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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### clinician

*n.* a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients

*synonym*: psychiatrist, therapist, doctor

(1) experienced **clinician**, (2) from a **clinician's** perspective  
Some **clinicians** believe that psychological characteristics alone may cause mental disorders.

### esoteric

*adj.* intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest

*synonym*: abstruse, recondite, arcane

(1) an **esoteric** religion, (2) **esoteric** tome

The book's content was so **esoteric** only a select few scholars could fully understand it.

### ivory

*n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

*synonym*: elephant tusk, bone, tooth

(1) tower of **ivory**, (2) **ivory** carving

The intricate carvings on the **ivory** tusk were a work of art.

## **anatomical**

*adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts

*synonym* : physical, bodily, structural

(1) **anatomical** structure, (2) **anatomical** elements

The **anatomical** model of the human body was used to teach medical students.

## **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.

## **zygote**

*n.* the initial stage of development in a fertilized egg, resulting from the fusion of a sperm cell and an egg cell in sexual reproduction

*synonym* : fertilized egg, embryo, conceptus

(1) **zygote** development, (2) **zygote** stage

A fertilized **zygote** marks the beginning of a new life as it is the first cell of a new organism.

## **fertilization**

*n.* the process of joining a sperm and an egg to produce an embryo

*synonym* : impregnation, pollination, insemination

(1) **fertilization** process, (2) artificial **fertilization**

The **fertilization** of the soil allowed for a bountiful harvest.

## **foray**

*n.* a sudden or brief attack or incursion; a venture into something unfamiliar or challenging

*synonym* : raid, attack, incursion

(1) make a quick **foray**, (2) **foray** into politics

The company made a **foray** into the Chinese market.

## **dinosaur**

*n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

*synonym* : reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

## paleontology

*n.* the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth

*synonym*: fossilology, prehistoric biology

(1) vertebrate **paleontology**, (2) **paleontology** museum

My interest in **paleontology** research began when I visited a natural history museum and saw a display of fossils from the Jurassic period.

## squarely

*adv.* directly and firmly; in a square shape

*synonym*: honestly, justly, straightforwardly

(1) look **squarely** at reality, (2) a **squarely** cut piece of paper

We must **squarely** address the problem.

## biomechanics

*n.* the study and application of mechanical principles to biological systems, especially as related to human movement and the physical performance of athletes and performers

(1) **biomechanics** of movement, (2) **biomechanics** research

The study of **biomechanics** is important in understanding the physical implications of movement and sports performance.

## skeletal

*adj.* of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated

*synonym*: bony, emaciated, gaunt

(1) **skeletal** system, (2) **skeletal** muscles

The older man was skinny and **skeletal** and not in good health.

## moreover

*adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

*synonym*: furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

## earthworm

*n.* a common type of worm that lives in soil

*synonym*: angleworm, wiggler, crawler

(1) **earthworm** type robot, (2) trample an **earthworm**

We fed the birds daily with insects and **earthworms**.

## drape

*v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material

*synonym*: cover, hang, arrange

(1) **drape** a coat, (2) **drape** a curtain

She **draped** a shawl over her shoulders to keep warm.

## hydrostatics

*n.* a branch of physics that deals with the mechanical properties and behavior of fluids at rest, particularly with the principles of pressure, buoyancy, and equilibrium in fluids

*synonym*: fluid mechanics, hydrodynamics

(1) **hydrostatics** principles, (2) **hydrostatics** equation

The principles of **hydrostatics** are essential in the design of submarines.

## 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.

## rag

*n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

*synonym*: cloth, fragment

(1) a **rag** of cloud, (2) **rag** doll

He used an old **rag** to clean the grease off the car's engine.

## sect

*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

*synonym* : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

## hallmark

*n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing

*synonym* : symbol, authentication, indication

(1) the **hallmark** of a good scientist, (2) the **hallmark** of modern life

A clear and simple expression is the **hallmark** of good writing.

## sponge

*n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

(1) sea **sponge**, (2) metallic **sponge**

The tiny marine **sponge** has existed for more than 500 million years.

## erectile

*adj.* characterized by the ability to become physically erect, particularly in sexual function

*synonym* : raised, standing, cavernous

(1) **erectile** dysfunction, (2) **erectile** tissues

The drug was found to have significant **erectile** side effects in clinical trials.

## collagen

*n.* a fibrous protein that forms the connective tissues in animals, including skin, tendons, and bone; often used in cosmetic and medical treatments for its ability to add firmness and elasticity to skin or other tissues

*synonym* : gelatin, protein, tissue

(1) **collagen** supplement, (2) **collagen** production  
Our natural **collagen** production decreases as we age, leading to wrinkles, sagging skin, and joint pain.

## embarrass

*v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed  
*synonym*: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project  
He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

## helix

*n.* a three-dimensional spiral shape or structure, particularly like that of a spring or a DNA molecule  
*synonym*: coil, spiral, twist

(1) **helix** structure, (2) alpha **helix**  
The DNA molecule is shaped like a double **helix**.

## inflated

*adj.* swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high  
*synonym*: enlarged, swollen, distended

(1) **inflated** prices, (2) an **inflated** balloon  
The athlete's ego became **inflated** by their success.

## reorient

*v.* to change the focus, position, or direction of someone or something  
*synonym*: reconstruct, reorganize

(1) **reorient** my thinking, (2) **reorient** the receiving antenna  
Making a sharp noise will quickly **reorient** children's thoughts to the present.

## wiggle

*v.* to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements  
*synonym*: wiggle, jiggle, squirm

(1) **wiggle** her lips, (2) **wiggle** with excitement  
Her hips **wiggle** as she walks.

## contraction

*n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount

*synonym*: shrinking, compression, reduction

(1) **contraction** of a disease, (2) **contraction** in the industry

The **contraction** of the economy has led to job losses.

## prosthetic

*adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant

(1) have **prosthetic** arms, (2) **prosthetic** limbs

New **prosthetic** joints are less prone to metal poisoning.

## aft

*adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

## invertebrate

*n.* a class of animals that do not have a backbone; they include insects, worms, and mollusks

*synonym*: animal, mollusk, worm

(1) **invertebrate** species, (2) study of **invertebrates**

Many species of marine **invertebrates**, such as corals and sponges, are important components of ocean ecosystems.

## lurk

*v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

*synonym*: hide, creep, stalk

(1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness

In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. ana_____al structure         | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts   |
| 2. he__x structure              | <i>n.</i> a three-dimensional spiral shape or structure, particularly like that of a spring or a DNA molecule   |
| 3. mo_____er, she decided to go | <i>adv.</i> indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before   |
| 4. iv__y carving                | <i>n.</i> a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items          |
| 5. alpha he__x                  | <i>n.</i> a three-dimensional spiral shape or structure, particularly like that of a spring or a DNA molecule   |
| 6. zy___e stage                 | <i>n.</i> the initial stage of development in a fertilized egg, resulting from the fusion of a sperm cell and an egg cell in sexual reproduction                                    |
| 7. artificial fer_____ion       | <i>n.</i> the process of joining a sperm and an egg to produce an embryo  |
| 8. bio_____ics of movement      | <i>n.</i> the study and application of mechanical principles to biological systems, especially as related to human movement and the physical performance of athletes and performers |

ANSWERS: 1. anatomical, 2. helix, 3. moreover, 4. ivory, 5. helix, 6. zygote, 7. fertilization, 8. biomechanics



9. fer\_\_\_\_\_ion process *n.* the process of joining a sperm and an egg to produce an embryo
10. an in\_\_\_\_\_ed balloon *adj.* swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
11. trample an ea\_\_\_\_\_rm *n.* a common type of worm that lives in soil
12. pu\_\_\_e of water *n.* a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance
13. study of inv\_\_\_\_\_ates *n.* a class of animals that do not have a backbone; they include insects, worms, and mollusks
14. wi\_\_\_e her lips *v.* to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements
15. bio\_\_\_\_\_ics research *n.* the study and application of mechanical principles to biological systems, especially as related to human movement and the physical performance of athletes and performers
16. a\_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
17. dr\_\_\_e a curtain *v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material
18. er\_\_\_\_\_le dysfunction *adj.* characterized by the ability to become physically erect, particularly in sexual function

ANSWERS: 9. fertilization, 10. inflated, 11. earthworm, 12. puddle, 13. invertebrate, 14. wiggle, 15. biomechanics, 16. aft, 17. drape, 18. erectile

19. em\_\_\_\_\_ss political enemy      *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
20. a sq\_\_\_\_\_ly cut piece of paper      *adv.* directly and firmly; in a square shape
21. inv\_\_\_\_\_ate species      *n.* a class of animals that do not have a backbone; they include insects, worms, and mollusks
22. ana\_\_\_\_\_al elements      *adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
23. re\_\_\_\_\_nt my thinking      *v.* to change the focus, position, or direction of someone or something
24. I\_\_k in the darkness      *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
25. 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
26. make a quick fo\_\_y      *n.* a sudden or brief attack or incursion; a venture into something unfamiliar or challenging
27. dr\_\_e a coat      *v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material
28. pal\_\_\_\_\_ogy museum      *n.* the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth
29. sk\_\_\_\_\_al muscles      *adj.* of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated
30. vertebrate pal\_\_\_\_\_ogy      *n.* the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth

ANSWERS: 19. embarrass, 20. squarely, 21. invertebrate, 22. anatomical, 23. reorient, 24. lurk, 25. puddle, 26. foray, 27. drape, 28. paleontology, 29. skeletal, 30. paleontology

31. pro\_\_\_\_\_ic limbs *adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
32. fo\_\_y into politics *n.* a sudden or brief attack or incursion; a venture into something unfamiliar or challenging
33. re\_\_\_\_\_nt the receiving antenna *v.* to change the focus, position, or direction of someone or something
34. have pro\_\_\_\_\_ic arms *adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
35. con\_\_\_\_\_on of a disease *n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount
36. secret s\_\_t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
37. sea sp\_\_\_e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
38. co\_\_\_\_\_en supplement *n.* a fibrous protein that forms the connective tissues in animals, including skin, tendons, and bone; often used in cosmetic and medical treatments for its ability to add firmness and elasticity to skin or other tissues
39. sk\_\_\_\_\_al system *adj.* of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated

ANSWERS: 31. prosthetic, 32. foray, 33. reorient, 34. prosthetic, 35. contraction, 36. sect, 37. sponge, 38. collagen, 39. skeletal

40. in\_\_\_\_\_e a tire *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
41. tower of iv\_\_y *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
42. es\_\_\_\_\_ic tome *adj.* intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest
43. hyd\_\_\_\_\_ics principles *n.* a branch of physics that deals with the mechanical properties and behavior of fluids at rest, particularly with the principles of pressure, buoyancy, and equilibrium in fluids
44. zy\_\_\_e development *n.* the initial stage of development in a fertilized egg, resulting from the fusion of a sperm cell and an egg cell in sexual reproduction
45. di\_\_\_\_\_ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
46. in\_\_\_\_\_e expense reports *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
47. s\_\_t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
48. em\_\_\_\_\_ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 40. inflate, 41. ivory, 42. esoteric, 43. hydrostatics, 44. zygote, 45. dinosaur, 46. inflate, 47. sect, 48. embarrass

49. hyd\_\_\_\_\_ics equation *n.* a branch of physics that deals with the mechanical properties and behavior of fluids at rest, particularly with the principles of pressure, buoyancy, and equilibrium in fluids
50. the ha\_\_\_\_\_rk of modern life *n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
51. er\_\_\_\_\_le tissues *adj.* characterized by the ability to become physically erect, particularly in sexual function
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57. hulking di\_\_\_\_\_ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
58. metallic sp\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

ANSWERS: 49. hydrostatics, 50. hallmark, 51. erectile, 52. inflated, 53. contraction, 54. squarely, 55. aft, 56. moreover, 57. dinosaur, 58. sponge

59. experienced cl\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients
60. ea\_\_\_\_\_rm type robot *n.* a common type of worm that lives in soil
61. wi\_\_\_e with excitement *v.* to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements
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ANSWERS: 59. clinician, 60. earthworm, 61. wiggle, 62. clinician, 63. lurk, 64. esoteric, 65. hallmark, 66. collagen, 67. rag, 68. rag

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The older man was skinny and \_\_\_\_\_ and not in good health.  
*adj.* of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated
2. The rain had formed a large \_\_\_\_\_ on the sidewalk.  
*n.* a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ the balloons for the party.  
*v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
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*adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts

ANSWERS: 1. skeletal, 2. puddle, 3. inflated, 4. moreover, 5. biomechanics, 6. sect, 7. anatomical



8. In the city, the risk of traffic accidents \_\_\_\_\_ at every corner.  
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ANSWERS: 8. lurks, 9. hydrostatics, 10. contraction, 11. prosthetic, 12. erectile, 13. ivory, 14. aft

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ANSWERS: 15. zygote, 16. reorient, 17. rag, 18. draped, 19. earthworms, 20. clinicians, 21. dinosaur, 22. foray

23. Our natural \_\_\_\_\_ production decreases as we age, leading to wrinkles, sagging skin, and joint pain.
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