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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### intelligent

*adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

*synonym* : brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system

**Intelligent** robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

### 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.

### 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.

### innovative

*adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

*synonym* : creative, ingenious, inventive

(1) use of **innovative** technology, (2) stylistically **innovative** works

The Prime Minister stressed the need to create **innovative** industries.

## incorrect

*adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate

*synonym*: unsound, wrong, inaccurate

(1) make an **incorrect** report, (2) an **incorrect** translation

He found my English sentences are **incorrect**.

## ludicrous

*adj.* so ridiculous, unreasonable, or out of place as to be amusing; absurd

*synonym*: absurd, ridiculous, farcical

(1) **ludicrous** idea, (2) **ludicrous** behavior

It's **ludicrous** to blame the teachers for the education system's failures.

## nylon

*n.* a synthetic material used for making clothes, ropes, brushes, etc.

(1) **nylon** cloth, (2) **nylon** thread

We supply the military with durable vests made of **nylon**.

## lace

*n.* a delicate fabric made of interlacing thread or other material; a cord used to fasten or adorn clothing, often with a pattern of holes or spaces; a decorative netting or interlaced design

*synonym*: cord, string, ribbon

(1) **lace** curtains, (2) **lace** trim

She wore a beautiful dress with delicate **lace** detailing.

## nail

*n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

*synonym*: pin, tack, fastener

(1) rusty **nail**, (2) **nail** clipper

He used a hammer and round **nail** to fix the loose board on

the fence.

## demonstrate

*v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

*synonym*: show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery  
How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

## knot

*n.* a tight interlacing of something such as rope or thread

*synonym*: tangle, entanglement, snarl

(1) a hard **knot**, (2) a **knot** of people

The boy scout showed us how to tie a **knot** that wouldn't come undone.

## strand

*n.* a very thin natural or synthetic thread, wire, hair, etc.;  
(verb) to leave or drive a vessel, fish, etc., aground or ashore

*synonym*: fiber, filament, string

(1) a **strand** of fine hair, (2) double- **strand** DNA

I heard several melodic **strands** simultaneously.

## bow

*v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

*synonym*: bend, curve, arch

(1) **bow** and greet, (2) a **bow** wave

She **bowed** to the audience after her performance.

## orient

*v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

*synonym*: position, align, adjust

(1) **orient** my thinking, (2) the exotic flavor of the **Orient**

She took a moment to **orient** herself in the unfamiliar city.

## axis

*n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance

*synonym* : central, core, pole

(1) vertical **axis**, (2) a coordinate **axis**

The earth's **axis** of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.

## cord

*n.* a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment

*synonym* : wire, cable, string

(1) spinal **cord**, (2) electrical **cord**

Your spinal **cord** is located deep within your body.

## transverse

*adj.* lying or extending across something or from side to side

*synonym* : crosswise, perpendicular, lateral

(1) **transverse** section, (2) **transverse** wave

The **transverse** beam provided additional support for the structure.

## untie

*v.* to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound

*synonym* : untangle, unfasten, undo

(1) **untie** the ribbon, (2) **untie** shoelaces

I needed to **untie** the knots in my shoelaces before I could put my shoes on.

## loop

*n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

*synonym* : circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**

Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

## handle

*v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

*synonym* : control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

## theme

*n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation  
*synonym* : subject, topic, motif

(1) **theme** park, (2) central **theme**

The **theme** of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.

## advantage

*n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

*synonym* : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

## someplace

*adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location

*synonym* : somewhere, anywhere, wherever

(1) from **someplace** deep inside, (2) **someplace** quiet

Let's go **someplace** new and try something we have not done before.

## yield

*n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

*synonym* : proceeds, harvest, output

(1) corn **yield**, (2) the **yield** on the bond

The company's stock gives a high **yield**.

## tremendous

*adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

*synonym* : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

**prosper**

v. to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish

*synonym*: thrive, flourish, succeed

(1) **prosper** in the long run, (2) **prosper** as a trading hub

With careful planning and hard work, she was able to **prosper** in her new business venture.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. a b\_w wave  
*v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
2. double-st\_\_\_d DNA  
*n.* a very thin natural or synthetic thread, wire, hair, etc.; (verb) to leave or drive a vessel, fish, etc., aground or ashore
3. central th\_\_e  
*n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
4. electrical c\_\_d  
*n.* a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment
5. pr\_\_\_\_r as a trading hub  
*v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish
6. use of inn\_\_\_\_ve technology  
*adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
7. un\_\_e the ribbon  
*v.* to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound
8. ha\_\_\_e a precious object  
*v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
9. tra\_\_\_\_se section  
*adj.* lying or extending across something or from side to side

ANSWERS: 1. bow, 2. strand, 3. theme, 4. cord, 5. prosper, 6. innovative, 7. untie, 8. handle, 9. transverse

10. spinal c\_\_d *n.* a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment
11. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
12. l\_\_e trim *n.* a delicate fabric made of interlacing thread or other material; a cord used to fasten or adorn clothing, often with a pattern of holes or spaces; a decorative netting or interlaced design
13. a k\_\_t of people *n.* a tight interlacing of something such as rope or thread
14. ha\_\_\_ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
15. a coordinate a\_\_s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
16. 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
17. a st\_\_\_d of fine hair *n.* a very thin natural or synthetic thread, wire, hair, etc.; (verb) to leave or drive a vessel, fish, etc., aground or ashore
18. int\_\_\_\_\_nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

ANSWERS: 10. cord, 11. intellect, 12. lace, 13. knot, 14. handle, 15. axis, 16. savvy, 17. strand, 18. intelligent



19. take ad\_\_\_\_\_ge of his weak points     *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
20. an int\_\_\_\_\_nt person     *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
21. vertical a\_\_s     *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
22. l\_\_e curtains     *n.* a delicate fabric made of interlacing thread or other material; a cord used to fasten or adorn clothing, often with a pattern of holes or spaces; a decorative netting or interlaced design
23. or\_\_\_t my thinking     *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
24. the exotic flavor of the Or\_\_\_t     *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
25. tre\_\_\_\_\_us amount     *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
26. n\_\_l clipper     *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
27. th\_\_e park     *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

ANSWERS: 19. advantage, 20. intelligent, 21. axis, 22. lace, 23. orient, 24. orient, 25. tremendous, 26. nail, 27. theme

28. dem\_\_\_\_\_te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
29. ny\_\_n thread *n.* a synthetic material used for making clothes, ropes, brushes, etc.
30. make an in\_\_\_\_\_ct report *adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate
31. b\_w and greet *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
32. ny\_\_n cloth *n.* a synthetic material used for making clothes, ropes, brushes, etc.
33. tre\_\_\_\_\_us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
34. un\_\_e shoelaces *v.* to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound
35. dem\_\_\_\_\_te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
36. so\_\_\_\_\_ce quiet *adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
37. lu\_\_\_\_\_us behavior *adj.* so ridiculous, unreasonable, or out of place as to be amusing; absurd
38. positive feedback l\_\_p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
39. pr\_\_\_\_\_r in the long run *v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish

ANSWERS: 28. demonstrate, 29. nylon, 30. incorrect, 31. bow, 32. nylon, 33. tremendous, 34. untie, 35. demonstrate, 36. someplace, 37. ludicrous, 38. loop, 39. prosper

40. 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
41. tra\_\_\_\_\_se wave *adj.* lying or extending across something or from side to side
42. exit from a l\_\_p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
43. an in\_\_\_\_\_ct translation *adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate
44. score an ad\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
45. a hard k\_\_t *n.* a tight interlacing of something such as rope or thread
46. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
47. corn yi\_\_d *n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
48. stylistically inn\_\_\_\_\_ve works *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
49. rusty n\_\_l *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

ANSWERS: 40. savvy, 41. transverse, 42. loop, 43. incorrect, 44. advantage, 45. knot, 46. intellect, 47. yield, 48. innovative, 49. nail

50. lu\_\_\_\_\_us idea

*adj.* so ridiculous, unreasonable, or out of place as to be amusing; absurd

51. the yi\_\_d on the bond

*n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

52. from so\_\_\_\_\_ce deep inside

*adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location

ANSWERS: 50. ludicrous, 51. yield, 52. someplace

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ beam provided additional support for the structure.  
*adj.* lying or extending across something or from side to side
2. I heard several melodic \_\_\_\_\_ simultaneously.  
*n.* a very thin natural or synthetic thread, wire, hair, etc.; (verb) to leave or drive a vessel, fish, etc., aground or ashore
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ANSWERS: 1. transverse, 2. strands, 3. ludicrous, 4. bowed, 5. savvy, 6. demonstrate, 7. Intelligent

8. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create \_\_\_\_\_ industries.  
*adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
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ANSWERS: 8. innovative, 9. cord, 10. loop, 11. prosper, 12. someplace, 13. nail, 14. intellect, 15. axis

16. She wore a beautiful dress with delicate \_\_\_\_\_ detailing.

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- n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

19. We all should learn how to \_\_\_\_\_ stress.

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