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## Session 1: Word List

### cushy

*adj.* comfortable, easy, and lacking hardship or effort; undemanding; luxurious

*synonym* : easy, soft, comfortable

(1) **cushy** seat, (2) **cushy** lifestyle

Her job was **cushy** and comfortable, with little pressure or stress.

### transceiver

*n.* a device that combines a transmitter and receiver in one unit, typically used for both transmitting and receiving signals in telecommunications or radio communication

*synonym* : transmitter, receiver, radio

(1) optical **transceiver**, (2) wireless **transceiver**

The technician replaced the damaged **transceiver** module to restore communication with the satellite.

### funnel

*n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

*synonym* : filter, chimney

(1) separatory **funnel**, (2) a **funnel-shaped** device

We have to use a **funnel** to pour petrol into the tank.

## extricate

- v. to free or release someone or something from something that is trapping, entangling, or confining them; to disentangle or disengage from a difficult or complicated situation

*synonym* : free, release, disembarass

(1) **extricate** me from a difficult situation, (2) **extricate** a company from financial troubles

She managed to **extricate** herself from the tangled web of lies with great effort.

## mutter

- v. to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath

*synonym* : grumble, mumble, complain

(1) **mutter** in a low voice, (2) **mutter** to myself

He **muttered** under his breath about the job relocation.

## emit

- v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

*synonym* : give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

## tether

- v. to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (noun) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog

*synonym* : tie, fasten, secure

(1) **tether** a horse, (2) **tether** strap

The hiker **tethered** their dog to a tree while they camped for the night.

## detach

- v. to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage

*synonym* : separate, disengage, disconnect

(1) **detach** a ticket from its stub, (2) **detach** you from the matter

She **detached** the trailer from the truck before driving away.

## self-explanatory

*adj.* easily understood or clear without further explanation or clarification; straightforward in its meaning or presentation

*synonym*: obvious, self-evident, clear

(1) **self-explanatory** user interface, (2) **self-explanatory** diagram

The **self-explanatory** manual made it easy for her to assemble the furniture without assistance.

## carve

*v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

*synonym*: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

## innards

*n.* the internal organs of a human or animal; the visceral organs, especially the stomach, and intestines; the internal parts of something

*synonym*: entrails, guts, viscera

(1) animal **innards**, (2) **innards** of a machine

The chef used the **innards** of the fish to make a flavorful broth.

## inflate

*v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder

*synonym*: blow up, expand, puff up

(1) **inflate** a tire, (2) **inflate** expense reports

She **inflated** the balloons for the party.

## deflation

*n.* a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something

*synonym*: contraction, recession, shrinkage

(1) anti- **deflation** policies, (2) **deflation** of the lung

The economy is experiencing severe **deflation**.

## admiration

*n.* the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something

*synonym*: respect, esteem, appreciation

(1) ungrudging **admiration**, (2) **admiration** by other people  
The artist received **admiration** for their work from critics and fans alike.

## angst

*n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general

*synonym*: anxiety, worry, stress

(1) an endless stream of **angst**, (2) with no **angst**  
He felt a sense of **angst** about the future and wasn't sure what would happen.

## mediate

*v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

*synonym*: arbitrate, reconcile, intervene

(1) **mediate** allergic reaction, (2) **mediate** a negotiation  
The teacher had to **mediate** a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.

## thirst

*n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

*synonym*: craving, desire, appetite

(1) a burning **thirst**, (2) **thirst** for authority  
He read books to quench his **thirst** for knowledge.

## obsession

*n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

*synonym*: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**  
Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

## glacier

*n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole

*synonym* : iceberg, ice floe

(1) **glacier** retreat, (2) **glaciers** move tardily

The **glaciers** of the ice age have shaped Fjord.

## 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.

## moraine

*n.* a mass or mound of rocks, sediment, and soil that is formed and deposited by a glacier, typically at the edge or end of the glacier

*synonym* : glacier, ridge, mound

(1) glacial **moraine**, (2) rocky **moraine**

As we hiked, we reached the terminal **moraine**, marking the furthest extent of the glacier's past advance.

## megaphone

*n.* a large, cone-shaped device used to amplify sound, often used by speakers or performers to address large audiences or crowds

*synonym* : loud hailer, bullhorn, amplification system

(1) **megaphone** announcement, (2) **megaphone** protest

The coach used a **megaphone** to communicate with his team during the game.

## amplify

*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

*synonym* : intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

## glacial

*adj.* relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement

*synonym* : cold, icy, frozen

(1) **glacial** movements, (2) **glacial** terrain

The **glacial** pace of the negotiations frustrated both parties.

**muse**

*n.* a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists

*synonym*: source of inspiration, minstrel, versifier

(1) **muse** inspiration, (2) creative **muse**

She gazed out the window, deep in thought, as if waiting for her **muse** to strike.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. te\_\_\_r a horse  
*v.* to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (noun) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog
2. glacial mo\_\_\_\_\_e  
*n.* a mass or mound of rocks, sediment, and soil that is formed and deposited by a glacier, typically at the edge or end of the glacier
3. ungrudging adm\_\_\_\_\_on  
*n.* the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something
4. an endless stream of an\_\_t  
*n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
5. wireless tra\_\_\_\_\_er  
*n.* a device that combines a transmitter and receiver in one unit, typically used for both transmitting and receiving signals in telecommunications or radio communication
6. sel\_\_\_\_\_ory user interface  
*adj.* easily understood or clear without further explanation or clarification; straightforward in its meaning or presentation
7. am\_\_\_\_\_y a signal  
*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

ANSWERS: 1. tether, 2. moraine, 3. admiration, 4. angst, 5. transceiver, 6. self-explanatory, 7. amplify

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|--------------------------------|-----------|---|
| 8. th___t for authority        | <i>n.</i> | a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something  |
| 9. in_____e expense reports    | <i>v.</i> | to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder   |
| 10. me_____e allergic reaction | <i>v.</i> | to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict  |
| 11. ob___s over her weight     | <i>v.</i> | to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else  |
| 12. anti-de_____on policies    | <i>n.</i> | a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something                                    |
| 13. adm_____on by other people | <i>n.</i> | the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something  |
| 14. m__e inspiration           | <i>n.</i> | a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists |
| 15. gl_____r retreat           | <i>n.</i> | a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole  |
| 16. me_____e a negotiation     | <i>v.</i> | to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict  |
| 17. mu___r in a low voice      | <i>v.</i> | to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath                              |
| 18. me_____ne announcement     | <i>n.</i> | a large, cone-shaped device used to amplify sound, often used by speakers or performers to address large audiences or crowds                |

ANSWERS: 8. thirst, 9. inflate, 10. mediate, 11. obsess, 12. deflation, 13. admiration, 14. muse, 15. glacier, 16. mediate, 17. mutter, 18. megaphone



19. me\_\_\_\_\_ne protest *n.* a large, cone-shaped device used to amplify sound, often used by speakers or performers to address large audiences or crowds
20. gl\_\_\_\_\_rs move tardily *n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
21. de\_\_\_h a ticket from its stub *v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage
22. te\_\_\_r strap *v.* to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (noun) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog
23. gl\_\_\_\_\_l movements *adj.* relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement
24. am\_\_\_\_\_y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
25. optical tra\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a device that combines a transmitter and receiver in one unit, typically used for both transmitting and receiving signals in telecommunications or radio communication
26. de\_\_\_h you from the matter *v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage
27. ca\_\_\_e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

ANSWERS: 19. megaphone, 20. glacier, 21. detach, 22. tether, 23. glacial, 24. amplify, 25. transceiver, 26. detach, 27. carve



36. in\_\_\_\_\_e a tire *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
37. de\_\_\_\_\_on of the lung *n.* a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something
38. animal in\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* the internal organs of a human or animal; the visceral organs, especially the stomach, and intestines; the internal parts of something
39. gl\_\_\_\_\_l terrain *adj.* relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement
40. with no an\_\_t *n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
41. cu\_\_y lifestyle *adj.* comfortable, easy, and lacking hardship or effort; undemanding; luxurious
42. e\_\_t air pollution *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
43. ex\_\_\_\_\_te me from a difficult situation *v.* to free or release someone or something from something that is trapping, entangling, or confining them; to disentangle or disengage from a difficult or complicated situation
44. mu\_\_\_\_\_r to myself *v.* to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath

ANSWERS: 36. inflate, 37. deflation, 38. innards, 39. glacial, 40. angst, 41. cushy, 42. emit, 43. extricate, 44. mutter

45. in\_\_\_\_s of a machine *n.* the internal organs of a human or animal; the visceral organs, especially the stomach, and intestines; the internal parts of something
46. ca\_\_e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
47. he is ob\_\_\_sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
48. ob\_\_\_\_\_on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
49. cu\_\_y seat *adj.* comfortable, easy, and lacking hardship or effort; undemanding; luxurious
50. sel\_\_\_\_\_ory diagram *adj.* easily understood or clear without further explanation or clarification; straightforward in its meaning or presentation

ANSWERS: 45. innards, 46. carve, 47. obsess, 48. obsession, 49. cushy, 50. self-explanatory

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The teacher had to \_\_\_\_\_ a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.
  - v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
  
2. She gazed out the window, deep in thought, as if waiting for her \_\_\_\_\_ to strike.
  - n.* a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists
  
3. The coach used a \_\_\_\_\_ to communicate with his team during the game.
  - n.* a large, cone-shaped device used to amplify sound, often used by speakers or performers to address large audiences or crowds
  
4. The chef used the \_\_\_\_\_ of the fish to make a flavorful broth.
  - n.* the internal organs of a human or animal; the visceral organs, especially the stomach, and intestines; the internal parts of something
  
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ manual made it easy for her to assemble the furniture without assistance.
  - adj.* easily understood or clear without further explanation or clarification; straightforward in its meaning or presentation
  
6. We have to use a \_\_\_\_\_ to pour petrol into the tank.
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ANSWERS: 1. mediate, 2. muse, 3. megaphone, 4. innards, 5. self-explanatory, 6. funnel, 7. moraine,

8. Her job was \_\_\_\_\_ and comfortable, with little pressure or stress.  
*adj.* comfortable, easy, and lacking hardship or effort; undemanding; luxurious
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ pace of the negotiations frustrated both parties.  
*adj.* relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement
10. He felt a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ about the future and wasn't sure what would happen.  
*n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
11. The artist received \_\_\_\_\_ for their work from critics and fans alike.  
*n.* the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the ice age have shaped Fjord.  
*n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
13. She managed to \_\_\_\_\_ herself from the tangled web of lies with great effort.  
*v.* to free or release someone or something from something that is trapping, entangling, or confining them; to disentangle or disengage from a difficult or complicated situation
14. During the unloading, the container box \_\_\_\_\_ a clicking sound.  
*v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
15. The hiker \_\_\_\_\_ their dog to a tree while they camped for the night.  
*v.* to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (noun) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog

ANSWERS: 8. cushy, 9. glacial, 10. angst, 11. admiration, 12. glaciers, 13. extricate, 14. emits, 15. tethered

16. He read books to quench his \_\_\_\_\_ for knowledge.  
*n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
17. The technician replaced the damaged \_\_\_\_\_ module to restore communication with the satellite.  
*n.* a device that combines a transmitter and receiver in one unit, typically used for both transmitting and receiving signals in telecommunications or radio communication
18. She \_\_\_\_\_ the trailer from the truck before driving away.  
*v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage
19. This statue is \_\_\_\_\_ from a single tree trunk.  
*v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
20. He \_\_\_\_\_ under his breath about the job relocation.  
*v.* to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath
21. Gambling became an \_\_\_\_\_ for him, and he eventually lost everything.  
*n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
22. You might need to \_\_\_\_\_ this point.  
*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
23. He's utterly \_\_\_\_\_ with his promotion.  
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ANSWERS: 16. thirst, 17. transceiver, 18. detached, 19. carved, 20. muttered, 21. obsession, 22. amplify, 23. obsessed

24. The economy is experiencing severe \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something

25. She \_\_\_\_\_ the balloons for the party.

- v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder

ANSWERS: 24. deflation, 25. inflated