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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### confession

*n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

*synonym* : admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

### outfit

*n.* a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a company, military, etc.

*synonym* : ensemble, set, suit

(1) camping **outfit**, (2) a construction **outfit**

I need to buy a new **outfit** for the wedding I'm attending next weekend.

### 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.

### photograph

*n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or

scene that has been captured electronically or on film  
*synonym* : photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

## crazy

*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

*synonym* : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

## 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**.

## secondhand

*adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else

*synonym* : used, pre-owned, recycled

(1) **secondhand** car, (2) **secondhand** information

He was excited to find a vintage suit at the **secondhand** shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.

## flea

*n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds

*synonym* : pulex, siphonaptera, biter

(1) local **flea** market, (2) **flea** infestation

The **flea-borne** disease caused a severe outbreak in the city.

## thrifty

*adj.* careful and diligent in the use of resources or the spending of money

*synonym* : economical, frugal, prudent

(1) a **thrifty** person, (2) have a **thrifty** business

My wife is addicted to making **thrifty** purchases.

## wardrobe

*n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

*synonym* : clothing, attire, closet

(1) walk-in **wardrobe**, (2) minimalist **wardrobe**

Her **wardrobe** selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

## environment

*n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

*synonym* : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

## treasure

*n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

*synonym* : hoard, fortune, gem

(1) **treasure** hunt, (2) **treasure** island

The pirates searched for buried **treasure** in the dunes.

## hunt

*v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

*synonym* : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

## exciting

*adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

*synonym* : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

## pants

*n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

*synonym* : trousers, breeches, slacks

(1) woolly **pants**, (2) pajama **pants**

I always wear **pants** when I go outside, even in the summer.

## underwear

*n.* (also "undies") clothes worn next to the skin under outer clothes

*synonym* : undergarments, lingerie, innerwear

(1) **underwear** clothing, (2) men's **underwear**

I want to buy new winter **underwear** because mine have holes in them.

## bet

*v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

*synonym* : stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

## palm

*n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family *Palmae* having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves

*synonym* : hand, fist

(1) the **palm** side of the forearm, (2) coconut **palm** trees

This high-performance camera is compact enough to fit in the **palm** of your hand.

## doe

*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

*synonym* : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

## adventure

*n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

*synonym* : experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film  
He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

## shiny

*adj.* reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface  
*synonym*: polished, glossy, lustrous

(1) **shiny** surface, (2) **shiny** object

The **shiny** new car drew everyone's attention as it drove by.

## phenomenal

*adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding  
*synonym*: extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

## physiological

*adj.* relating to the normal functioning of living organisms and their organs and systems; concerning the physical or biochemical processes and activities that occur within the body

*synonym*: biological, organic, bodily

(1) **physiological** response, (2) **physiological** activity

The doctor explained the various **physiological** changes that occur during pregnancy.

## mood

*n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

*synonym*: mindset, disposition, temper

(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**

His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

## attract

*v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

*synonym*: lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

## surrounding

*adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something  
*synonym* : circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle  
The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

## appreciate

*v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone  
*synonym* : acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value  
We would **appreciate** an early reply.

## embrace

*v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;  
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

*synonym* : grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**  
The woods **embrace** the house.

## confidence

*n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

*synonym* : self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**  
Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

## excuse

*n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

*synonym* : apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**  
He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

## universal

*adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

*synonym* : common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

## sequin

*n.* a decorative item consisting of a small, shiny disc or bead typically sewn onto clothing for added embellishment

*synonym* : bead, spangle, paillette

(1) **sequin** dress, (2) gold **sequin**

Her dress was covered in shimmering **sequins** that caught the light.

## develop

*v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

*synonym* : evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

## conversation

*n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

*synonym* : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

## obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym* : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

## donate

*v.* to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization

*synonym* : bestow, contribute, grant

(1) **donate** to charity, (2) **donate** blood to the Red Cross

Our company **donates** to the school endowment fund every

year.

## emotional

*adj.* relating to people's feelings

*synonym* : affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

## attach

*v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

*synonym* : fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.



## Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. the m__d in a room             | <i>n.</i> the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind   |
| 2. pho_____ph album               | <i>n.</i> a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film  |
| 3. have a th_____y business       | <i>adj.</i> careful and diligent in the use of resources or the spending of money  |
| 4. con_____ion in English         | <i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.  |
| 5. he is ob___sed with the fear   | <i>v.</i> to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else   |
| 6. con_____ce as a teacher        | <i>n.</i> the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something  |
| 7. pajama pa__s                   | <i>n.</i> an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs  |
| 8. principles of un_____al design | <i>adj.</i> existing or affecting everywhere or everyone   |
| 9. de_____p a skill               | <i>v.</i> to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created |

ANSWERS: 1. mood, 2. photograph, 3. thrifty, 4. conversation, 5. obsess, 6. confidence, 7. pants, 8. universal, 9. develop

10. em\_\_\_\_\_al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
11. h\_\_t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
12. f\_\_a infestation *n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
13. woolly pa\_\_s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
14. a warm em\_\_\_\_\_e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
15. se\_\_\_\_n dress *n.* a decorative item consisting of a small, shiny disc or bead typically sewn onto clothing for added embellishment
16. do\_\_\_\_e to charity *v.* to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization
17. 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
18. un\_\_\_\_\_ar clothing *n.* (also "undies") clothes worn next to the skin under outer clothes
19. ob\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
20. sh\_\_y object *adj.* reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface
21. 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

ANSWERS: 10. emotional, 11. hunt, 12. flea, 13. pants, 14. embrace, 15. sequin, 16. donate, 17. doe, 18. underwear, 19. obvious, 20. shiny, 21. occasion

22. ex\_\_\_\_\_ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
23. a con\_\_\_\_\_on of guilt *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
24. d\_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
25. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
26. perfect ex\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
27. men's un\_\_\_\_\_ar *n.* (also "undies") clothes worn next to the skin under outer clothes
28. ad\_\_\_\_\_re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
29. pho\_\_\_\_\_ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
30. h\_\_t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
31. boost my con\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
32. at\_\_\_\_\_t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

ANSWERS: 22. exciting, 23. confession, 24. doe, 25. obvious, 26. excuse, 27. underwear, 28. adventure, 29. photograph, 30. hunt, 31. confidence, 32. attract

33. a friendly con\_\_\_\_\_ion                    *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
34. b\_t on a race                                    *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
35. tr\_\_\_\_\_re hunt                            *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
36. local f\_\_a market                            *n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
37. ob\_\_\_\_s over her weight                    *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
38. a th\_\_\_\_\_y person                        *adj.* careful and diligent in the use of resources or the spending of money
39. gastronomic ad\_\_\_\_\_res                *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
40. a cr\_\_y scheme                                *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
41. camping ou\_\_\_\_t                              *n.* a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a company, military, etc.
42. a construction ou\_\_\_\_t                      *n.* a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a company, military, etc.

ANSWERS: 33. conversation, 34. bet, 35. treasure, 36. flea, 37. obsess, 38. thrifty, 39. adventure, 40. crazy, 41. outfit, 42. outfit

43. phy\_\_\_\_\_cal response *adj.* relating to the normal functioning of living organisms and their organs and systems; concerning the physical or biochemical processes and activities that occur within the body
44. coconut p\_\_m trees *n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves
45. cr\_\_y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
46. sec\_\_\_\_\_nd car *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
47. app\_\_\_\_\_te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
48. do\_\_\_e blood to the Red Cross *v.* to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization
49. gold se\_\_\_n *n.* a decorative item consisting of a small, shiny disc or bead typically sewn onto clothing for added embellishment
50. a glad oc\_\_\_\_\_on *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
51. at\_\_\_h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
52. tr\_\_\_\_\_re island *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

ANSWERS: 43. physiological, 44. palm, 45. crazy, 46. secondhand, 47. appreciate, 48. donate, 49. sequin, 50. occasion, 51. attach, 52. treasure

53. app\_\_\_\_\_te the value      *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
54. in an ugly m\_\_d      *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
55. env\_\_\_\_\_nt affairs      *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
56. sur\_\_\_\_\_ng areas      *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
57. at\_\_\_\_\_t customers      *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
58. at\_\_\_h firmly      *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
59. minimalist wa\_\_\_\_\_be      *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
60. sh\_\_y surface      *adj.* reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface
61. phe\_\_\_\_\_al growth      *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
62. sec\_\_\_\_\_nd information      *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
63. em\_\_\_\_\_al health      *adj.* relating to people's feelings
64. de\_\_\_\_\_p a strategy      *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 53. appreciate, 54. mood, 55. environment, 56. surrounding, 57. attract, 58. attach, 59. wardrobe, 60. shiny, 61. phenomenal, 62. secondhand, 63. emotional, 64. develop

65. un\_\_\_\_\_al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
66. ex\_\_\_e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
67. phy\_\_\_\_\_cal activity *adj.* relating to the normal functioning of living organisms and their organs and systems; concerning the physical or biochemical processes and activities that occur within the body
68. a fence sur\_\_\_\_\_ng a castle *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
69. b\_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
70. ex\_\_\_\_\_ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
71. chaotic env\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
72. em\_\_\_\_\_e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
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ANSWERS: 65. universal, 66. excuse, 67. physiological, 68. surrounding, 69. bet, 70. exciting, 71. environment, 72. embrace, 73. palm

74. a con\_\_\_\_\_on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
75. walk-in wa\_\_\_\_\_be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
76. phe\_\_\_\_\_al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding

ANSWERS: 74. confession, 75. wardrobe, 76. phenomenal



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Skill and \_\_\_\_\_ are an unconquered army.
  - n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
  
2. The doctor explained the various \_\_\_\_\_ changes that occur during pregnancy.
  - adj.* relating to the normal functioning of living organisms and their organs and systems; concerning the physical or biochemical processes and activities that occur within the body
  
3. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
  
4. He does not \_\_\_\_\_ importance to these rumors.
  - v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
  
5. He quickly fabricated an \_\_\_\_\_ for not attending the meeting.
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6. This high-performance camera is compact enough to fit in the \_\_\_\_\_ of your hand.
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7. We must \_\_\_\_\_ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
  - v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 1. confidence, 2. physiological, 3. adventures, 4. attach, 5. excuse, 6. palm, 7. develop

8. My wife is addicted to making \_\_\_\_\_ purchases.  
*adj.* careful and diligent in the use of resources or the spending of money
9. I want to buy new winter \_\_\_\_\_ because mine have holes in them.  
*n.* (also "undies") clothes worn next to the skin under outer clothes
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ANSWERS: 8. thrifty, 9. underwear, 10. wardrobe, 11. treasure, 12. environment, 13. sequins, 14. emotional, 15. obvious

16. Our company \_\_\_\_\_ to the school endowment fund every year.  
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*adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
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ANSWERS: 16. donates, 17. attract, 18. doe, 19. occasion, 20. confession, 21. secondhand, 22. photograph, 23. bet

24. Your \_\_\_\_\_ reflects your thoughts.

- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

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29. He's utterly \_\_\_\_\_ with his promotion.

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ANSWERS: 24. conversation, 25. phenomenal, 26. hunt, 27. embrace, 28. pants, 29. obsessed, 30. crazy, 31. appreciate, 32. flea-borne

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*adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something

34. The findings of the experiment were both \_\_\_\_\_ and unexpected.

*adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

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*adj.* reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface

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*adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

37. I need to buy a new \_\_\_\_\_ for the wedding I'm attending next weekend.

*n.* a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a company, military, etc.

38. His gaffe spoiled the \_\_\_\_\_ of the dinner party.

*n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

ANSWERS: 33. surrounding, 34. exciting, 35. shiny, 36. universal, 37. outfit, 38. mood