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## Session 1: Word List

### doodle

v. to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs

*synonym*: scribble, sketch, draw

(1) **doodle** my way through life, (2) **doodle** in a notebook  
When on the phone, he likes to **doodle** little sketches in the margins of his notepad.

### intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

*synonym*: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

### flatter

v. to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely

*synonym*: compliment, praise, butter up

(1) **flatter** his superiors, (2) **flatter** the host

She managed to **flatter** her boss into giving her a promotion.

### swindle

v. to deceive or cheat someone out of money or property through deceitful means or false promises; (noun) an act

or instance of deceitful or fraudulent behavior, usually to trick someone out of their money, property, or valuables

*synonym*: cheat, swindle, defraud

(1) online **swindle**, (2) **swindle** the public into believing  
He tried to **swindle** me out of my money by selling me a fake product.

## ridicule

*n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

*synonym*: derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense  
The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

## dawdle

*v.* to waste time; to move or act slowly; to be hesitant or indecisive in one's actions

*synonym*: loiter, lag, procrastinate

(1) **dawdle** through dinner, (2) **dawdle** the day away  
You should wait to **dawdle** and finish your homework before bedtime.

## dally

*v.* to waste time or linger aimlessly or idly; to engage in playful or flirtatious behavior without serious intent; to delay or procrastinate on something that requires attention or action

*synonym*: linger, procrastinate, flirt

(1) **dally** with the idea, (2) **dally** in procrastination  
If you **dally** in the decision for too long, the opportunity might pass you by.

## meaningless

*adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose

*synonym*: pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task

This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical.

## averse

*adj.* feeling strong dislike, opposition, or reluctance towards something; having a strong inclination against or avoidance of something

*synonym*: reluctant, disinclined, unwilling

(1) **averse** to change, (2) **averse** to risk

I am **averse** to making hasty decisions without carefully considering the consequences.

## 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.

## akin

*adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin

*synonym*: similar, related, alike

(1) **akin** to anger, (2) **akin** to the prior experiences

Her interests are **akin** to mine.

## scold

*v.* to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily

*synonym*: reprimand, rebuke, chastise

(1) **scold** him for being late, (2) **scold** in a loud voice

He **scolded** his employees for not meeting their deadlines.

## boardroom

*n.* a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets

*synonym*: meeting room, conference room, executive room

(1) **boardroom** meeting, (2) **boardroom** decision

The corporate **boardroom** was filled with tense silence as the CEO presented the new plan.

## aversion

*n.* a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant

*synonym*: dislike, loathing, repulsion

(1) **aversion** therapy, (2) strong **aversion**

Her **aversion** to snakes made her avoid the reptile exhibit at the zoo.

## psyche

*n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit

*synonym*: mind, soul, spirit

(1) deep **psyche**, (2) **psyche** healing

The therapist helped her understand the workings of her **psyche** and how to cope with her anxiety.

## megalomania

*n.* a psychological condition characterized by extreme delusions of power, wealth, or influence; an exaggerated sense of self-importance or belief in one's abilities to control or dominate others

*synonym*: delusions of grandeur, narcissism, egomania

(1) political **megalomania**, (2) **megalomania** disorder

The dictator's **megalomania** fueled his desire to conquer and expand his empire.

## hurtle

*v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way

*synonym*: throw, hurl, fling

(1) **hurtle** into a tunnel, (2) **hurtle** through life

The car **hurtled** down the highway at breakneck speed.

## preempt

*v.* to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else

*synonym*: forestall, head off, anticipate

(1) **preempt** a financial crisis, (2) **preempt** trouble

The government **preempted** the release of sensitive information.

## auditory

*adj.* of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear

*synonym* : hearing, audible, aural

(1) a good **auditory** memory, (2) **auditory** system

The **auditory** nerve carries sound signals from the ear to the brain.

## writ

*n.* a written legal order or command

*synonym* : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

## kinesthetic

*adj.* relating to the sense of movement or muscle tension

*synonym* : physical, somatic, tactile

(1) **kinesthetic** feedback, (2) **kinesthetic** sense

The **kinesthetic** learning style focuses on physical movement and hands-on activities.

## chew

*v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

*synonym* : masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

## equate

*v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous

*synonym* : associate, liken, relate

(1) **equate** mistakes with failure, (2) **equate** to legal responsibility

It isn't very reasonable to **equate** money with happiness.

## nerd

*n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

*synonym* : geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

## anthropology

*n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

## unfold

*v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

*synonym* : open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

## instinct

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

*synonym* : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

## privy

*adj.* sharing in knowledge or information that is known by only a select few; having knowledge of something secret or confidential; participating or involved in something, often in a private or hidden way

*synonym* : informed, aware, knowledgeable

(1) **privy** chamber, (2) **privy** to the details

The employees were **privy** to confidential information regarding the company's upcoming merger.

## eradicate

*v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

*synonym* :

destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination  
We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

## situ

*adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

*synonym*: situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

## intimidate

*v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

*synonym*: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

## nemesis

*n.* an archenemy, opponent, or rival who is often seen as a personification of retribution or divine justice; a downfall or undoing that is a consequence of one's actions

*synonym*: foe, adversary, rival

(1) personal **nemesis**, (2) athletic **nemesis**

The CEO's **nemesis** was a competing business that refused to go out of business.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. da\_\_y in procrastination v. to waste time or linger aimlessly or idly; to engage in playful or flirtatious behavior without serious intent; to delay or procrastinate on something that requires attention or action
2. a w\_\_t of summons n. a written legal order or command
3. hu\_\_\_e into a tunnel v. to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
4. c\_\_w a stick of gum v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
5. a computer n\_\_d n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
6. ri\_\_\_\_\_le at his expense n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
7. av\_\_\_\_\_on therapy n. a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant
8. online sw\_\_\_\_\_e v. to deceive or cheat someone out of money or property through deceitful means or false promises; (noun) an act or instance of deceitful or fraudulent behavior, usually to trick someone out of their money, property, or valuables

ANSWERS: 1. dally, 2. writ, 3. hurtle, 4. chew, 5. nerd, 6. ridicule, 7. aversion, 8. swindle



9. kin\_\_\_\_\_ic sense      *adj.* relating to the sense of movement or muscle tension
10. ps\_\_\_e healing      *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
11. political meg\_\_\_\_\_ia      *n.* a psychological condition characterized by extreme delusions of power, wealth, or influence; an exaggerated sense of self-importance or belief in one's abilities to control or dominate others
12. sw\_\_\_\_\_e the public into believing      *v.* to deceive or cheat someone out of money or property through deceitful means or false promises; (noun) an act or instance of deceitful or fraudulent behavior, usually to trick someone out of their money, property, or valuables
13. da\_\_y with the idea      *v.* to waste time or linger aimlessly or idly; to engage in playful or flirtatious behavior without serious intent; to delay or procrastinate on something that requires attention or action
14. av\_\_\_\_\_e to risk      *adj.* feeling strong dislike, opposition, or reluctance towards something; having a strong inclination against or avoidance of something
15. do a mea\_\_\_\_\_ss task      *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
16. ex-s\_\_u conservation      *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
17. pr\_\_\_\_\_t trouble      *v.* to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else

ANSWERS: 9. kinesthetic, 10. psyche, 11. megalomania, 12. swindle, 13. dally, 14. averse, 15. meaningless, 16. situ, 17. preempt

18. ant\_\_\_\_\_ogy of religion      *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
19. do\_\_\_e in a notebook      *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
20. av\_\_\_e to change      *adj.* feeling strong dislike, opposition, or reluctance towards something; having a strong inclination against or avoidance of something
21. strong av\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant
22. un\_\_\_d the stroller      *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
23. pr\_\_\_\_\_t a financial crisis      *v.* to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else
24. pr\_\_y to the details      *adj.* sharing in knowledge or information that is known by only a select few; having knowledge of something secret or confidential; participating or involved in something, often in a private or hidden way
25. da\_\_\_e the day away      *v.* to waste time; to move or act slowly; to be hesitant or indecisive in one's actions

ANSWERS: 18. anthropology, 19. doodle, 20. averse, 21. aversion, 22. unfold, 23. preempt, 24. privy, 25. dawdle

26. n\_\_d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
27. social ant\_\_\_\_\_ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
28. eq\_\_\_e mistakes with failure *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
29. kin\_\_\_\_\_ic feedback *adj.* relating to the sense of movement or muscle tension
30. athletic ne\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* an archenemy, opponent, or rival who is often seen as a personification of retribution or divine justice; a downfall or undoing that is a consequence of one's actions
31. meg\_\_\_\_\_ia disorder *n.* a psychological condition characterized by extreme delusions of power, wealth, or influence; an exaggerated sense of self-importance or belief in one's abilities to control or dominate others
32. sc\_\_d him for being late *v.* to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily
33. er\_\_\_\_\_te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
34. fl\_\_\_\_\_r the host *v.* to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely

ANSWERS: 26. nerd, 27. anthropology, 28. equate, 29. kinesthetic, 30. nemesis, 31. megalomania, 32. scold, 33. eradicate, 34. flatter

35. public ri\_\_\_\_le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
36. pr\_\_y chamber *adj.* sharing in knowledge or information that is known by only a select few; having knowledge of something secret or confidential; participating or involved in something, often in a private or hidden way
37. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
38. hu\_\_\_e through life *v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
39. d\_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
40. deep ps\_\_\_e *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
41. a good au\_\_\_\_\_ry memory *adj.* of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear
42. da\_\_\_e through dinner *v.* to waste time; to move or act slowly; to be hesitant or indecisive in one's actions
43. aggressive in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 35. ridicule, 36. privy, 37. intellect, 38. hurtle, 39. doe, 40. psyche, 41. auditory, 42. dawdle, 43. instinct

44. do\_\_\_e my way through life      *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
45. a\_\_n to the prior experiences      *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
46. c\_\_w each word      *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
47. 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
48. sc\_\_d in a loud voice      *v.* to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily
49. fl\_\_\_\_\_r his superiors      *v.* to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely
50. a mea\_\_\_\_\_ss endeavor      *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
51. eq\_\_\_e to legal responsibility      *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
52. personal ne\_\_\_\_\_s      *n.* an archenemy, opponent, or rival who is often seen as a personification of retribution or divine justice; a downfall or undoing that is a consequence of one's actions
53. int\_\_\_\_\_te an opponent      *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
54. bo\_\_\_\_\_om decision      *n.* a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets

ANSWERS: 44. doodle, 45. akin, 46. chew, 47. doe, 48. scold, 49. flatter, 50. meaningless, 51. equate, 52. nemesis, 53. intimidate, 54. boardroom

55. issue a w\_\_t *n.* a written legal order or command
56. in-s\_\_u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
57. bo\_\_\_\_\_om meeting *n.* a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
58. au\_\_\_\_\_ry system *adj.* of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear
59. effectively int\_\_\_\_\_te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
60. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
61. un\_\_\_\_d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
62. in\_\_\_\_\_ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
63. er\_\_\_\_\_te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
64. a\_\_n to anger *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin

ANSWERS: 55. writ, 56. situ, 57. boardroom, 58. auditory, 59. intimidate, 60. intellect, 61. unfold, 62. instinct, 63. eradicate, 64. akin

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.  
*n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
  
2. The areas of \_\_\_\_\_ and psychology are significantly related to one another.  
*n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
  
3. I am \_\_\_\_\_ to making hasty decisions without carefully considering the consequences.  
*adj.* feeling strong dislike, opposition, or reluctance towards something; having a strong inclination against or avoidance of something
  
4. The employees were \_\_\_\_\_ to confidential information regarding the company's upcoming merger.  
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5. The mystery \_\_\_\_\_ as the detectives gathered more clues.  
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6. Her interests are \_\_\_\_\_ to mine.  
*adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin

ANSWERS: 1. ridicule, 2. anthropology, 3. averse, 4. privy, 5. unfolded, 6. akin

7. The government \_\_\_\_\_ the release of sensitive information.  
*v.* to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else
8. The car \_\_\_\_\_ down the highway at breakneck speed.  
*v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
9. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial \_\_\_\_\_ was to flee.  
*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
10. If you \_\_\_\_\_ in the decision for too long, the opportunity might pass you by.  
*v.* to waste time or linger aimlessly or idly; to engage in playful or flirtatious behavior without serious intent; to delay or procrastinate on something that requires attention or action
11. This experiment's results are \_\_\_\_\_ because the other conditions are not identical.  
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13. He \_\_\_\_\_ his employees for not meeting their deadlines.  
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ANSWERS: 7. preempted, 8. hurtled, 9. instinct, 10. dally, 11. meaningless, 12. boardroom, 13. scolded, 14. megalomania



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20. We are trying to \_\_\_\_\_ this disease from the world.
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21. When on the phone, he likes to \_\_\_\_\_ little sketches in the margins of his notepad.
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ANSWERS: 15. nemesis, 16. swindle, 17. chew, 18. intimidate, 19. equate, 20. eradicate, 21. doodle, 22. nerd

23. The \_\_\_\_\_ nerve carries sound signals from the ear to the brain.  
*adj.* of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear
24. The \_\_\_\_\_ learning style focuses on physical movement and hands-on activities.  
*adj.* relating to the sense of movement or muscle tension
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ANSWERS: 23. auditory, 24. kinesthetic, 25. doe, 26. situ, 27. flatter, 28. psyche, 29. dawdle, 30. aversion

31. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
32. He was served with a \_\_\_\_\_ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command

ANSWERS: 31. intellect, 32. writ