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## Session 1: Word List

### astronomer

*n.* a physicist who studies astronomy

*synonym*: stargazer, cosmologist, astrophysicist

(1) amateur **astronomer**, (2) solar **astronomer**

This question has fascinated solar **astronomers** for decades.

### disappoint

*v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

*synonym*: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

### constellation

*n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

*synonym*: asterism, array, pattern

(1) the stars of the Scorpion **constellation**, (2) northern **constellation**

Navigators still use the Little Bear **constellation** at sea.

### flabbergasted

*adj.* greatly surprised or astonished; shocked or bewildered

*synonym*: astonished, amazed, stunned

(1) **flabbergasted** expression, (2) **flabbergasted** reaction

I was **flabbergasted** to learn that I had won the scholarship.

## blackout

*n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness

*synonym* : outage, failure, knockout

(1) media **blackout**, (2) memory **blackout**

The nationwide **blackout** caused widespread power outages and disrupted daily life.

## drown

*v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

*synonym* : douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

## astronomical

*adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude

*synonym* : huge, vast, enormous

(1) **astronomical** observation, (2) **astronomical** numbers

The cost of the new equipment was **astronomical** and beyond the company's budget.

## expanse

*n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

*synonym* : stretch, field, spread

(1) vast **expanse**, (2) large **expanses**

She looked over the immense **expanse** of the sea.

## underdeveloped

*adj.* not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement

*synonym* : unadvanced, immature, backward

(1) an **underdeveloped** child, (2) remain **underdeveloped**

Many people in **underdeveloped** countries need clean water or proper healthcare access.

## outdo

*v.* to do better than someone; to surpass

*synonym*: excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

## inefficient

*adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

*synonym*: ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

## scatter

*v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions

*synonym*: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

## stargaze

*v.* to gaze at the stars, especially at night; to daydream or fantasize:

*synonym*: observe, daydream, woolgather

(1) **stargaze** on the roof, (2) **stargaze** in wonder

We like to **stargaze** on clear summer nights and try to identify as many constellations as we can.

## blot

*v.* to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper

*synonym*: stain, smudge, mar

(1) **blot** my eyes, (2) **blot** anything out of existence

She tried to **blot** out the unpleasant memory with alcohol.

## candlelight

*n.* light provided by a candle or candles

*synonym*: lamp light, oil light, firelight

(1) **candlelight** dinner, (2) **candlelight** vigil

The room was dimly lit by soft **candlelight**.

## incapable

*adj.* unable to do, control, or achieve something

*synonym*: unable, incompetent, unskilled

(1) drunk and **incapable**, (2) **incapable** of being resisted  
He seems **incapable** of understanding what she says.

## planetarium

*n.* a building or facility that is designed to display the positions and movements of stars, planets, and other celestial bodies on a dome-shaped surface using a projection system

(1) optical **planetarium** projector, (2) inflatable **planetarium**  
The **planetarium's** digital projection system provides an immersive experience of outer space.

## 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.

## categorize

*v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

*synonym*: classify, pigeonhole, sort

(1) **categorize** the image, (2) **categorize** the cause of failure

The biologist **categorized** the viruses into four groups.

## 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.

## undiscovered

*adj.* not yet found or known

*synonym*: unknown, hidden, unexplored

(1) **undiscovered** territory, (2) **undiscovered** potential

The jungle is full of **undiscovered** species waiting to be found.

## amalgam

*n.* an alloy of mercury with another metal, used especially to fill holes in teeth; a mixture or combination of diverse things

*synonym*: mixture, alloy, admixture

(1) **amalgam** alloy, (2) an **amalgam** of hope and fear

His theory is an **amalgam** of earlier ideas.

## 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**.

## mediate

*v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

*synonym*: arbitrate, reconcile, intervene

(1) **mediate** allergic reaction, (2) **mediate** a negotiation

The teacher had to **mediate** a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.

## savage

*adj.* extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized

*synonym*: brutal, fierce, barbarous

(1) reply in a **savage** voice, (2) **savage** attack

The animal was injured and became **savage**, attacking anyone who approached.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. can_____ht dinner               | <i>n.</i> light provided by a candle or candles   |
| 2. me_____e a negotiation          | <i>v.</i> to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict  |
| 3. ou__o him in trickery           | <i>v.</i> to do better than someone; to surpass   |
| 4. dis_____nt the audience         | <i>v.</i> to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad  |
| 5. cat_____ze the cause of failure | <i>v.</i> to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.  |
| 6. cat_____ze the image            | <i>v.</i> to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.  |
| 7. und_____red territory           | <i>adj.</i> not yet found or known  |
| 8. ine_____nt management           | <i>adj.</i> lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.   |
| 9. de__e into documents            | <i>v.</i> to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner  |
| 10. optical pla_____um projector   | <i>n.</i> a building or facility that is designed to display the positions and movements of stars, planets, and other celestial bodies on a dome-shaped surface using a projection system |
| 11. sa___e attack                  | <i>adj.</i> extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized   |

ANSWERS: 1. candlelight, 2. mediate, 3. outdo, 4. disappoint, 5. categorize, 6. categorize, 7. undiscovered, 8. inefficient, 9. delve, 10. planetarium, 11. savage

12. media bl\_\_\_\_ut *n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness
13. solar ast\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a physicist who studies astronomy
14. st\_\_\_\_ze in wonder *v.* to gaze at the stars, especially at night; to daydream or fantasize:
15. the stars of the Scorpion  
con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
16. remain und\_\_\_\_\_ped *adj.* not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement
17. in\_\_\_\_\_le of being resisted *adj.* unable to do, control, or achieve something
18. ast\_\_\_\_\_cal observation *adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude
19. ou\_\_o the competition *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
20. northern con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
21. n\_\_d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
22. dr\_\_n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

ANSWERS: 12. blackout, 13. astronomer, 14. stargaze, 15. constellation, 16. underdeveloped, 17. incapable, 18. astronomical, 19. outdo, 20. constellation, 21. nerd, 22. drown

23. ast\_\_\_\_\_cal numbers *adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude
24. inflatable pla\_\_\_\_\_um *n.* a building or facility that is designed to display the positions and movements of stars, planets, and other celestial bodies on a dome-shaped surface using a projection system
25. vi\_\_\_\_\_ze flying through space *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
26. vi\_\_\_\_\_ze data *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
27. I was dr\_\_ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
28. an am\_\_\_\_\_m of hope and fear *n.* an alloy of mercury with another metal, used especially to fill holes in teeth; a mixture or combination of diverse things
29. large ex\_\_\_\_\_es *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
30. reply in a sa\_\_\_e voice *adj.* extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized
31. b\_\_t my eyes *v.* to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper
32. sc\_\_\_\_\_r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
33. st\_\_\_\_\_ze on the roof *v.* to gaze at the stars, especially at night; to daydream or fantasize:

ANSWERS: 23. astronomical, 24. planetarium, 25. visualize, 26. visualize, 27. drown, 28. amalgam, 29. expanse, 30. savage, 31. blot, 32. scatter, 33. stargaze



34. can\_\_\_\_\_ht vigil *n.* light provided by a candle or candles
35. me\_\_\_\_\_e allergic reaction *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
36. amateur ast\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a physicist who studies astronomy
37. don't dis\_\_\_\_\_nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
38. sc\_\_\_\_\_r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
39. und\_\_\_\_\_red potential *adj.* not yet found or known
40. a computer n\_\_d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
41. fla\_\_\_\_\_ted reaction *adj.* greatly surprised or astonished; shocked or bewildered
42. fla\_\_\_\_\_ted expression *adj.* greatly surprised or astonished; shocked or bewildered
43. drunk and in\_\_\_\_\_le *adj.* unable to do, control, or achieve something
44. ine\_\_\_\_\_nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
45. am\_\_\_\_\_m alloy *n.* an alloy of mercury with another metal, used especially to fill holes in teeth; a mixture or combination of diverse things

ANSWERS: 34. candlelight, 35. mediate, 36. astronomer, 37. disappoint, 38. scatter, 39. undiscovered, 40. nerd, 41. flabbergasted, 42. flabbergasted, 43. incapable, 44. inefficient, 45. amalgam

46. b\_\_t anything out of existence      *v.* to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper
47. an und\_\_\_\_\_ped child      *adj.* not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement
48. de\_\_e deeper      *v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
49. memory bl\_\_\_\_ut      *n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness
50. vast ex\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

ANSWERS: 46. blot, 47. underdeveloped, 48. delve, 49. blackout, 50. expanse

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the layout of the new house in her mind.  
*v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
2. She worked very hard not to \_\_\_\_\_ her boss's expectations.  
*v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
3. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his rival by breaking the world record.  
*v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
4. Navigators still use the Little Bear \_\_\_\_\_ at sea.  
*n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
5. The animal was injured and became \_\_\_\_\_ attacking anyone who approached.  
*adj.* extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ digital projection system provides an immersive experience of outer space.  
*n.* a building or facility that is designed to display the positions and movements of stars, planets, and other celestial bodies on a dome-shaped surface using a projection system
7. Many people in \_\_\_\_\_ countries need clean water or proper healthcare access.  
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ANSWERS: 1. visualize, 2. disappoint, 3. outdo, 4. constellation, 5. savage, 6. planetarium's, 7. underdeveloped

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16. The teacher had to \_\_\_\_\_ a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.

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ANSWERS: 8. incapable, 9. delve, 10. scattered, 11. flabbergasted, 12. blot, 13. stargaze, 14. undiscovered, 15. astronomers, 16. mediate

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ANSWERS: 17. inefficient, 18. drown, 19. nerd, 20. categorized, 21. candlelight, 22. amalgam, 23. expanse, 24. blackout

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ANSWERS: 25. astronomical