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## Session 1: Word List

### puddle

*n.* a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance

*synonym*: pool, pond, small lake

(1) **puddle** of water, (2) step in a **puddle**

The rain had formed a large **puddle** on the sidewalk.

### convict

*v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;  
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

*synonym*: condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

### thoughtless

*adj.* lacking consideration for others; inconsiderate; not reflecting on one's actions or words; showing a lack of thought or intelligence

*synonym*: unthinking, careless, insensitive

(1) **thoughtless** comment, (2) **thoughtless** mistake

The **thoughtless** actions of the students caused damage to the school property.

### 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.

## fallacy

*n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief

*synonym*: falsity, misconception, delusion

(1) **fallacy** of logic, (2) belief in a **fallacy**

Many people cling to the **fallacy** that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.

## ontology

*n.* a branch of metaphysics concerned with the nature of being and the existence

*synonym*: metaphysics, philosophy of being, study of existence

(1) medical **ontology**, (2) **ontology** theory

The **ontology** of the universe is a complex and constantly evolving concept.

## promiscuous

*adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person

*synonym*: indiscriminate, loose, promiscuous

(1) **promiscuous** bathing, (2) **promiscuous** lifestyle

He was known for his **promiscuous** behavior.

## epistemology

*n.* a branch of philosophy that deals with knowledge and belief, including the nature and limits of knowledge, the sources and criteria of knowledge, and the justification of belief

*synonym*: theory of knowledge, knowledge science

(1) a specialist in **epistemology**, (2) **epistemology** study

Evolutionary **epistemology** is a field of study that seeks to understand how knowledge has evolved.

## dubious

*adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain

*synonym* : uncertain, questionable, skeptical

(1) **dubious** credibility, (2) direct a **dubious** look

The evidence presented in court had a **dubious** origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

## metaphysics

*n.* the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space

(1) **metaphysics** study, (2) the nature of **metaphysics**

Kant's thoughts provided the foundational ideas for treating **metaphysics** as a discipline.

## platonic

*adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual

*synonym* : nonphysical, nonsexual, spiritual

(1) **platonic** relationship, (2) **platonic** love

His relationship with her was completely **platonic**.

## categorical

*adj.* stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories

*synonym* : absolute, unconditional, unqualified

(1) **categorical** denial, (2) law of **categorical** judgment

She made a **categorical** statement that she would never eat sushi.

## condemn

*v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

*synonym* : criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. on\_\_\_\_\_gy theory *n.* a branch of metaphysics concerned with the nature of being and the existence
2. pro\_\_\_\_\_us bathing *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
3. the nature of met\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space
4. pl\_\_\_\_\_ic love *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
5. law of cat\_\_\_\_\_al judgment *adj.* stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories
6. step in a pu\_\_\_\_e *n.* a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance
7. a specialist in epi\_\_\_\_\_ogy *n.* a branch of philosophy that deals with knowledge and belief, including the nature and limits of knowledge, the sources and criteria of knowledge, and the justification of belief

ANSWERS: 1. ontology, 2. promiscuous, 3. metaphysics, 4. platonic, 5. categorical, 6. puddle, 7. epistemology

8. adm\_\_\_\_\_on by other people *n.* the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something
9. tho\_\_\_\_\_ss comment *adj.* lacking consideration for others; inconsiderate; not reflecting on one's actions or words; showing a lack of thought or intelligence
10. belief in a fa\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
11. co\_\_\_\_\_n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
12. epi\_\_\_\_\_ogy study *n.* a branch of philosophy that deals with knowledge and belief, including the nature and limits of knowledge, the sources and criteria of knowledge, and the justification of belief
13. tho\_\_\_\_\_ss mistake *adj.* lacking consideration for others; inconsiderate; not reflecting on one's actions or words; showing a lack of thought or intelligence
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ANSWERS: 8. admiration, 9. thoughtless, 10. fallacy, 11. condemn, 12. epistemology, 13. thoughtless, 14. dubious, 15. admiration, 16. platonic, 17. dubious, 18. metaphysics

19. co\_\_\_\_t in a jail  
*v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
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ANSWERS: 19. convict, 20. categorical, 21. fallacy, 22. condemn, 23. ontology, 24. convict, 25. promiscuous, 26. puddle

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The evidence presented in court had a \_\_\_\_\_ origin, raising questions about its authenticity.  
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*adj.* stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories
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