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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### sitcom

*n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format

*synonym* : comedy, TV show

(1) **sitcom** series, (2) popular **sitcom**

I love to watch **sitcoms** when I need a good laugh.

### sassy

*adj.* rude and showing a lack of respect; energetic, bold, and full of spirit

*synonym* : impudent, audacious, rude

(1) a **sassy** child, (2) talk **sassy** to the teacher

My son has been getting **sassy** recently.

### sidekick

*n.* a person who is closely associated with and supports another person, especially in a work or professional capacity; a person who is a close and loyal companion

*synonym* : companion, helper, ally

(1) a detective's **sidekick**, (2) his best friend's **sidekick**

The superhero's **sidekick** was always there to help him.

### tier

*n.* one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance

*synonym* :

level, layer, class

(1) a two- **tier** system, (2) **tier** one company

The company operates on a three- **tier** pricing structure.

## laughter

*n.* the act or sound of laughing

*synonym*: laugh, chuckle, giggle

(1) **laughter** all around, (2) bring **laughter**

Some doctor says **laughter** is the best medicine.

## ridiculous

*adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

*synonym*: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

## ironic

*adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

*synonym*: sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

## grievous

*adj.* causing great suffering, pain, or sorrow; serious, grave, or dire

*synonym*: atrocious, severe, painful

(1) **grievous** condition, (2) **grievous** mistake

The **grievous** injury he sustained in the car accident left him unable to walk.

## misinterpretation

*n.* a mistake or error in understanding or explaining something; the act of interpreting incorrectly; an incorrect interpretation

*synonym*: misunderstanding, mistake, misreading

(1) **misinterpretation** of data, (2) **misinterpretation** of signals

The news article's **misinterpretation** of the study's findings confused readers

## irony

*n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

*synonym*: sarcasm, cynicism, wit

(1) bitter **irony**, (2) **irony** humor

The **irony** of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

## caution

*n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

*synonym*: carefulness, warning, notice

(1) extreme **caution**, (2) act with **caution**

He gave a stern **caution** to the naughty student.

## latter

*adj.* situated nearer to the end of something than the beginning; recent

*synonym*: following, recent, latest

(1) the **latter** part of the 20th century, (2) the **latter** half of life

We plan to schedule the feature update for the **latter** ten days of September.

## unfortunately

*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

*synonym*: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

## misunderstand

*v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

*synonym*: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

## coincident

*adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time

*synonym*: concurrent, accompanying, coextensive

(1) **coincident** indicators, (2) a series of **coincident** events

**Coincident** with the negotiation, the bank was permitted to open a Beijing branch.

## opposition

*n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

*synonym*: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

## slapstick

*n.* a type of comedy in which humor is generated through exaggerated physical activity especially falls and other mishaps

*synonym*: farce, comedy, humor

(1) **slapstick** comedy, (2) **slapstick** performance

The classic comedy routine was filled with **slapstick** humor.

## precarious

*adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions

*synonym*: precariousness, instability, uncertainty

(1) **precarious** job, (2) **precarious** financial situation

She had a **precarious** hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.

## balance

*n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

*synonym*: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's

**balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

**mess**

*n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

*synonym*: disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

**probable**

*adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

*synonym*: likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

**single-handed**

*adj.* done or accomplished by one person alone

*synonym*: alone, unassisted, solo

(1) **single-handed** responsibility, (2) **single-handed** victory

He started a **single-handed** project to earn additional money.

**align**

*v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

*synonym*: coordinate, regulate, adjust

(1) **align** the economic interest of each other, (2) **align** with a historical trend

Both parties are now entirely ideologically **aligned**.

**medal**

*n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor

*synonym*: award, decoration, badge

(1) gold **medal**, (2) a prize **medal**

She was proud to receive a **medal** for her hard work and dedication to the sport.

## olympiad

*n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

(1) the modern **olympiad**, (2) summer **olympiad**

She won a gold medal in the physics **olympiad** and was praised by her teachers and peers.

## professional

*adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

*synonym*: skilled, competent, accomplished

(1) **professional** athlete, (2) certified **professional** secretary

He has a **professional** demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.

## tripping

*adj.* describing a state of mind or perception characterized by altered or distorted sensory experiences, often as a result of taking drugs or psychedelics; stumbling or faltering while walking or moving, often due to a loss of balance or coordination

*synonym*: trippy, hallucinogenic, mind-altering

(1) **tripping** hazards, (2) **tripping** on acid

Her **tripping** laughter echoed through the room, spreading contagious joy to everyone present.

## exemplify

*v.* to serve as a typical example of something

*synonym*: illustrate, show, demonstrate

(1) **exemplify** the importance, (2) **exemplify** the solution

The example of a successful startup serves to **exemplify** the potential of the industry.

## brick

*n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material

*synonym*: block, tile, paver

(1) **brick** wall, (2) dressed **brick**

The wall was made of hard **bricks** that had been used for

centuries.

## technological

*adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress

*synonym* : specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

**Technological** advances have disrupted many industries.

## savvy

*n.* the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity

*synonym* : know-how, expertise, skill

(1) a **savvy** investor, (2) tech- **savvy**

His business **savvy** was evident in the success of his company.

## newfangled

*adj.* recently invented or introduced and often not well-tested or proven

*synonym* : innovative, modern, novel

(1) **newfangled** technology, (2) **newfangled** idea

The **newfangled** gadget was a hit at the trade show.

## granny

*n.* a grandmother; an older adult, especially one who is seen as conservative or cautious, often used as a term of affection or familiarity

*synonym* : older woman, grandmother, grandma

(1) **granny** leave, (2) **granny** annex

Seeing **granny's** smiling face whenever I visit her is always a treat.

## denture

*n.* a removable set of artificial teeth made from materials such as acrylic resin or porcelain used to replace missing teeth and restore oral function and appearance

(1) partial **denture**, (2) **denture** cleaning solution

My grandfather wears a full set of **dentures**.

## grandkid

*n.* the grandchildren of a particular person

*synonym* : grandchildren, grandnieces, grandnephews

(1) spend the weekend with their **grandkids**, (2) cute **grandkids**

She was so proud of her **grandkids**, who were all doing well in school and had great personalities.

## **ensue**

*v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something

*synonym*: follow, occur, result

(1) **ensue** within a few years, (2) predict what will **ensue**

A power outage **ensued** after the storm knocked out the electricity.

## **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.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. sl\_\_\_\_\_ck comedy *n.* a type of comedy in which humor is generated through exaggerated physical activity especially falls and other mishaps
  
2. summer ol\_\_\_\_\_ad *n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
  
3. al\_\_n with a historical trend *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
  
4. in-s\_\_u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
  
5. a series of coi\_\_\_\_\_nt events *adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
  
6. mis\_\_\_\_\_ion of data *n.* a mistake or error in understanding or explaining something; the act of interpreting incorrectly; an incorrect interpretation
  
7. new\_\_\_\_\_ed technology *adj.* recently invented or introduced and often not well-tested or proven
  
8. tec\_\_\_\_\_cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
  
9. get into a m\_\_s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

ANSWERS: 1. slapstick, 2. olympiad, 3. align, 4. situ, 5. coincident, 6. misinterpretation, 7. newfangled, 8. technological, 9. mess

10. asset on the company's ba\_\_\_\_e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
11. mis\_\_\_\_\_and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
12. sl\_\_\_\_\_ck performance *n.* a type of comedy in which humor is generated through exaggerated physical activity especially falls and other mishaps
13. a sa\_\_y investor *n.* the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity
14. have a whole m\_\_s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
15. al\_\_n the economic interest of each other *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
16. the la\_\_\_\_r half of life *adj.* situated nearer to the end of something than the beginning; recent
17. ex\_\_\_\_\_fy the solution *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
18. pre\_\_\_\_\_us financial situation *adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
19. si\_\_\_m series *n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format

ANSWERS: 10. balance, 11. misunderstand, 12. slapstick, 13. savvy, 14. mess, 15. align, 16. latter, 17. exemplify, 18. precarious, 19. sitcom

20. pro\_\_\_\_\_nal athlete *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
21. t\_\_r one company *n.* one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance
22. tr\_\_\_\_\_ng on acid *adj.* describing a state of mind or perception characterized by altered or distorted sensory experiences, often as a result of taking drugs or psychedelics; stumbling or faltering while walking or moving, often due to a loss of balance or coordination
23. bring la\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* the act or sound of laughing
24. tr\_\_\_\_\_ng hazards *adj.* describing a state of mind or perception characterized by altered or distorted sensory experiences, often as a result of taking drugs or psychedelics; stumbling or faltering while walking or moving, often due to a loss of balance or coordination
25. ex\_\_\_\_\_fy the importance *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
26. meet with opp\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
27. pr\_\_\_\_\_le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
28. gold me\_\_l *n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor

ANSWERS: 20. professional, 21. tier, 22. tripping, 23. laughter, 24. tripping, 25. exemplify, 26. opposition, 27. probable, 28. medal

29. the la\_\_\_r part of the 20th century *adj.* situated nearer to the end of something than the beginning; recent
30. a sa\_\_y child *adj.* rude and showing a lack of respect; energetic, bold, and full of spirit
31. ir\_\_\_c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
32. popular si\_\_\_m *n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format
33. la\_\_\_\_\_er all around *n.* the act or sound of laughing
34. certified pro\_\_\_\_\_nal secretary *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
35. pr\_\_\_\_\_le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
36. a rid\_\_\_\_\_us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
37. tec\_\_\_\_\_cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
38. a detective's si\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a person who is closely associated with and supports another person, especially in a work or professional capacity; a person who is a close and loyal companion
39. spend the weekend with their gr\_\_\_\_\_ids *n.* the grandchildren of a particular person
40. partial de\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a removable set of artificial teeth made from materials such as acrylic resin or porcelain used to replace missing teeth and restore oral function and appearance

ANSWERS: 29. latter, 30. sassy, 31. ironic, 32. sitcom, 33. laughter, 34. professional, 35. probable, 36. ridiculous, 37. technological, 38. sidekick, 39. grandkid, 40. denture

41. sin\_\_\_\_\_ded responsibility      *adj.* done or accomplished by one person alone
42. talk sa\_\_y to the teacher      *adj.* rude and showing a lack of respect; energetic, bold, and full of spirit
43. gr\_\_\_\_us mistake      *adj.* causing great suffering, pain, or sorrow; serious, grave, or dire
44. gr\_\_\_y leave      *n.* a grandmother; an older adult, especially one who is seen as conservative or cautious, often used as a term of affection or familiarity
45. an ir\_\_\_c turn of events      *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
46. gr\_\_\_\_us condition      *adj.* causing great suffering, pain, or sorrow; serious, grave, or dire
47. ir\_\_y humor      *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
48. ex-s\_\_u conservation      *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
49. gr\_\_\_y annex      *n.* a grandmother; an older adult, especially one who is seen as conservative or cautious, often used as a term of affection or familiarity
50. dressed br\_\_k      *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material

ANSWERS: 41. single-handed, 42. sassy, 43. grievous, 44. granny, 45. ironic, 46. grievous, 47. irony, 48. situ, 49. granny, 50. brick

51. br\_\_k wall *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
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54. de\_\_\_\_e cleaning solution *n.* a removable set of artificial teeth made from materials such as acrylic resin or porcelain used to replace missing teeth and restore oral function and appearance
55. coi\_\_\_\_nt indicators *adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
56. new\_\_\_\_ed idea *adj.* recently invented or introduced and often not well-tested or proven
57. tech-sa\_\_y *n.* the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity
58. extreme ca\_\_\_\_n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
59. act with ca\_\_\_\_n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

ANSWERS: 51. brick, 52. tier, 53. olympiad, 54. denture, 55. coincident, 56. newfangled, 57. savvy, 58. caution, 59. caution

60. sin\_\_\_\_\_ded victory *adj.* done or accomplished by one person alone
61. en\_\_e within a few years *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
62. unf\_\_\_\_\_ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
63. mis\_\_\_\_\_and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
64. bitter ir\_\_y *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
65. opp\_\_\_\_\_on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
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68. mis\_\_\_\_\_ion of signals *n.* a mistake or error in understanding or explaining something; the act of interpreting incorrectly; an incorrect interpretation
69. a prize me\_\_l *n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor

ANSWERS: 60. single-handed, 61. ensue, 62. unfortunately, 63. misunderstand, 64. irony, 65. opposition, 66. balance, 67. sidekick, 68. misinterpretation, 69. medal

70. cute gr\_\_\_\_ids *n.* the grandchildren of a particular person
71. pre\_\_\_\_\_us job *adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
72. a rid\_\_\_\_\_us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
73. predict what will en\_\_e *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
74. even more unf\_\_\_\_\_ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

ANSWERS: 70. grandkid, 71. precarious, 72. ridiculous, 73. ensue, 74. unfortunately



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She had a \_\_\_\_\_ hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.  
*adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
  
2. He has a \_\_\_\_\_ demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.  
*adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
  
3. He made a frightful \_\_\_\_\_ in his room.  
*n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
  
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ANSWERS: 1. precarious, 2. professional, 3. mess, 4. savvy, 5. ridiculous, 6. Coincident, 7. sitcoms

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11. The example of a successful startup serves to \_\_\_\_\_ the potential of the industry.  
*v.* to serve as a typical example of something
12. It seems \_\_\_\_\_ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.  
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13. She was so proud of her \_\_\_\_\_ who were all doing well in school and had great personalities.  
*n.* the grandchildren of a particular person
14. She was proud to receive a \_\_\_\_\_ for her hard work and dedication to the sport.  
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23. \_\_\_\_\_ advances have disrupted many industries.  
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ANSWERS: 16. balance, 17. granny's, 18. situ, 19. laughter, 20. olympiad, 21. unfortunately, 22. grievous, 23. Technological

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ANSWERS: 24. ensued, 25. sassy, 26. opposition, 27. newfangled, 28. sidekick, 29. dentures, 30. aligned, 31. caution

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