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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### pregnant

*adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus  
*synonym* : expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

### index

*n.* a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index

*synonym* : list, directory, indicator

(1) a full-text **index**, (2) health **index**

The stock market **index** measures the performance of a group of stocks.

### reassure

*v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

*synonym* : comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

## discovery

*n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

*synonym* : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

## stroke

*n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

*synonym* : blow

(1) suffer **stroke**, (2) a **stroke** of the putter

This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat **stroke** cases.

## brain

*n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

*synonym* : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

## 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.

## perinatal

*adj.* relating to the period of time immediately before and after a baby's birth, typically including the last weeks of pregnancy and the first few weeks after birth

(1) **perinatal** infection, (2) **perinatal** distress

The hospital provides **perinatal** care for expectant mothers and their babies.

## suddenly

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

*synonym* : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**  
Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

## transmit

*v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another  
*synonym*: convey, share, dispatch

(1) **transmit** the disease, (2) **transmit** information

Parents often **transmit** their characteristics to their children.

## schedule

*n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

*synonym*: agenda, program, itinerary

(1) a heavy **schedule**, (2) arrange my **schedule**

So far, the meeting is going according to **schedule**.

## unfortunately

*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

*synonym*: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

## disability

*n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do

*synonym*: impairment, disadvantage, restriction

(1) a **disability** pension, (2) a learning **disability**

Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing **disability**.

## norm

*n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard  
*synonym*: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

## react

v. to take action in response to something

*synonym*: respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

## immediately

*adv.* now or without delay

*synonym*: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer

**immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

## physiotherapy

n. (also physio) a branch of healthcare that focuses on the prevention, management, and rehabilitation of disabilities, injuries, and illnesses through physical exercises, massage, and other therapeutic techniques

*synonym*: physical therapy, rehab, rehabilitation

(1) **physiotherapy** equipment, (2) pediatric **physiotherapy**

The **physiotherapy** sessions helped the patient recover from the injury and regain mobility.

## rehabilitate

v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

*synonym*: reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

## neuron

n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

*synonym*: nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

## pilot

*n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

*synonym* : aviator, flyer, chief

(1) a test **pilot**, (2) **pilot** production

The **pilot** exercised great care in landing.

## grab

*v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

*synonym* : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

## depressed

*adj.* sad and without any hope

*synonym* : despondent, despairing, sad

(1) **depressed** feeling, (2) the market is **depressed**

After his mother died, he got **depressed**.

## perspective

*n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

*synonym* : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

## restart

*v.* to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption

*synonym* : continue, resume, begin anew

(1) **restart** a game, (2) **restart** a nuclear reactor

She tried to **restart** the conversation after the awkward silence.

## 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.

## 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.

## improve

*v.* to make or become better

*synonym*: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

## miracle

*n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

*synonym*: wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

## decide

*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

*synonym*: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------|------|---|
| 1. tr_____it the disease  | v.   | to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another                          |
| 2. permanent br__n damage | n.   | the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling                          |
| 3. g__b an audience       | v.   | to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way                                  |
| 4. excite the ne___ns     | n.   | a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body      |
| 5. a learning dis_____ty  | n.   | a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do               |
| 6. mi_____e person        | n.   | an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God |
| 7. a per_____ve view      | n.   | a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something                                   |
| 8. op_____ne occasion     | adj. | suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose                                 |
| 9. even more unf_____ely  | adv. | by bad luck; unluckily  |

ANSWERS: 1. transmit, 2. brain, 3. grab, 4. neuron, 5. disability, 6. miracle, 7. perspective, 8. opportune, 9. unfortunately

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| 10. die su_____ly                      | <i>adv.</i> quickly and unexpectedly   |
| 11. re_____re anxious patients         | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence   |
| 12. a silence pr_____nt with suspense  | <i>adj.</i> having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus   |
| 13. a st_____e of the putter           | <i>n.</i> a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.   |
| 14. pe_____al distress                 | <i>adj.</i> relating to the period of time immediately before and after a baby's birth, typically including the last weeks of pregnancy and the first few weeks after birth  |
| 15. needs of pr_____nt women           | <i>adj.</i> having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus   |
| 16. the great di_____ry of the century | <i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known  |
| 17. reh_____ate wildlife               | <i>v.</i> to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment   |
| 18. re_____t a nuclear reactor         | <i>v.</i> to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption   |
| 19. st_____th of the economy           | <i>n.</i> the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong  |
| 20. pediatric phy_____apy              | <i>n.</i> (also physio) a branch of healthcare that focuses on the prevention, management, and rehabilitation of disabilities, injuries, and illnesses through physical exercises, massage, and other therapeutic techniques |

ANSWERS: 10. suddenly, 11. reassure, 12. pregnant, 13. stroke, 14. perinatal, 15. pregnant, 16. discovery, 17. rehabilitate, 18. restart, 19. strength, 20. physiotherapy



21. basic br\_\_n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
22. tr\_\_\_\_\_it information *v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
23. muscular st\_\_\_\_\_th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
24. a scientific di\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
25. im\_\_\_\_\_e the test score *v.* to make or become better
26. economic mi\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
27. im\_\_\_\_\_e a process *v.* to make or become better
28. su\_\_\_\_\_ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
29. unf\_\_\_\_\_ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
30. pe\_\_\_\_\_al infection *adj.* relating to the period of time immediately before and after a baby's birth, typically including the last weeks of pregnancy and the first few weeks after birth
31. a test pi\_\_t *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

ANSWERS: 21. brain, 22. transmit, 23. strength, 24. discovery, 25. improve, 26. miracle, 27. improve, 28. suddenly, 29. unfortunately, 30. perinatal, 31. pilot

32. the per\_\_\_\_\_ve of the battle      *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
33. ne\_\_\_n cell body      *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
34. de\_\_\_\_\_ed feeling      *adj.* sad and without any hope
35. a dis\_\_\_\_\_ty pension      *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
36. cultural n\_\_\_m      *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
37. a heavy sc\_\_\_\_\_le      *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
38. arrange my sc\_\_\_\_\_le      *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
39. pi\_\_t production      *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
40. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
41. imm\_\_\_\_\_ly recall a product      *adv.* now or without delay

ANSWERS: 32. perspective, 33. neuron, 34. depressed, 35. disability, 36. norm, 37. schedule, 38. schedule, 39. pilot, 40. opportune, 41. immediately

42. write him an answer imm\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* now or without delay
43. re\_\_t at a high temperature      *v.* to take action in response to something
44. g\_\_b an opportunity      *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
45. health in\_\_x      *n.* a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index
46. the market is de\_\_\_\_\_ed      *adj.* sad and without any hope
47. re\_\_t against his way of thinking      *v.* to take action in response to something
48. phy\_\_\_\_\_apy equipment      *n.* (also physio) a branch of healthcare that focuses on the prevention, management, and rehabilitation of disabilities, injuries, and illnesses through physical exercises, massage, and other therapeutic techniques
49. a fatal in\_\_\_y      *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
50. re\_\_\_\_\_t a game      *v.* to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption
51. reh\_\_\_\_\_ate prisoners      *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

ANSWERS: 42. immediately, 43. react, 44. grab, 45. index, 46. depressed, 47. react, 48. physiotherapy, 49. injury, 50. restart, 51. rehabilitate

52. n\_\_m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
53. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
54. de\_\_\_e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
55. without in\_\_\_y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
56. a full-text in\_\_x *n.* a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index
57. suffer st\_\_\_e *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
58. re\_\_\_\_\_re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

ANSWERS: 52. norm, 53. decide, 54. decide, 55. injury, 56. index, 57. stroke, 58. reassure

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
2. Health and \_\_\_\_\_ are, above all, gold.  
*n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
3. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the conversation after the awkward silence.  
*v.* to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption
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*adv.* now or without delay
5. The organization works to \_\_\_\_\_ drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.  
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16. Who answers \_\_\_\_\_ knows little.

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 9. unfortunately, 10. grab, 11. stroke, 12. pilot, 13. norms, 14. discovery, 15. index, 16. suddenly

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