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## Session 1: Word List

### carnival

*n.* a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment

*synonym*: fair, festival, celebration

(1) **carnival** parade, (2) **carnival** atmosphere

The traveling **carnival** is coming to our town next week.

### elicit

*v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

*synonym*: bring out, obtain, evoke

(1) **elicit** a confession, (2) **elicit** a solution

Have you **elicited** a response from them yet?

### Newtonian

*adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation

*synonym*: classical, physics, mechanics

(1) **Newtonian** physics, (2) **Newtonian** mechanics

The motion of planets can be described using **Newtonian** mechanics.

### astonishing

*adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

*synonym*: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

## telepathy

*n.* the supposed ability to communicate directly with someone else's mind without the need for words or physical gestures; the transfer of thoughts or emotions from one person to another by means other than the physical senses

*synonym*: mind-reading, esp, thought transference

(1) **telepathy** test, (2) **telepathy** experiment

The comic book hero had a **telepathy** power, which allowed him to read and control minds, making him a formidable foe

## omnipresent

*adj.* present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places

*synonym*: ubiquitous, pervasive, everywhere

(1) **omnipresent** influence, (2) **omnipresent** threat

The internet has made information access **omnipresent**.

## agnostic

*n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god

*synonym*: skeptic, doubter, unbeliever

(1) **agnostic** world-view, (2) **agnostic** position

Her scientific background led her to be **agnostic** about the existence of a higher power.

## delve

*v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner

*synonym*: dig, excavate, uncover

(1) **delve** deeper, (2) **delve** into documents

Researchers must **delve** into the intricacies of the human brain to understand mental illness.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per

minute

*synonym* : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

**gorilla**

*n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face

*synonym* : ape, chimpanzee, orangutan

(1) **gorilla** habitat, (2) endangered **gorilla**

The **gorilla** at the zoo impressed visitors with its size and strength.

**inconvenient**

*adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

*synonym* : troublesome, difficult, awkward

(1) face an **inconvenient** truth, (2) **inconvenient** for shopping

It was **inconvenient** for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

**flake**

*n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent

*synonym* : chip, bit, shred

(1) **flakes** of snow, (2) **flake** graphite

She found a paint **flake** on the wall and realized it was time to repaint the room.

**bud**

*n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

*synonym* : shoot, sprout, germ

(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting

The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

## quitter

*n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

*synonym* : coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

## astral

*adj.* relating to the stars or celestial bodies; of or like the stars; pertaining to or associated with spiritual or mystical realms or experiences;

*synonym* : celestial, ethereal, luminous

(1) **astral** projection, (2) **astral** plane

The night sky was full of twinkling **astral** bodies.

## physicist

*n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

(1) talented **physicist**, (2) theoretical **physicist**

Einstein was an outstanding and famous **physicist** of the 20th century.

## electrify

*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym* : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

## instantaneous

*adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment

*synonym* : immediate, prompt, rapid

(1) **instantaneous** reaction, (2) **instantaneous** message

The new software provides **instantaneous** results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

## bumble

*v.* to move or act clumsily or awkwardly; to speak or behave in an inept or confused manner

*synonym*: stumble, fumble, blunder

(1) **bumble** his way into a high-paying job, (2) **bumble** through his speeches

She tends to **bumble** through her work, making careless errors along the way.

## eyesight

*n.* the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness

*synonym*: vision, sight, eyes

(1) impaired **eyesight**, (2) acute **eyesight**

His excellent **eyesight** allowed him to spot the bird in the dense foliage.

## hertz

*n.* the unit of frequency, equal to one cycle per second, often used to describe the frequency of electromagnetic waves or electronic signals

*synonym*: frequency, cycles per second

(1) audio **hertz**, (2) tera- **hertz** radiation

The human ear can detect sounds with frequencies ranging from 20 to 20,000 **hertz**.

## radiate

*v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

*synonym*: give off, scatter, beam

(1) **radiate** an aura, (2) **radiate** in all directions

Roads **radiate** from the famous building in the center of the city.

## cheerful

*adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism

*synonym*: happy, joyful, lively

(1) **cheerful** smile, (2) a **cheerful** disposition

Her **cheerful** personality brightened up the room.

## bastardize

*v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

*synonym* : corrupt, debase, pervert

(1) **bastardize** a recipe, (2) **bastardize** culture

We do not want to **bastardize** the text's original meaning through poor translations.

## **souvenir**

*n.* an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake

*synonym* : memento, keepsake, token

(1) city **souvenir**, (2) **souvenir** shop

I bought my sister a miniature Eiffel Tower **souvenir** when I visited Paris.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ra\_\_\_\_e an aura *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
2. bu\_\_\_\_e his way into a high-paying job *v.* to move or act clumsily or awkwardly; to speak or behave in an inept or confused manner
3. ch\_\_\_\_ul smile *adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism
4. ag\_\_\_\_ic world-view *n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
5. talented ph\_\_\_\_st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
6. r\_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
7. ins\_\_\_\_ous reaction *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
8. ca\_\_\_\_al parade *n.* a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment
9. bas\_\_\_\_ze culture *v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

ANSWERS: 1. radiate, 2. bumble, 3. cheerful, 4. agnostic, 5. physicist, 6. rev, 7. instantaneous, 8. carnival, 9. bastardize

10. omn\_\_\_\_\_nt influence *adj.* present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places
11. pinch off a b\_d *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
12. bas\_\_\_\_\_ze a recipe *v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
13. audio he\_\_z *n.* the unit of frequency, equal to one cycle per second, often used to describe the frequency of electromagnetic waves or electronic signals
14. serial qu\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
15. ca\_\_\_\_\_al atmosphere *n.* a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment
16. omn\_\_\_\_\_nt threat *adj.* present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places
17. low-r\_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
18. te\_\_\_\_\_hy test *n.* the supposed ability to communicate directly with someone else's mind without the need for words or physical gestures; the transfer of thoughts or emotions from one person to another by means other than the physical senses

ANSWERS: 10. omnipresent, 11. bud, 12. bastardize, 13. hertz, 14. quitter, 15. carnival, 16. omnipresent, 17. rev, 18. telepathy



19. as\_\_\_l plane *adj.* relating to the stars or celestial bodies; of or like the stars; pertaining to or associated with spiritual or mystical realms or experiences;
20. el\_\_\_t a confession *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
21. endangered go\_\_\_\_\_a *n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face
22. go\_\_\_\_\_a habitat *n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face
23. ra\_\_\_\_\_e in all directions *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
24. de\_\_e into documents *v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
25. Ne\_\_\_\_\_an physics *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
26. tera-he\_\_z radiation *n.* the unit of frequency, equal to one cycle per second, often used to describe the frequency of electromagnetic waves or electronic signals
27. fl\_\_e graphite *n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent

ANSWERS: 19. astral, 20. elicit, 21. gorilla, 22. gorilla, 23. radiate, 24. delve, 25. Newtonian, 26. hertz, 27. flake

28. fl\_\_es of snow *n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent
29. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
30. bu\_\_\_e through his speeches *v.* to move or act clumsily or awkwardly; to speak or behave in an inept or confused manner
31. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
32. face an inc\_\_\_\_\_ent truth *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
33. inc\_\_\_\_\_ent for shopping *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
34. make ast\_\_\_\_\_ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
35. te\_\_\_\_\_hy experiment *n.* the supposed ability to communicate directly with someone else's mind without the need for words or physical gestures; the transfer of thoughts or emotions from one person to another by means other than the physical senses
36. a ch\_\_\_\_\_ul disposition *adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism

ANSWERS: 28. flake, 29. electrify, 30. bumble, 31. electrify, 32. inconvenient, 33. inconvenient, 34. astonishing, 35. telepathy, 36. cheerful

37. ins\_\_\_\_\_ous message      *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
38. de\_\_e deeper      *v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
39. as\_\_\_l projection      *adj.* relating to the stars or celestial bodies; of or like the stars; pertaining to or associated with spiritual or mystical realms or experiences;
40. city so\_\_\_\_\_ir      *n.* an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake
41. so\_\_\_\_\_ir shop      *n.* an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake
42. theoretical ph\_\_\_\_\_st      *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
43. acute ey\_\_\_\_\_ht      *n.* the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness
44. b\_d grafting      *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
45. easy qu\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
46. ast\_\_\_\_\_ng achievement      *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
47. Ne\_\_\_\_\_an mechanics      *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation

ANSWERS: 37. instantaneous, 38. delve, 39. astral, 40. souvenir, 41. souvenir, 42. physicist, 43. eyesight, 44. bud, 45. quitter, 46. astonishing, 47. Newtonian

48. el\_\_\_t a solution                      *v.*    to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
49. impaired ey\_\_\_\_\_ht                *n.*    the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness
50. ag\_\_\_\_\_ic position                 *n.*    a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god

ANSWERS: 48. elicit, 49. eyesight, 50. agnostic

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The comic book hero had a \_\_\_\_\_ power, which allowed him to read and control minds, making him a formidable foe
  - n.* the supposed ability to communicate directly with someone else's mind without the need for words or physical gestures; the transfer of thoughts or emotions from one person to another by means other than the physical senses
  
2. The internet has made information access \_\_\_\_\_.
  - adj.* present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places
  
3. Roads \_\_\_\_\_ from the famous building in the center of the city.
  - v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
  
4. The night sky was full of twinkling \_\_\_\_\_ bodies.
  - adj.* relating to the stars or celestial bodies; of or like the stars; pertaining to or associated with spiritual or mystical realms or experiences;
  
5. Einstein was an outstanding and famous \_\_\_\_\_ of the 20th century.
  - n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
  
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the zoo impressed visitors with its size and strength.
  - n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face
  
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ANSWERS: 1. telepathy, 2. omnipresent, 3. radiate, 4. astral, 5. physicist, 6. gorilla, 7. souvenir

8. The product developed through years of research continues to \_\_\_\_\_ the market.
- v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
9. Have you \_\_\_\_\_ a response from them yet?
- v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
10. He was labeled as a \_\_\_\_\_ after he abandoned the project halfway.
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ANSWERS: 8. electrify, 9. elicited, 10. quitter, 11. astonishing, 12. hertz, 13. bumble,

14. delve, 15. bastardize

16. Her scientific background led her to be \_\_\_\_\_ about the existence of a higher power.  
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ANSWERS: 16. agnostic, 17. flake, 18. eyesight, 19. inconvenient, 20. instantaneous, 21. rev, 22. Newtonian, 23. cheerful



24. The flower was starting to show its \_\_\_\_ and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

*n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

25. The traveling \_\_\_\_\_ is coming to our town next week.

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ANSWERS: 24. bud, 25. carnival