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## Session 1: Word List

### scrape

*v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

*synonym* : scratch, graze, rub

(1) **scrape** meat off a bone, (2) **scrape** a hole in the ground  
He **scraped** the mud off his boots before entering the house.

### scoot

*v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device

*synonym* : glide, slide, scurry

(1) **scoot** out of my room, (2) **scoot** over

I have to **scoot** over to the next desk because there's not enough room for me to sit comfortably.

### enthusiast

*n.* a person having a strong liking for something

*synonym* : buff, aficionado, devotee

(1) classic car **enthusiasts**, (2) an **enthusiastic** response

The country's economic situation has improved markedly due to reform **enthusiasts**.

### dale

*n.* a valley or a broad, low area between hills or mountains, often with a stream or river running through it

*synonym* : valley, glen, hollow

(1) **dale** landscape, (2) fertile **dale**

The grassy **dale** was filled with wildflowers and grazing

sheep.

## glide

v. to move smoothly and effortlessly

*synonym*: slide, skim, coast

(1) **glide** through the water, (2) **glide** down the mountain

The eagle gracefully **glided** on the thermals, soaring above the mountains.

## remake

v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

*synonym*: revamp, redo, reproduce

(1) video game **remake**, (2) **remake** song

The director plans to **remake** the classic movie with a modern twist.

## radiate

v. to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

*synonym*: give off, scatter, beam

(1) **radiate** an aura, (2) **radiate** in all directions

Roads **radiate** from the famous building in the center of the city.

## physicist

n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

(1) talented **physicist**, (2) theoretical **physicist**

Einstein was an outstanding and famous **physicist** of the 20th century.

## fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

*synonym*: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

## subversive

*adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

*synonym* : incendiary, dissident, (noun) rebel

(1) **subversive** elements, (2) **subversive** literature

The artwork was criticized for its **subversive** theme that undermined religious beliefs.

## commonplace

*adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

*synonym* : ordinary, routine, mundane

(1) become a **commonplace** sight, (2) **commonplace** event

Forgetting someone's name is a **commonplace** occurrence.

## narrator

*n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

*synonym* : teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program

The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

## precede

*v.* to happen or go before something or someone in time or space

*synonym* : lead, forego, antecede

(1) men often **precede** women when walking, (2) **precede** any discussion

Agricultural development generally **precedes** economic growth.

## psychopath

*n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

*synonym* : sociopath, antisocial, monster

(1) **psychopath** tendencies, (2) violent **psychopath**

The detective identified the **psychopath** who had been

terrorizing the city for months.

## archer

*n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

*synonym*: bowman, marksman, shooter

(1) **archer's** bow, (2) skilled **archer**

The **archer's** aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.

## robotic

*adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

*synonym*: automated, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **robotic** arm, (2) **robotic** guide operation

The surgeon removed the tumor using **robotic** video assistance.

## smartphone

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict  
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

## drone

*n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

*synonym*: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## tinker

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

*synonym* : fiddle, play, fix

(1) **tinker** with the bill, (2) **tinker** with the settings  
He spent the afternoon **tinkering** with his car engine.

## reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

*synonym* : alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts  
The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark  
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. sub\_\_\_\_\_ve elements *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution
2. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
3. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
4. video game re\_\_\_\_e *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
5. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
6. d\_\_e landscape *n.* a valley or a broad, low area between hills or mountains, often with a stream or river running through it
7. men often pr\_\_\_\_\_e women when walking *v.* to happen or go before something or someone in time or space

ANSWERS: 1. subversive, 2. fascinate, 3. fascinate, 4. remake, 5. opportune, 6. dale, 7. precede

8. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
9. sc\_\_t over *v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
10. sc\_\_t out of my room *v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
11. the speaker's dr\_\_e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
12. ar\_\_\_r's bow *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
13. ro\_\_\_\_\_c guide operation *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
14. theoretical ph\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
15. sc\_\_\_e meat off a bone *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
16. skilled ar\_\_\_r *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
17. first-person na\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

ANSWERS: 8. opportune, 9. scoot, 10. scoot, 11. drone, 12. archer, 13. robotic, 14. physicist, 15. scrape, 16. archer, 17. narrator

18. gl\_\_e through the water      *v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly
19. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
20. become a com\_\_\_\_\_ce sight      *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
21. sc\_\_\_e a hole in the ground      *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
22. re\_\_\_\_\_e my thoughts      *v.* to change the form or structure of something
23. com\_\_\_\_\_ce event      *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
24. gl\_\_e down the mountain      *v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly
25. psy\_\_\_\_\_th tendencies      *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
26. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne app developer      *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
27. sub\_\_\_\_\_ve literature      *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

ANSWERS: 18. glide, 19. industrious, 20. commonplace, 21. scrape, 22. reshape, 23. commonplace, 24. glide, 25. psychopath, 26. smartphone, 27. subversive

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|-------------------------------------|----|---|
| 28. ra_____e in all directions      | v. | to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions   |
| 29. pr_____e any discussion         | v. | to happen or go before something or someone in time or space  |
| 30. ra_____e an aura                | v. | to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions   |
| 31. ti____r with the bill           | v. | to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way  |
| 32. re_____e education policy       | v. | to change the form or structure of something  |
| 33. the na_____or of the TV program | n. | a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film  |
| 34. an ent_____stic response        | n. | a person having a strong liking for something   |
| 35. fertile d__e                    | n. | a valley or a broad, low area between hills or mountains, often with a stream or river running through it   |
| 36. talented ph_____st              | n. | a scientist who specializes in the field of physics   |
| 37. ti____r with the settings       | v. | to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way  |
| 38. sma_____ne addict               | n. | a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet  |
| 39. violent psy_____th              | n. | a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies |

ANSWERS: 28. radiate, 29. precede, 30. radiate, 31. tinker, 32. reshape, 33. narrator, 34. enthusiast, 35. dale, 36. physicist, 37. tinker, 38. smartphone, 39. psychopath

40. ro\_\_\_\_c arm *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
41. re\_\_\_e song *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
42. ind\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
43. classic car ent\_\_\_\_\_sts *n.* a person having a strong liking for something
44. dr\_\_e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

ANSWERS: 40. robotic, 41. remake, 42. industrious, 43. enthusiast, 44. drone

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The magic tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the children.  
*v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ the mud off his boots before entering the house.  
*v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
3. Einstein was an outstanding and famous \_\_\_\_\_ of the 20th century.  
*n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
4. He spent the afternoon \_\_\_\_\_ with his car engine.  
*v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
5. The surgeon removed the tumor using \_\_\_\_\_ video assistance.  
*adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
6. He heard a \_\_\_\_\_ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.  
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8. The director plans to \_\_\_\_\_ the classic movie with a modern twist.  
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ANSWERS: 1. fascinated, 2. scraped, 3. physicist, 4. tinkering, 5. robotic, 6. drone, 7. narrator, 8. remake

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14. The country's economic situation has improved markedly due to reform \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a person having a strong liking for something
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16. The artwork was criticized for its \_\_\_\_\_ theme that undermined religious beliefs.
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ANSWERS: 9. scoot, 10. dale, 11. commonplace, 12. precedes, 13. reshaped, 14.

enthusiasts, 15. psychopath, 16. subversive

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