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Session 1: Word List

performer

 a person who entertains an audience or group by presenting artistic or theatrical acts, such as an actor, musician, dancer, or singer

synonym: artist, entertainer, actor

(1) circus **performer**, (2) professional **performer**The talented **performer** captivated the audience with his impressive magic tricks.

beatbox

n. a style of vocal percussion or vocal mimicry in which a person creates rhythmic sounds and beats using their mouth, lips, tongue, and voice; (verb) to create percussive sounds, rhythms, and beats using the mouth, lips, tongue, and voice

synonym: mouth drum, lip-smack percussion

(1) **beatbox** rhythm, (2) **beatbox** battle

His **beatbox** performance at the concert was mind-blowing.

diagnose

 to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

synonym: identify, analyze, interpret

(1) **diagnose** the problem, (2) **diagnose** with CT scans This device is used to **diagnose** brain cancer and other tumors.

bipolar

- adj. of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness
- (1) **bipolar** depression, (2) a **bipolar** semiconductor The physician prescribed medication to treat **bipolar** disorder.

reframe

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

synonym: redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

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.

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

entertaining

adj. providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing

synonym: amusing, diverting, engaging

(1) **entertaining** puppet show, (2) very **entertaining** book The magician's act was **entertaining** and kept the audience on the edge of their seats.

breakthrough

 a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

synonym: advance, progress, innovation

(1) **breakthrough** in the negotiations, (2) **breakthrough** discovery

A technique called deep learning has led to breakthroughs

in Al.

mania

a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something

synonym: obsession, craze, frenzy

(1) start-up mania, (2) dance mania

The **mania** for collecting rare books led him to spend his savings on a first edition.

episode

a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of n. related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

synonym: event, chapter, seizure

- (1) end of the first **episode**, (2) **episode** of vertigo I want to put that **episode** of my life behind me.
- the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym: Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

scare

- to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened synonym: frighten, spook, intimidate
- (1) **scare** off her attacker by screaming, (2) **scare** the birds away

We hit the ground to **scare** out the rabbits.

psychology

- the scientific study of mind and behavior
- (1) psychology experiment, (2) psychology of crowd She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

Christ

ward

- n. a room in a hospital for patients requiring special caresynonym: room, division, unit
- (1) a children's ward, (2) ward nurse

The patient was moved to the intensive care **ward** for further treatment.

justify

v. to provide a valid or reasonable explanation, reasoning, or evidence in support of a belief, action, or decision; to defend or vindicate something as right or valid

synonym: validate, defend, support

(1) justify my beliefs, (2) justify your decision

The lawyer tried to **justify** his client's actions by presenting evidence of their difficult upbringing.

rehearsal

n. a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing

synonym: practice, run-through, drill

(1) dress rehearsal, (2) music rehearsal

The theater company had its final **rehearsal** before opening night.

medication

 a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease

synonym: cure, drug, medicine

(1) antibiotic **medication**, (2) **medication** by mouth The pharmacist not only prescribes the **medication** but also guides its proper use.

psychiatry

 the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

synonym: mental health, psychology, psychoanalysis

(1) **psychiatry** therapy, (2) biological **psychiatry**The field of **psychiatry** is constantly evolving, with new

treatments and approaches being developed all the time.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

nap

n. a short sleep, especially during the day

synonym: rest, doze, drowse

(1) take a **nap**, (2) daytime **nap**

She woke the kids up from their **nap**.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym: refute, reject, repudiate

adamantly deny killing, (2) deny the allegations
 still denying stealing the money from the cash register.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym: grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace** The woods **embrace** the house.

bugle

 a brass wind instrument similar to a trumpet but with a more conical shape and no valves; the sound produced by the bugle or a similar instrument

synonym: trumpet, brass instrument

(1) military **bugle**, (2) **bugle** sound

The **bugle** call woke up the soldiers at dawn.

movement

 a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym:

motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

hypomania

n. a mood state characterized by intense feelings of joy or excitement, increased energy, talkativeness, and impulsivity, but at a less severe level than full mania, often associated with bipolar disorder and other mental health conditions

synonym: mania, frenzy, excitement

(1) **hypomania** symptoms, (2) **hypomania** disorder People with bipolar disorder may experience periods of **hypomania**, characterized by an elevated mood but less severe than full-blown mania.

engine

 a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym: motor, locomotive, driver

a steam engine,
 an air-cooled engine
 the policies he announces can be the engine of economic growth in the country.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit
All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

compete

 to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

touched

adj. affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration

synonym: affected, moved, emotional

(1) **touched-hearted** audience, (2) emotionally **touched** by the speech

He gave a **touched** smile as he read the heartfelt message in the card from his daughter.

depression

 a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

synonym: recession, slump, despair

(1) the Great **Depression**, (2) the root problem of her **depression**

Depression symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) suffer a setback, (2) suffer bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym: devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

suicide

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

synonym: self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se

(1) commit suicide, (2) suicide attack

In an economically prosperous country, most male suicide is

due to child support problems.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

statistics

- the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
- (1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

investor

 someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym: financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor** Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

entrepreneur

 an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

synonym: founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur Entrepreneurs** willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

spectrum

 an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**

This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

sensitive

 adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

synonym: exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry synonym: crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

Session 2: Spelling

1. be___x rhythm

2. bu e sound

3. di___se with CT scans

4. gets m_d easily

5. an air-cooled en___e

6. sta cs for cancer

7. su e attack

8. a real estate in or

n. a style of vocal percussion or vocal mimicry in which a person creates rhythmic sounds and beats using their mouth, lips, tongue, and voice; (verb) to create percussive sounds, rhythms, and beats using the mouth, lips, tongue, and voice

 a brass wind instrument similar to a trumpet but with a more conical shape and no valves; the sound produced by the bugle or a similar instrument

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

 a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

 the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

ANSWERS: 1. beatbox, 2. bugle, 3. diagnose, 4. mad, 5. engine, 6. statistics, 7. suicide, 8. investor

9.	ree resource allocation	v.	to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
10.	biological psyry	n.	the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
11.	breugh discovery	n.	a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
12.	a cry scheme	adj.	stupid or not sensible; very angry
13.	very enting book	adj.	providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing
14.	eme an opportunity	ν.	to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
15.	psygy of crowd	n.	the scientific study of mind and behavior
16.	music real	n.	a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
17.	dep a skill	v.	to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 9. reframe, 10. psychiatry, 11. breakthrough, 12. crazy, 13. entertaining, 14. embrace, 15. psychology, 16. rehearsal, 17. develop

18.	psyry therapy	n.	the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
19.	medon by mouth	n.	a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
20.	bir depression	adj.	of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness
21.	sce off her attacker by screaming	<i>v</i> .	to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
22.	strong and coed sales staff	adj.	willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
23.	bex battle	n.	a style of vocal percussion or vocal mimicry in which a person creates rhythmic sounds and beats using their mouth, lips, tongue, and voice; (verb) to create percussive sounds, rhythms, and beats using the mouth, lips, tongue, and voice
24.	crve writing	adj.	relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
25.	juy my beliefs	<i>v</i> .	to provide a valid or reasonable explanation, reasoning, or evidence in support of a belief, action, or decision; to defend or vindicate something as right or valid
26.	seve documents	adj.	able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

ANSWERS: 18. psychiatry, 19. medication, 20. bipolar, 21. scare, 22. committed, 23. beatbox, 24. creative, 25. justify, 26. sensitive

27.	a steam ene	n.	a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
28.	daytime n_p	n.	a short sleep, especially during the day
29.	a m_d person	adj.	insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
30.	official stacs	n.	the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
31.	dy the allegations	<i>v</i> .	to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
32.	juy your decision	<i>v</i> .	to provide a valid or reasonable explanation, reasoning, or evidence in support of a belief, action, or decision; to defend or vindicate something as right or valid
33.	coe fiercely	<i>v</i> .	to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
34.	infrared spum	n.	an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
35.	a bir semiconductor	adj.	of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness
36.	military bue	n.	a brass wind instrument similar to a trumpet but with a more conical shape and no valves; the sound produced by the bugle or a similar instrument
37.	dance maa	n.	a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something

ANSWERS: 27. engine, 28. nap, 29. mad, 30. statistics, 31. deny, 32. justify, 33. compete, 34. spectrum, 35. bipolar, 36. bugle, 37. mania

38.	tod-hearted audience	adj.	affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration
39.	billionaire enteur	n.	an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
40.	cry about cars and racing	adj.	stupid or not sensible; very angry
41.	epe of vertigo	n.	a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
42.	enting puppet show	adj.	providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing
43.	sur bad grades	v.	to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
44.	before Cht	n.	the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
45.	emotionally tod by the speech	adj.	affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration
46.	professional peer	n.	a person who entertains an audience or group by presenting artistic or theatrical acts, such as an actor, musician, dancer, or singer

ANSWERS: 38. touched, 39. entrepreneur, 40. crazy, 41. episode, 42. entertaining, 43. suffer, 44. Christ, 45. touched, 46. performer

47.	antibiotic medon	n.	a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
48.	end of the first epe	n.	a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
49.	teaching of Cht	n.	the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
50.	baby with seve skin	adj.	able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
51.	hyia symptoms	n.	a mood state characterized by intense feelings of joy or excitement, increased energy, talkativeness, and impulsivity, but at a less severe level than full mania, often associated with bipolar disorder and other mental health conditions
52.	sce the birds away	<i>v</i> .	to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
53.	psygy experiment	n.	the scientific study of mind and behavior
54.	hyia disorder	n.	a mood state characterized by intense feelings of joy or excitement, increased energy, talkativeness, and impulsivity, but at a less severe level than full mania, often associated with bipolar disorder and other mental health conditions

ANSWERS: 47. medication, 48. episode, 49. Christ, 50. sensitive, 51. hypomania, 52. scare, 53. psychology, 54. hypomania

55.	start-up maa	n.	a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something
56.	dress real	n.	a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
57.	sur a setback	v.	to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
58.	barren of crve spirit	adj.	relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
59.	a children's wd	n.	a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care
60.	mont of troops	n.	a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
61.	stle against discrimination	<i>v</i> .	to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
62.	dep a strategy	v.	to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to

ANSWERS: 55. mania, 56. rehearsal, 57. suffer, 58. creative, 59. ward, 60. movement, 61. struggle, 62. develop

elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

63.	a warm eme	ν.	to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
64.	circus peer	n.	a person who entertains an audience or group by presenting artistic or theatrical acts, such as an actor, musician, dancer, or singer
65.	the Great Depon	n.	a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
66.	a circular mont	n.	a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
67.	stle to get the job	v.	to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
68.	ree problem	<i>v</i> .	to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
69.	commit sue	n.	the act of killing yourself intentionally
70.	take a n_p	n.	a short sleep, especially during the day
71.	walk one	adv.	onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
72.	breugh in the negotiations	n.	a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

ANSWERS: 63. embrace, 64. performer, 65. depression, 66. movement, 67. struggle, 68. reframe, 69. suicide, 70. nap, 71. onstage, 72. breakthrough

73.	wd nurse	n.	a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care
74.	coe against a friend	v.	to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
75.	adamantly dy killing	ν.	to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
76.	in a coed relationship	adj.	willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
77.	appeared one	adv.	onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
78.	a successful enteur	n.	an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
79.	inor lawsuit	n.	someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
80.	dise the problem	<i>v</i> .	to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
81.	a broad spum of opinion	n.	an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
82.	the root problem of her depon	n.	a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

ANSWERS: 73. ward, 74. compete, 75. deny, 76. committed, 77. onstage, 78. entrepreneur, 79. investor, 80. diagnose, 81. spectrum, 82. depression

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
n.	the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
2.	I want to put that of my life behind me.
n.	a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
3.	We must a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
<i>v</i> .	to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
4.	The magician's act was and kept the audience on the edge of their seats.
adj	i. providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing
5.	The of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n.	a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
6.	The policies he announces can be the of economic growth in the country.
n.	a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
	SWERS: 1. Christmas, 2. episode, 3. develop, 4. entertaining, 5. movement, 6. gine

7.	Our company is strongly to meeting customers' needs.
adj	willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
8.	The talented captivated the audience with his impressive magic tricks.
n.	a person who entertains an audience or group by presenting artistic or theatrical acts, such as an actor, musician, dancer, or singer
9.	A technique called deep learning has led to in AI.
n.	a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
10.	The demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n.	the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation and presentation of data
11.	The pharmacist not only prescribes the but also guides its proper use.
n.	a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
12.	The teacher is very to children's feelings.
adj	able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
13.	The rain and thunder are today.
adj	stupid or not sensible; very angry
	SWERS: 7. committed, 8. performer, 9. breakthroughs, 10. statistics, 11. dication, 12. sensitive, 13. crazy

ANSWERS: 14. investors, 15. Depression, 16. nap, 17. suicide, 18. embrace, 19. spectrum, 20. scare, 21. onstage, 22. denying

ANSWERS: 23. diagnose, 24. mad, 25. creative, 26. mania, 27. Entrepreneurs, 28. bipolar, 29. hypomania,

ANSWERS: 30. ward, 31. reframe, 32. suffers, 33. bugle, 34. rehearsal, 35. beatbox, 36. compete, 37. touched

38.	She had a master's degree in
n.	the scientific study of mind and behavior
39.	The field of is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.
n.	the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
40.	The lawyer tried to his client's actions by presenting evidence of their difficult upbringing.
<i>v</i> .	to provide a valid or reasonable explanation, reasoning, or evidence in support of a belief, action, or decision; to defend or vindicate something as right or valid
41.	He could not against temptation.
<i>v</i> .	to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 38. psychology, 39. psychiatry, 40. justify, 41. struggle