hair looks greasy because there is too much in the air.
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adj.	not perceived or discovered
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