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### **Session 1: Word List**

#### trade-off

 a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

synonym: compromise, balance, exchange

(1) trade-off problem, (2) environmental trade-off

There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

#### emeritus

adj. describing a person who has retired from a position or role but retains their former title or rank as an honorary status

synonym: retired, former, senior

(1) emeritus Pope, (2) chairperson emeritus

The **emeritus** professor shared his many years of knowledge with the new students.

### intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym: amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.



### misconception

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis synonym: fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held **misconception** 

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

### proton

- a very small particle with a positive charge equal to the negative charge of an electron that forms part of the nucleus of all atoms
- (1) **proton** decay, (2) **proton** conductivity

  The solar wind is composed almost entirely of electrons and **protons**.

#### bombard

to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously;
 to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

synonym: bomb, shoot, blitz

(1) **bombard** him with questions, (2) **bombard** a fort with heavy shells

Overprotective parents often **bombard** their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.

### 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.

### magnetism

n. the force that causes attraction or repulsion between magnetic substances; a charismatic or attractive quality that attracts people or causes them to be drawn to someone or something

synonym: attraction, charisma, allure

(1) the **magnetism** of the moon, (2) animal **magnetism** The child was drawn to the **magnetism** of the colorful toy

display in the store.

#### visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

synonym: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

#### astronaut

*n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym: spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) astronaut mission, (2) astronaut in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

### gravitational

adj. relating to or caused by gravity (= the force that attracts objects towards one another)

synonym: weighty, heavy, earthbound

(1) gravitational energy, (2) gravitational waves

The **gravitational** force of the black hole was so strong that nothing, not even light, could escape.

#### controllable

adj. able to be controlled or directed

synonym: manageable, governable, submissive

(1) computer- controllable, (2) controllable aircraft

The new software is much more **controllable** and user-friendly.

### cytoplasm

 the gel-like substance that fills the cell and surrounds the cell's organelles made up of water, ions, and organic molecules

synonym: cytosol, protoplasm

(1) the **cytoplasm** of muscle fiber, (2) a small cellular organ of **cytoplasm** 

The cell's **cytoplasm** is filled with various organelles that

perform different functions.

### disintegrate

- v. break or cause to break into small fragments synonym: shatter, crumble, break down
- (1) **disintegrate** in an explosion, (2) **disintegrate** over time The vase **disintegrated** into pieces when it fell to the ground.

#### transducer

 a device or instrument that converts one type of energy, such as sound, pressure, or temperature, into another type, typically an electrical signal

synonym: sensor, converter, detector

(1) medical **transducer**, (2) **transducer** calibration The **transducer** in the sonar system converts electrical pulses into sound waves to detect underwater objects.

mitosis

 a type of cell division that occurs in eukaryotic organisms, where a single cell divides into two genetically identical daughter cells, each with the same number of chromosomes as the parent cell

synonym: cell division, cell reproduction

(1) **mitosis** in plants, (2) stages of **mitosis**Chromosomes condense and align at the center of the cell during the metaphase of **mitosis**.

### spindle

- n. a rotating shaft that serves as axes for larger rotating parts; (biology) tiny fibers that are seen in cell divisionsynonym: shaft, axis, mandrel
- (1) a **spindle-shaped** muscle, (2) **spindle** cell cancer A powerful **spindle** motor is required to process these metal parts.

### unhealthy

adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

synonym: unwholesome, detrimental, insalubrious

(1) **unhealthy** diet, (2) **unhealthy** habit Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered **unhealthy**.

#### vitro

n. (used as "in vitro") a scientific experiment or procedure that takes place outside of a living organism, usually in a test tube or petri dish

synonym: glass, container, vessel

(1) in **vitro** fermentation, (2) in **vitro** diagnostics

The lab technician used in **vitro** fertilization to help the couple conceive.

#### efflorescent

adj. relating to the process of flowering or blooming; characterized by the formation of a powdery or crystalline deposit on the surface of a material due to the evaporation of water or other solvents

synonym: blooming, blossoming, flowering

(1) efflorescent crystals, (2) efflorescent growth

The artist's **efflorescent** paintings were featured in the gallery's exhibition.

#### timescale

 a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process

synonym: time frame, schedule, duration

(1) long- timescale, (2) realistic timescale

The **timescale** for completing the construction project is three years.

### hallmark

 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.

### constipation

 a condition in which bowel movements occur less frequently or with difficulty, often resulting in hard, dry stools and discomfort or pain during elimination

synonym:

### congestion, blockage, obstruction

(1) **constipation** relief, (2) chronic **constipation**The patient complained of **constipation**, and the doctor recommended increasing their daily fiber intake.

### oncology

- n. the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignanciessynonym: cancer treatment, study of tumors
- (1) **oncology** center, (2) modern **oncology** treatment The pharmaceutical company unveiled its latest breakthrough drug for the **oncology** market.

### quadrant

- n. a quarter of a circle or sphere or any of the four parts of an area divided by two intersecting lines or planessynonym: section, division, sector
- (1) Northeast **quadrant**, (2) **quadrant** chart
  The map was divided into four **quadrants** to examine the geographical region closely.

### vengeance

- the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done
- synonym: retaliation, retribution, revenge
- (1) vengeance justice, (2) wreak vengeanceHe sought vengeance for the wrongs done to him.

#### recurrence

- the act of happening again or recurring; the return of something, such as a disease or symptom, after a period of abatement or remission
- synonym: repetition, return, reappearance
- (1) **recurrence** rate, (2) **recurrence** after chemotherapy The **recurrence** of the flu every winter is a common occurrence.

#### chemo

- n. short for chemotherapy, a treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells
- synonym: chemotherapy, antineoplastic

(1) **chemo** patient, (2) **chemo-radiotherapy**The side effects of **chemo**, such as nausea and hair loss, were a major concern for the patient.

### synergy

n. the interaction of elements that, when combined,
 produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements

synonym: cooperation, collaboration, partnership

- (1) **synergy** collaboration, (2) **synergy** between businesses The new software program was designed to increase productivity by promoting employee **synergy**.
- n. a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine

synonym: gland, organ, islet

- (1) **pancreas** inflammation, (2) **pancreas** function The endocrine function of the **pancreas** involves the secretion of hormones such as insulin.
- n. either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
- (1) **ovary** atrophy, (2) salted **ovary** of walleye pollack They found **ovary** cancer in an early stage.
- to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

synonym: step, walk, march

(1) **stride** across a room, (2) **stride** down a slope She **strides** confidently across the stage to accept her award.

#### pancreas

ovary

stride

# **Session 2: Spelling**

1.	animal masm	n.	the force that causes attraction or repulsion between magnetic substances; a charismatic or attractive quality that attracts people or causes them to be drawn to someone or something
2.	a small cellular organ of cysm	n.	the gel-like substance that fills the cell and surrounds the cell's organelles made up of water, ions, and organic molecules
3.	dispel the mision	n.	a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
4.	effent crystals	adj.	relating to the process of flowering or blooming; characterized by the formation of a powdery or crystalline deposit on the surface of a material due to the evaporation of water or other solvents
5.	recce after chemotherapy	n.	the act of happening again or recurrings the return of something, such as a disease or symptom, after a period of abatement or remission
6.	asut mission	n.	a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
7.	environmental trff	n.	a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

ANSWERS: 1. magnetism, 2. cytoplasm, 3. misconception, 4. efflorescent, 5. recurrence, 6. astronaut, 7. trade-off

8.	vize flying through space	<i>v</i> .	to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
9.	disate over time	<i>v</i> .	break or cause to break into small fragments
10.	dit sleep	<i>v</i> .	to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
11.	vece justice	n.	the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done
12.	a spe-shaped muscle	n.	a rotating shaft that serves as axes for larger rotating parts; (biology) tiny fibers that are seen in cell division
13.	in vio diagnostics	n.	(used as "in vitro") a scientific experiment or procedure that takes place outside of a living organism, usually in a test tube or petri dish
14.	disate in an explosion	<i>v</i> .	break or cause to break into small fragments
15.	qunt chart	n.	a quarter of a circle or sphere or any of the four parts of an area divided by two intersecting lines or planes
16.	the hark of modern life	n.	a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
17.	ste down a slope	<i>v</i> .	to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
18.	bod him with questions	ν.	to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

ANSWERS: 8. visualize, 9. disintegrate, 10. disrupt, 11. vengeance, 12. spindle, 13. vitro, 14. disintegrate, 15. quadrant, 16. hallmark, 17. stride, 18. bombard

19.	trff problem	n.	a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
20.	the cysm of muscle fiber	n.	the gel-like substance that fills the cell and surrounds the cell's organelles made up of water, ions, and organic molecules
21.	commonly held mision	n.	a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
22.	modern ongy treatment	n.	the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies
23.	conion relief	n.	a condition in which bowel movements occur less frequently or with difficulty, often resulting in hard, dry stools and discomfort or pain during elimination
24.	traer calibration	n.	a device or instrument that converts one type of energy, such as sound, pressure, or temperature, into another type, typically an electrical signal
25.	infy diplomatic efforts	<i>v</i> .	to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
26.	stages of mis	n.	a type of cell division that occurs in eukaryotic organisms, where a single cell divides into two genetically identical daughter cells, each with the same number of chromosomes as the parent cell
27.	asut in training	n.	a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

ANSWERS: 19. trade-off, 20. cytoplasm, 21. misconception, 22. oncology, 23. constipation, 24. transducer, 25. intensify, 26. mitosis, 27. astronaut

28. paas function	n.	a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine
29. cho-radiotherapy	n.	short for chemotherapy, a treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells
30. realistic tile	n.	a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process
31. Northeast qunt	n.	a quarter of a circle or sphere or any of the four parts of an area divided by two intersecting lines or planes
32. syy between businesses	n.	the interaction of elements that, when combined, produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements
33. long-tile	n.	a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process
34. the hark of a good scientist	n.	a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing

timescale, 34. hallmark

35.	chronic conion	n.	a condition in which bowel movements occur less frequently or with difficulty, often resulting in hard, dry stools and discomfort or pain during elimination
36.	dit a well-ordered condition	<i>v</i> .	to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
37.	unhy diet	adj.	not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
38.	mis in plants	n.	a type of cell division that occurs in eukaryotic organisms, where a single cell divides into two genetically identical daughter cells, each with the same number of chromosomes as the parent cell
39.	ongy center	<i>n</i> .	the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies
40.	bod a fort with heavy shells	<i>v</i> .	to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
41.	unhy habit	adj.	not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
42.	emus Pope	adj.	describing a person who has retired from a position or role but retains their former title or rank as an honorary status

ANSWERS: 35. constipation, 36. disrupt, 37. unhealthy, 38. mitosis, 39. oncology, 40. bombard, 41. unhealthy, 42. emeritus

43.	infy a good relationship	v.	to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
44.	salted ovy of walleye pollack	n.	either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
45.	ste across a room	ν.	to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
46.	prn decay	n.	a very small particle with a positive charge equal to the negative charge of an electron that forms part of the nucleus of all atoms
47.	effent growth	adj.	relating to the process of flowering or blooming; characterized by the formation of a powdery or crystalline deposit on the surface of a material due to the evaporation of water or other solvents
48.	computer-conble	adj.	able to be controlled or directed
49.	granal waves	adj.	relating to or caused by gravity (= the force that attracts objects towards one another)
50.	in vio fermentation	n.	(used as "in vitro") a scientific experiment or procedure that takes place outside of a living organism, usually in a test tube or petri dish
51.	ovy atrophy	n.	either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower

ANSWERS: 43. intensify, 44. ovary, 45. stride, 46. proton, 47. efflorescent, 48. controllable, 49. gravitational, 50. vitro, 51. ovary

52.	wreak vece	n.	the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done
53.	conble aircraft	adj.	able to be controlled or directed
54.	prn conductivity	n.	a very small particle with a positive charge equal to the negative charge of an electron that forms part of the nucleus of all atoms
55.	recce rate	n.	the act of happening again or recurring; the return of something, such as a disease or symptom, after a period of abatement or remission
56.	spe cell cancer	n.	a rotating shaft that serves as axes for larger rotating parts; (biology) tiny fibers that are seen in cell division
57.	the masm of the moon	n.	the force that causes attraction or repulsion between magnetic substances; a charismatic or attractive quality that attracts people or causes them to be drawn to someone or something
58.	paas inflammation	n.	a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine
59.	vize data	ν.	to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

ANSWERS: 52. vengeance, 53. controllable, 54. proton, 55. recurrence, 56. spindle, 57. magnetism, 58. pancreas, 59. visualize

60.	chairperson emus	adj.	describing a person who has retired from a position or role but retains their former title or rank as an honorary status
61.	cho patient	n.	short for chemotherapy, a treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells
62.	medical traer	n.	a device or instrument that converts on type of energy, such as sound, pressure, or temperature, into another type, typically an electrical signal
63.	granal energy	adj.	relating to or caused by gravity (= the force that attracts objects towards one another)
64.	syy collaboration	n.	the interaction of elements that, when combined, produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements

ANSWERS: 60. emeritus, 61. chemo, 62. transducer, 63. gravitational, 64. synergy

# **Session 3: Fill in the Blanks**

1.	The artist's paintings were featured in the gallery's exhibition.
adj	relating to the process of flowering or blooming; characterized by the formation of a powdery or crystalline deposit on the surface of a material due to the evaporation of water or other solvents
2.	Chromosomes condense and align at the center of the cell during the metaphase of
n.	a type of cell division that occurs in eukaryotic organisms, where a single cell divides into two genetically identical daughter cells, each with the same numbe of chromosomes as the parent cell
3.	The child was drawn to the of the colorful toy display in the store.
n.	the force that causes attraction or repulsion between magnetic substances; a charismatic or attractive quality that attracts people or causes them to be drawn to someone or something
4.	The of the flu every winter is a common occurrence.
n.	the act of happening again or recurring; the return of something, such as a disease or symptom, after a period of abatement or remission
5.	The in the sonar system converts electrical pulses into sound waves to detect underwater objects.
n.	a device or instrument that converts one type of energy, such as sound, pressure, or temperature, into another type, typically an electrical signal
<b>3</b> .	The patient complained of and the doctor recommended increasing their daily fiber intake.
n.	a condition in which bowel movements occur less frequently or with difficulty, often resulting in hard, dry stools and discomfort or pain during elimination
	SWERS: 1. efflorescent, 2. mitosis, 3. magnetism, 4. recurrence, 5. transducer, 6

7.	The endocrine function of the involves the secretion of hormone as insulin.	es such
n.	a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several importar hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes help break down food in the small intestine	
8.	They found cancer in an early stage.	
n.	either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that product eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower	es
9.	The solar wind is composed almost entirely of electrons and	
n.	a very small particle with a positive charge equal to the negative charge electron that forms part of the nucleus of all atoms	of an
10.	D. Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered	
adj	not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-bein	g
11.	1. The lab technician used in fertilization to help the couple conceive.	
n.	(used as "in vitro") a scientific experiment or procedure that takes place of a living organism, usually in a test tube or petri dish	outside
12.	2. There are numerous about food and health.	
n.	<ul> <li>a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thin understanding, or hypothesis</li> </ul>	king,
13.	3. The professor shared his many years of knowledge with the new students.	N
adj	dj. describing a person who has retired from a position or role but retains the former title or rank as an honorary status	əir
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timescale, 20. hallmark, 21. cytoplasm

ANSWERS: 22. disintegrated, 23. synergy, 24. gravitational, 25. chemo, 26. oncology, 27. strides, 28. vengeance

29.	She tried to the layout of the new house in her mind.	
ν.	to form a mental image or concept of something; to make somethin	ıg visible
30.	A powerful motor is required to process these metal parts.	
n.	a rotating shaft that serves as axes for larger rotating parts; (biolog that are seen in cell division	y) tiny fibers
31.	The new software is much more and user-friendly.	
adj	j. able to be controlled or directed	
32.	Overprotective parents often their children with messages their lack of mastery.	einforcing
v.	to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage	with

ANSWERS: 29. visualize, 30. spindle, 31. controllable, 32. bombard