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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### roughly

*adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

*synonym* : approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

### spherical

*adj.* having the shape of a sphere; round, spherical, or ball-shaped in appearance

*synonym* : round, orbicular, spherical

(1) **spherical** shape, (2) **spherical** object

The Earth is a nearly **spherical** planet.

### planet

*n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

*synonym* : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

### rot

*v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

*synonym* : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

## axis

*n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance

*synonym*: central, core, pole

(1) vertical **axis**, (2) a coordinate **axis**

The earth's **axis** of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.

## revolve

*v.* to rotate around a central point

*synonym*: rotate, spin, orbit

(1) **revolve** at high speed, (2) **revolve** around a central axis

The Earth **revolves** around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.

## surround

*v.* to be all around something or somebody

*synonym*: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

## humanoid

*n.* a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human

*synonym*: android, anthropomorphic

(1) **humanoid** hand, (2) **humanoid** design

The **humanoid** robot was able to mimic human movements and expressions.

## basis

*n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

*synonym*: foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

## observation

*n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

*synonym*: watching, notice, reflection

(1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument

In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.

## relative

*adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

*synonym* : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

## testimony

*n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

*synonym* : affirmant, evidence, proof

(1) **testimony** before Congress, (2) give his **testimony**

Witness **testimony** backed up the defendant's claims.

## topic

*n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about

*synonym* : subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

## appealing

*adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something

*synonym* : attractive, alluring, captivating

(1) **appealing** design, (2) an **appealing** offer

The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the book very **appealing** to readers

## occasionally

*adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often

*synonym* : periodically, sometimes, from time to time

(1) **occasionally** dine with friends, (2) **occasionally** change the routine

She still **occasionally** writes a short romance novel.

## dishonest

*adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest

*synonym* : fraudulent, deceitful, untrustworthy

(1) **dishonest** politicians, (2) promote **dishonest** behavior

Often in drama, **dishonest** personalities gain popularity.

## claim

*v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

*synonym* : assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

## economical

*adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

*synonym* : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

## collapse

*v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

*synonym* : tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

## 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.

## misinterpret

*v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way

*synonym* : misunderstand, falsify, misconstrue

(1) **misinterpret** the purpose, (2) **misinterpret** the data

He **misinterpreted** her statement and got the wrong idea.

## **misplace**

*v.* to put something in the wrong place or lose it temporarily  
*synonym* : lose, mislay, misfile

(1) to **misplace** the figure, (2) **misplace** documents

I have **misplaced** my keys again and need help finding them.

## **monumental**

*adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity;  
massive

*synonym* : massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture

Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

## **distinguish**

*v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

*synonym* : determine, differentiate, characterize

(1) **distinguish** these two things, (2) **distinguish** man from the other animals

This study **distinguished** four different ways to run a business.

## **occasion**

*n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

*synonym* : event, time, occurrence

(1) a glad **occasion**, (2) as **occasion** demands

She wore her best dress for the special **occasion**.

## **consistent**

*adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

*synonym* : coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

## stellar

*adj.* excellent; relating to or resembling a star, especially in quality or attractiveness

*synonym* : starry, celestial, astral

(1) **stellar** performance, (2) a **stellar** system

She received a **stellar** review from her boss, which boosted her confidence.

## forecast

*n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

*synonym* : prediction, outlook, (verb) guess

(1) a weather **forecast**, (2) **forecast** an epidemic

Their team specializes in demand **forecasts** for our products.

## instinct

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

*synonym* : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

## judge

*n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

*synonym* : arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

## relation

*n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

*synonym* : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. a stone wall su\_\_\_\_\_nds the palace      *v.* to be all around something or somebody
2. eco\_\_\_\_\_al use of her time      *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
3. re\_\_\_\_\_e around a central axis      *v.* to rotate around a central point
4. occ\_\_\_\_\_lly dine with friends      *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
5. dis\_\_\_\_\_sh these two things      *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
6. pl\_\_\_\_t like the Earth      *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
7. di\_\_\_\_\_st politicians      *adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest
8. re\_\_\_\_\_on between cause and effect      *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
9. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok a street      *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
10. mon\_\_\_\_\_al sculpture      *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
11. promote di\_\_\_\_\_st behavior      *adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest
12. a weather fo\_\_\_\_\_st      *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

ANSWERS: 1. surround, 2. economical, 3. revolve, 4. occasionally, 5. distinguish, 6. planet, 7. dishonest, 8. relation, 9. overlook, 10. monumental, 11. dishonest, 12. forecast

13. an associate ju\_\_e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
14. sp\_\_\_\_\_al object *adj.* having the shape of a sphere; round, spherical, or ball-shaped in appearance
15. obs\_\_\_\_\_on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
16. to mi\_\_\_\_\_ce the figure *v.* to put something in the wrong place or lose it temporarily
17. do on a con\_\_\_\_\_nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
18. mon\_\_\_\_\_al task *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
19. a coordinate a\_\_s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
20. ro\_\_\_\_\_y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
21. begin to r\_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
22. on an equal ba\_\_s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
23. re\_\_\_\_\_on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 13. judge, 14. spherical, 15. observation, 16. misplace, 17. consistent, 18. monumental, 19. axis, 20. roughly, 21. rot, 22. basis, 23. relation



24. an ap\_\_\_\_\_ng offer *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
25. get con\_\_\_\_\_nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
26. hu\_\_\_\_\_id hand *n.* a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human
27. an eco\_\_\_\_\_al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
28. ro\_\_\_\_\_y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
29. a st\_\_\_\_\_r system *adj.* excellent; relating to or resembling a star, especially in quality or attractiveness
30. ju\_\_e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
31. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
32. in\_\_\_\_\_ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
33. su\_\_\_\_\_nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody

ANSWERS: 24. appealing, 25. consistent, 26. humanoid, 27. economical, 28. roughly, 29. stellar, 30. judge, 31. overlook, 32. instinct, 33. surround

34. fo\_\_\_\_st an epidemic *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
35. aggressive in\_\_\_\_ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
36. mi\_\_\_\_ce documents *v.* to put something in the wrong place or lose it temporarily
37. r\_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
38. cl\_\_m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
39. dis\_\_\_\_sh man from the other animals *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
40. re\_\_\_\_e at high speed *v.* to rotate around a central point
41. st\_\_\_\_r performance *adj.* excellent; relating to or resembling a star, especially in quality or attractiveness
42. a serious to\_\_c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
43. ready to co\_\_\_\_se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

ANSWERS: 34. forecast, 35. instinct, 36. misplace, 37. rot, 38. claim, 39. distinguish, 40. revolve, 41. stellar, 42. topic, 43. collapse

44. mis\_\_\_\_\_ret the purpose *v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way
45. a remote re\_\_\_\_\_ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
46. te\_\_\_\_\_ny before Congress *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
47. re\_\_\_\_\_ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
48. ba\_\_s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
49. vertical a\_\_s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
50. the to\_\_c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
51. class obs\_\_\_\_\_on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
52. mis\_\_\_\_\_ret the data *v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way
53. give his te\_\_\_\_\_ny *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
54. the stock market co\_\_\_\_\_sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

ANSWERS: 44. misinterpret, 45. relative, 46. testimony, 47. relative, 48. basis, 49. axis, 50. topic, 51. observation, 52. misinterpret, 53. testimony, 54. collapse

55. save the pl\_\_\_t                    *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
56. as oc\_\_\_\_\_on demands                    *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
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ANSWERS: 55. planet, 56. occasion, 57. humanoid, 58. spherical, 59. occasionally, 60. occasion, 61. appealing, 62. claim

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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