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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### stick

- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

*synonym*: pierce, adhere, stay

- (1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

### rut

- n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action

*synonym*: groove, track, estrus

- (1) falling into a **rut**, (2) boring routine **rut**

The company seems stuck in a **rut** and needs to try something new.

### decide

- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

*synonym*: choose, determine, settle

- (1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

## footstep

*n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground

*synonym*: footfall, step

(1) **footsteps** in the corridor, (2) approaching **footsteps**

The sound of oncoming **footsteps** grew louder, closer.

## philosophy

*n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

*synonym*: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

## subtract

*v.* to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole

*synonym*: deduct, take away, remove

(1) **subtract** numbers, (2) **subtract** one from the total

I need to **subtract** the cost of my expenses from my income to see how much money I have left.

## memorable

*adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

*synonym*: extraordinary, noteworthy, unforgettable

(1) create **memorable** experiences, (2) least **memorable** song

His passionate speech makes a **memorable** impression.

## confidence

*n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

*synonym*: self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

## dwelling

*n.* a house or place that someone is living in

*synonym*: habitat, residence, home

(1) blood- **dwelling** parasitic animal, (2) the **dwelling** place of demons

They found a new species of water- **dwelling** insect.

## 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**.

## hike

*n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost

*synonym* : walk, trek, excursion

(1) go on a **hike**, (2) a **hike** in prices

The family decided to **hike** in the mountains to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

## adventurous

*adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things

*synonym* : daring, risk-taking, bold

(1) lead an **adventurous** life, (2) **adventurous** pioneers

He has an **adventurous** spirit and is unafraid of risks.

## novel

*n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

*synonym* : fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

## scratch

*v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

*synonym* : claw, rub, scrape

(1) **scratch** off a name, (2) **scratch** my signature

Don't **scratch** your mosquito bites.

## deprive

*v.* to take away something from someone

*synonym* : deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status

He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

## awful

*adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

*synonym*: terrible, appalling, horrible

(1) an **awful** error, (2) do **awful** damage

I regretted making an **awful** mistake in my final exam.

## mention

*v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

*synonym*: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

## sustainable

*adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time

*synonym*: continuable, enduring, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

## crazy

*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

*synonym*: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

## guarantee

*v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

*synonym*: assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality

We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. n__d neck                            | <i>n.</i> a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.  |
| 2. principles of sus_____le development | <i>adj.</i> able to continue or be continued for a long time   |
| 3. the dw_____ng place of demons        | <i>n.</i> a house or place that someone is living in   |
| 4. a h__e in prices                     | <i>n.</i> a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost   |
| 5. de___e a question                    | <i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options   |
| 6. de_____e him of his status           | <i>v.</i> to take away something from someone  |
| 7. a computer n__d                      | <i>n.</i> a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.  |
| 8. adv_____us pioneers                  | <i>adj.</i> willing to take risks and try new or difficult things  |
| 9. fire st__k                           | <i>v.</i> to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material |

ANSWERS: 1. nerd, 2. sustainable, 3. dwelling, 4. hike, 5. decide, 6. deprive, 7. nerd, 8. adventurous, 9. stick

10. de\_\_\_e on a course of action      *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
11. approaching fo\_\_\_\_\_eps      *n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground
12. least me\_\_\_\_\_le song      *adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
13. boring routine r\_t      *n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
14. lead an adv\_\_\_\_\_us life      *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
15. sc\_\_\_\_\_h my signature      *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
16. no\_\_l effect      *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
17. su\_\_\_\_\_ct numbers      *v.* to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole
18. fo\_\_\_\_\_eps in the corridor      *n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground
19. create me\_\_\_\_\_le experiences      *adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

ANSWERS: 10. decide, 11. footstep, 12. memorable, 13. rut, 14. adventurous, 15. scratch, 16. novel, 17. subtract, 18. footstep, 19. memorable

20. a cr\_\_y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
21. western phi\_\_\_\_\_hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
22. sc\_\_\_\_\_h off a name *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
23. go on a h\_\_e *n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
24. historical no\_\_l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
25. de\_\_\_\_\_e others of profit *v.* to take away something from someone
26. con\_\_\_\_\_ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
27. sus\_\_\_\_\_le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
28. gu\_\_\_\_\_ee a high quality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
29. blood-dw\_\_\_\_\_ng parasitic animal *n.* a house or place that someone is living in
30. su\_\_\_\_\_ct one from the total *v.* to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole

ANSWERS: 20. crazy, 21. philosophy, 22. scratch, 23. hike, 24. novel, 25. deprive, 26. confidence, 27. sustainable, 28. guarantee, 29. dwelling, 30. subtract

31. phi\_\_\_\_\_hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
32. st\_\_k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
33. boost my con\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
34. an aw\_\_l error *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
35. do aw\_\_l damage *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
36. me\_\_\_\_\_n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
37. me\_\_\_\_\_n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
38. falling into a r\_t *n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
39. gu\_\_\_\_\_ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

ANSWERS: 31. philosophy, 32. stick, 33. confidence, 34. awful, 35. awful, 36. mention, 37. mention, 38. rut, 39. guarantee



40. cr\_\_y about cars and racing

*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 40. crazy

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the cost of my expenses from my income to see how much money I have left.
  - v. to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole
  
2. The family decided to \_\_\_\_\_ in the mountains to enjoy the beautiful scenery.
  - n. a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
  
3. Skill and \_\_\_\_\_ are an unconquered army.
  - n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
  
4. I regretted making an \_\_\_\_\_ mistake in my final exam.
  - adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
  
5. He has an \_\_\_\_\_ spirit and is unafraid of risks.
  - adj. willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
  
6. You \_\_\_\_\_ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
  - v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
  
7. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your mosquito bites.
  - v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

ANSWERS: 1. subtract, 2. hike, 3. confidence, 4. awful, 5. adventurous, 6. stick, 7. scratch

8. They found a new species of water-\_\_\_\_\_ insect.  
*n.* a house or place that someone is living in
9. The sound of oncoming \_\_\_\_\_ grew louder, closer.  
*n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.  
*v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
11. He was \_\_\_\_\_ of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.  
*v.* to take away something from someone
12. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ enough raw material sources.  
*v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
13. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.  
*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ has largely gotten positive feedback.  
*n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
15. Ethics is a branch of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 8. dwelling, 9. footsteps, 10. mentioned, 11. deprived, 12. guarantee, 13. decide, 14. novel, 15. philosophy

16. The government should do more to support environmentally \_\_\_\_\_ agriculture.

*adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time

17. He was, by nature, a cyber \_\_\_\_\_.

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

18. His passionate speech makes a \_\_\_\_\_ impression.

*adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

19. The company seems stuck in a \_\_\_\_\_ and needs to try something new.

*n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action

20. The rain and thunder are \_\_\_\_\_ today.

*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 16. sustainable, 17. nerd, 18. memorable, 19. rut, 20. crazy