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Session 1: Word List

everlasting	 lasting forever or indefinitely; eternal or infinite in duration, also used to describe something unchanging, constant, or enduring onym: perpetual, eternal, enduring 		
	(1) everlasting love, (2) everlasting memories		
	The writer's words left an everlasting impact on his readers.		
vertebrate	 adj. relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish synonym: animal, chordate, backboned 		
	(1) the muscle tissue of a vertebrate , (2) vertebrate biology		
	The presence of a backbone is a defining characteristic of		
	vertebrate animals.		
pterodactyl	 an extinct flying reptile that lived during the time of the dinosaurs, characterized by a slender body, long wings, and a beak-like snout synonym: flying reptile, winged dinosaur 		
	(1) flying pterodactyl, (2) fossilized pterodactyl		
	The museum's pterodactyl exhibit drew a large crowd,		
	especially among children fascinated by the life-sized model.		

echolocation	 n. the use of reflected sound waves to locate objects, particularly by dolphins and bats. 			
	synonym: echo sounding			
	(1) bat echolocation , (2) ultrasound for echolocation			
	Dolphins use echolocation for hunting fish.			
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.			
larynx	<i>n.</i> an organ in the top of the throat involved in breathing, producing sound			
	(1) irritate the larynx , (2) narrowing of the larynx			
	Smoking significantly increases the risk of larynx cancer.			
orient	 v. to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia synonym: position, align, adjust 			
	(1) orient my thinking, (2) the exotic flavor of the Orient			
	She took a moment to orient herself in the unfamiliar city.			
hoe	n. a garden tool with a flat blade attached at right angles to a long handle			
	(1) garden hoe , (2) weeding hoe			
	She purchased a hoe and a sickle for a backyard vegetable			
	garden.			
dedicate	 v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use 			
	synonym: consecrate, devote, commit			
	 (1) dedicate a few hours, (2) dedicate a chapter to the subject 			
	He dedicated his life to helping others.			

teeny	<i>adj.</i> extremely small; tiny <i>synonym</i> : tiny, mini, minuscule
	(1) teeny bit, (2) so teeny tiny
	The ring was so teeny that it almost looked like a toy.
botany	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of plants <i>synonym</i> : phytology, vegetation, horticulture
	(1) botany professor, (2) geographical botany
	The study of botany can also include the study of plant
	fossils and the history of plant evolution.
belfry	<i>n.</i> a bell tower, often attached to a church or other building, where bells are hung
	synonym: bell tower, steeple, campanile
	(1) towering belfry , (2) historic belfry
	The old church's belfry offers stunning views of the surrounding countryside.
terrify	v. to frighten someone very muchsynonym: unnerve, scare, horrify
	(1) terrify people, (2) the threats terrify him
	It would be best not to terrify your associates into doing complex tasks.
stoke	 v. to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict synonym: stir up, fuel, ignite
	(1) stoke a fire, (2) stoke passions
	The artist used bright colors and bold brushstrokes to stoke a sense of vibrancy in their painting.
frightening	<i>adj.</i> causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming <i>synonym</i> : scary, terrifying, alarming
	(1) cast frightening eyes, (2) frightening experience
	The news of the pandemic was a frightening reminder of the fragility of human health.

synonymous	<i>adj.</i> having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase					
	synonym: equivalent, interchangeable, similar					
	(1) synonymous terms, (2) non-synonymous mutation					
	The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are					
	synonymous.					
perpetrator	 <i>n</i>. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception <i>synonym</i>: culprit, wrongdoer, offender 					
	(1) perpetrator identity, (2) culprit perpetrator					
	The police have not yet caught the perpetrator of the crime.					
longevity	<i>n.</i> the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service					
	synonym: seniority, endurance					
	(1) longevity crisis, (2) longevity genes					
	He is proud of the longevity of the business.					
serenity	<i>n.</i> the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness					
	synonym: calmness, tranquility, peacefulness					
	(1) fall into serenity , (2) serenity prayer					
	Meditation and yoga are great ways to achieve serenity and peace of mind.					
pollinator	 an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds 					
	synonym: fertilizer, pollenizer, pollen carrier					
	(1) pollinator species, (2) beneficial pollinator					
	Bees are important pollinators for many crops and plants.					
disperse	 v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so 					
	synonym: dissipate, spread, scatter					

(1) disperse false information, (2) disperse the protestersBefore authorities dispersed the protesters, they yelled slogans.

pollinate	 to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others synonym: fertilize, propagate 				
	(1) pollinate plants, (2) pollinate fruit trees				
	Without bees to pollinate the flowers, many crops would not				
	exist.				
tequila	 <i>n</i>. a distilled spirit made primarily from the blue agave plant, typically produced in Mexico, known for its distinctive taste and often consumed neat, in cocktails, or as a shot <i>synonym</i>: liquor, spirit 				
	(1) tequila cocktail, (2) bottle of tequila				
	We ordered a round of tequila shots at the bar.				
industrious	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort <i>synonym</i> : diligent, hardworking, assiduous				
	(1) industrious worker, (2) industrious student				
	He was known to be very industrious and would often work late into the night.				
voracious	<i>adj.</i> having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something				
	synonym: ravenous, insatiable, greedy				
	(1) voracious thirst, (2) voracious reader				
	The voracious appetite of the teenager was legendary.				
predator	<i>n.</i> an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others <i>synonym</i> : vulture, bloodsucker				
	(1) apex predator , (2) sexual predators				

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

insecticide	n. a substance used to kill insectssynonym: pesticide, bug-killer, rodenticide
	(1) insecticide spray, (2) insecticide residueThe farmer sprayed the crop with insecticide to protect it
	from pests.
medicinal	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease <i>synonym</i> : curative, therapeutic, healing
	(1) medicinal chemistry, (2) traditional medicinal
	The medicinal properties of this herb have been known to
	help with various ailments.
capitalize	 v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something synonym: bankroll, finance, endow
	(1) capitalize on an interest, (2) capitalize the 1st letter of a word
	You must capitalize on your full of opportunities to become a
	professor.
disrupt	 v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into
	(1) disrupt a well-ordered condition, (2) disrupt sleep
	I'm so sorry to disrupt you when you're pretty busy.
sieve	 n. a utensil with a mesh bottom or fine holes, used for separating larger objects from smaller ones or for straining liquids; (verb) to check and sort carefully synonym: strainer, colander, tamis
	(1) sieve tissue, (2) molecular sieve

The baker sifted the flour through a **sieve** to remove any lumps.

divergent	 adj. different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions synonym: differing, disparate, atypical 			
	(1) follow a divergent path, (2) wildly divergent resultsThe prime minister had to reconcile divergent opinions on controversial issues like abortion.			
impair	v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse synonym: degrade, mar, deface			
	(1) impair my health, (2) impair insulin sensitivity			
	The accident made his vision impaired .			
inherit	 v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died 			
	synonym: obtain, gain, acquire			
	(1) inherit estate, (2) inherit ancestral property			
	After his death, his sons inherited his business.			
deteriorate	<i>v.</i> to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate <i>synonym</i> : decline, degenerate, regress			
	(1) deteriorate at a slow pace, (2) deteriorate condition			
	The patient's health deteriorated rapidly after being			
	diagnosed with the disease.			
doe	 <i>n</i>. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit <i>synonym</i>: rabbit, bunny, hare 			
	(1) doe rabbit, (2) buck and doe			
	Hunters use a whistle that makes the doe sound to lure stags.			
expend	v. to use or spend time, money, energy, etc.synonym: disburse, spend, pay			

(1) expend a great deal of energy, (2) expend time and resources Billionaires tend to **expend** private funds on a public undertaking. to remove the cover from something; to discover v. uncover something previously unseen or hidden synonym: disclose, reveal, unveil (1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers superhero n. and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public (1) superhero movies, (2) superhero comics Superman is a classic **superhero** known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.

Session 2: Spelling

1.	sie tissue	n.	a utensil with a mesh bottom or fine holes, used for separating larger objects from smaller ones or for straining liquids; (verb) to check and sort carefully
2.	pote fruit trees	v.	to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
3.	synus terms	adj.	having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
4.	tey bit	adj.	extremely small; tiny
5.	garden h_e	n.	a garden tool with a flat blade attached at right angles to a long handle
6.	int ancestral property	v.	to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
7.	bottle of tea	n.	a distilled spirit made primarily from the blue agave plant, typically produced in Mexico, known for its distinctive taste and often consumed neat, in cocktails, or as a shot
8.	fall into sety	n.	the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness

ANSWERS: 1. sieve, 2. pollinate, 3. synonymous, 4. teeny, 5. hoe, 6. inherit, 7. tequila, 8. serenity

9. suro movies	n.	a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
10. et a gamma ray	v.	to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
11. traditional meal	adj.	of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
12. culprit peror	n.	a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
13. dette condition	ν.	to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
14. insde residue	n.	a substance used to kill insects
15. unr the truth	v.	to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
16. dit sleep	v.	to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
17. sexual prors	n.	an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
18. eveng love	adj.	lasting forever or indefinitely; eternal or infinite in duration, also used to describe something unchanging, constant, or enduring
19. flying pteyl	n.	an extinct flying reptile that lived during the time of the dinosaurs, characterized by a slender body, long wings, and a beak-like snout

ANSWERS: 9. superhero, 10. emit, 11. medicinal, 12. perpetrator, 13. deteriorate, 14. insecticide, 15. uncover, 16. disrupt, 17. predator, 18. everlasting, 19. pterodactyl

20. the threats tey him	<i>v</i> .	to frighten someone very much
21. exd a great deal of energy	v.	to use or spend time, money, energy, etc.
22. dise the protesters	v.	to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
23. dette at a slow pace	v.	to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
24. geographical boy	n.	the scientific study of plants
25. dit a well-ordered condition	v.	to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
26. exd time and resources	<i>v</i> .	to use or spend time, money, energy, etc.
27. wildly dint results	adj.	different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
28. eveng memories	adj.	lasting forever or indefinitely; eternal or infinite in duration, also used to describe something unchanging, constant, or enduring
29. suro comics	n.	a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
30. fring experience	adj.	causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
31. capze on an interest	v.	to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

ANSWERS: 20. terrify, 21. expend, 22. disperse, 23. deteriorate, 24. botany, 25. disrupt, 26. expend, 27. divergent, 28. everlasting, 29. superhero, 30. frightening, 31. capitalize

32.	vous thirst	adj.	having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something
33.	d_e rabbit	n.	a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
34.	pote plants	v.	to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
35.	peror identity	n.	a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
36.	vous reader	adj.	having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something
37.	int estate	v.	to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
38.	fossilized pteyl	n.	an extinct flying reptile that lived during the time of the dinosaurs, characterized by a slender body, long wings, and a beak-like snout
39.	polor species	n.	an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds

ANSWERS: 32. voracious, 33. doe, 34. pollinate, 35. perpetrator, 36. voracious, 37. inherit, 38. pterodactyl, 39. pollinator

40. apex pror	n.	an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
41. buck and d_e	n.	a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
42. follow a dint path	adj.	different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
43. loty genes	n.	the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
44. tea cocktail	n.	a distilled spirit made primarily from the blue agave plant, typically produced in Mexico, known for its distinctive taste and often consumed neat, in cocktails, or as a shot
45. et air pollution	v.	to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
46. boy professor	n.	the scientific study of plants
47. cast fring eyes	adj.	causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
48. ort my thinking	ν.	to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
49. narrowing of the lax	n.	an organ in the top of the throat involved in breathing, producing sound
50. beneficial polor	n.	an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds

ANSWERS: 40. predator, 41. doe, 42. divergent, 43. longevity, 44. tequila, 45. emit, 46. botany, 47. frightening, 48. orient, 49. larynx, 50. pollinator

51. so tey tiny	adj.	extremely small; tiny
52. indus worker	adj.	hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
53. imr insulin sensitivity	ν.	to damage something or make it weaker or worse
54. molecular sie	n.	a utensil with a mesh bottom or fine holes, used for separating larger objects from smaller ones or for straining liquids; (verb) to check and sort carefully
55. ste a fire	v.	to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict
56. unr a potential problem	v.	to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
57. bat echion	n.	the use of reflected sound waves to locate objects, particularly by dolphins and bats.
58. meal chemistry	adj.	of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
59. dise false information	v.	to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
60. loty crisis	n.	the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
61. capze the 1st letter of a word	v.	to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

ANSWERS: 51. teeny, 52. industrious, 53. impair, 54. sieve, 55. stoke, 56. uncover, 57. echolocation, 58. medicinal, 59. disperse, 60. longevity, 61. capitalize

62. non-synus mutation	adj.	having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
63. weeding h_e	n.	a garden tool with a flat blade attached at right angles to a long handle
64. dete a chapter to the subject	v.	to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
65. towering bey	n.	a bell tower, often attached to a church or other building, where bells are hung
66. the muscle tissue of a verte	adj.	relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish
67. ste passions	v.	to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict
68. historic bey	n.	a bell tower, often attached to a church or other building, where bells are hung
69. insde spray	n.	a substance used to kill insects
70. sety prayer	n.	the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness
71. indus student	adj.	hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
72. the exotic flavor of the Ort	v.	to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

ANSWERS: 62. synonymous, 63. hoe, 64. dedicate, 65. belfry, 66. vertebrate, 67. stoke, 68. belfry, 69. insecticide, 70. serenity, 71. industrious, 72. orient

<i>v</i> .	to frighten someone very much
ν.	to damage something or make it weaker or worse
n.	an organ in the top of the throat involved in breathing, producing sound
n.	the use of reflected sound waves to locate objects, particularly by dolphins and bats.
v.	to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
adj.	relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish
	v. n. n. v.

ANSWERS: 73. terrify, 74. impair, 75. larynx, 76. echolocation, 77. dedicate, 78. vertebrate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

- 1. Dolphins use ______ for hunting fish.
- *n.* the use of reflected sound waves to locate objects, particularly by dolphins and bats.
- 2. The ______ appetite of the teenager was legendary.
- *adj.* having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something
- 3. The accident made his vision _____.
- v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse
- 4. Before authorities ______ the protesters, they yelled slogans.
- v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
- 5. He _____ his life to helping others.
- v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
- 6. The ______ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
- 7. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
- v. to frighten someone very much
- 8. She purchased a ____ and a sickle for a backyard vegetable garden.
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ANSWERS: 1. echolocation, 2. voracious, 3. impaired, 4. dispersed, 5. dedicated, 6. medicinal, 7. terrify, 8. hoe

- 9. Meditation and yoga are great ways to achieve _____ and peace of mind.
- *n.* the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness
- 10. The baker sifted the flour through a _____ to remove any lumps.
- *n*. a utensil with a mesh bottom or fine holes, used for separating larger objects from smaller ones or for straining liquids; (verb) to check and sort carefully
- 11. Billionaires tend to _____ private funds on a public undertaking.
- *v.* to use or spend time, money, energy, etc.
- 12. During the unloading, the container box _____ a clicking sound.
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- 13. The artist used bright colors and bold brushstrokes to _____ a sense of vibrancy in their painting.
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- 14. Hunters use a whistle that makes the _____ sound to lure stags.
- *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
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- 16. Smoking significantly increases the risk of _____ cancer.
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ANSWERS: 9. serenity, 10. sieve, 11. expend, 12. emits, 13. stoke, 14. doe, 15. tequila, 16. larynx

- 17. The ring was so _____ that it almost looked like a toy.
- *adj.* extremely small; tiny
- 18. She took a moment to _____ herself in the unfamiliar city.
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- 19. You must ______ on your full of opportunities to become a professor.
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- 20. The writer's words left an _____ impact on his readers.
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ANSWERS: 17. teeny, 18. orient, 19. capitalize, 20. everlasting, 21. divergent, 22. industrious, 23. uncovered, 24. pollinators

- 25. The museum's ______ exhibit drew a large crowd, especially among children fascinated by the life-sized model.
- *n.* an extinct flying reptile that lived during the time of the dinosaurs, characterized by a slender body, long wings, and a beak-like snout
- 26. He is proud of the _____ of the business.
- *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
- 27. Superman is a classic ______ known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.
- *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
- 28. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
- v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
- 29. The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are _____.
- adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
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- 32. The presence of a backbone is a defining characteristic of ______ animals.
- *adj.* relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish

ANSWERS: 25. pterodactyl, 26. longevity, 27. superhero, 28. inherited, 29. synonymous, 30. disrupt, 31. perpetrator, 32. vertebrate

- 33. The patient's health ______ rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.
 - v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
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- 35. The study of _____ can also include the study of plant fossils and the history of plant evolution.
- *n.* the scientific study of plants
- 36. The news of the pandemic was a ______ reminder of the fragility of human health.
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- 37. The old church's ______ offers stunning views of the surrounding countryside.
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- The native South American animals were in danger because of the ______ arrival.
- *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
- 39. The farmer sprayed the crop with _____ to protect it from pests.
- *n.* a substance used to kill insects

ANSWERS: 33. deteriorated, 34. pollinate, 35. botany, 36. frightening, 37. belfry, 38. predator's, 39. insecticide