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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- blur** *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision  
*synonym* : smudge, smear, fuzz  
(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**  
The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.
- simplistic** *adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms  
*synonym* : basic, uncomplicated, elementary  
(1) **simplistic** approach, (2) **simplistic** design  
The politician's solution to the problem was too **simplistic** to solve the underlying issue.
- parasite** *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense  
*synonym* : hitchhiker, leech, saprophyte  
(1) blood-sucking **parasite**, (2) **parasite** disease  
Tapeworms are **parasites** that live in the intestines of humans and animals.

## inherit

*v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

*synonym*: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

## humming

*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

*synonym*: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

## replicate

*v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results

*synonym*: duplicate, imitate, reproduce

(1) **replicate** the cell, (2) **replicate** data

The experiment was **replicated** several times to ensure accuracy.

## lifelike

*adj.* resembling or appearing similar to something alive or real, often realistically or vividly; convincing or authentic in appearance or behavior

*synonym*: realistic, naturalistic, vivid

(1) **lifelike** painting, (2) **lifelike** animation

The artist created a **lifelike** sculpture of a famous politician for the town square.

## drastic

*adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

*synonym*: extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

## sensational

*adj.* extremely or remarkably good; causing great public interest or excitement

*synonym* : amazing, incredible, phenomenal

(1) **sensational** crime, (2) **sensational** news

The performance was **sensational**, with standing ovations throughout.

## inorganic

*adj.* being or consisting of nonliving stuff; chemical compounds that contain no or only trace amounts of carbon

(1) **inorganic** acid, (2) **inorganic** nutrition

**Inorganic** substances include rocks and minerals.

## rudimentary

*adj.* relating to basic facts or principles; fundamental

*synonym* : essential, fundamental, elementary

(1) a **rudimentary** plant, (2) **rudimentary** understanding

He has only a **rudimentary** knowledge of this topic.

## morphology

*n.* the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another

*synonym* : structure, form, anatomy

(1) **morphology** of a language, (2) cellular **morphology**

The **morphology** of rocks can reveal clues about their geological history.

## droplet

*n.* a small drop of liquid

*synonym* : bead, drip, dewdrop

(1) **droplet** size, (2) **droplet** formation

A single **droplet** of water can reflect the entire world upside down.

## montmorillonite

*n.* a soft clay mineral belonging to the group of smectite minerals, named after the town of Montmorillon in France, where it was first discovered, known for its ability to swell and retain water, as well as its use in ceramics and the oil drilling industry

*synonym* : clay, bentonite, smectite

(1) **montmorillonite** clay, (2) sodium **montmorillonite**  
The **montmorillonite** content in the soil sample was analyzed to assess its suitability for agricultural use.

## micrograph

*n.* a photograph or image that has been taken through a microscope or magnifying lens, typically used for scientific or medical purposes

*synonym* : microphotograph

(1) **micrograph** image, (2) high-resolution **micrograph**  
The **micrograph** of the cell shows detailed structures that the naked eye cannot see.

## confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym* : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality  
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## lifeless

*adj.* without life; dead

*synonym* : inanimate, inert, motionless

(1) fall **lifeless**, (2) a **lifeless** corpse  
The plant had a **lifeless** appearance, indicating that it was not getting enough water.

## remodel

*v.* to change the structure or form of something

*synonym* : refurbish, remake, revamp

(1) **remodel** the car, (2) **remodel** portfolio  
We are **remodeling** these rooms now.

## reconfigure

*v.* to change the configuration or arrangement of something, often to improve its performance or functionality

*synonym* : reshape, restructure, realign

(1) **reconfigure** the network, (2) **reconfigure** the operating system  
We need to **reconfigure** the office layout to use the space

better.

## sack

*v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place;  
(noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

*synonym*: discharge, remove, (noun) bag

(1) **sack** an employee, (2) a sleep **sack**

He was **sacked** from his job for stealing company property.

## vibrate

*v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

*synonym*: oscillate, convulse, jerk

(1) **vibrate** at a regular frequency, (2) **vibrate** with anger

During the flight, the wings of the plane **vibrate**.

## fuse

*n.* a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat

*synonym*: (verb) melt, (verb) blend

(1) **fuse** blows, (2) **fuse** with one another

He has a short **fuse**.

## blob

*n.* a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance

*synonym*: chunk, lump, hunk

(1) a big **blob** of yellow, (2) a **blob** of jelly

A **blob** of ink fell on the floor.

## fused

*adj.* joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity

*synonym*: merged, blended, united

(1) **fused** glass, (2) **fused** bones

The **fused** wires in the electrical circuit caused a power outage.

## controllable

*adj.* able to be controlled or directed

*synonym* : manageable, governable, submissive

(1) computer- **controllable**, (2) **controllable** aircraft

The new software is much more **controllable** and user-friendly.

## primordial

*adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

*synonym* : ancient, original, primary

(1) **primordial** forms of life, (2) **primordial** gas

The discovery of the **primordial** soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.

## ooze

*v.* to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or emit slowly and steadily

*synonym* : flow, seep, drip

(1) **ooze** from the speakers, (2) **ooze** with confidence

The wound on his leg continued to **ooze** blood even after he applied pressure.

## caramel

*n.* a sweet, dark brown, sticky substance made by heating sugar or syrup until it melts and then cooling it quickly

*synonym* : toffee, dulce de leche, butterscotch

(1) **caramel** candy, (2) **caramel** topping

The **caramel** sauce on the ice cream was the perfect finishing touch.

## unregulated

*adj.* not subject to official rules, procedures, or oversight; not controlled or supervised by a governing authority or system

*synonym* : uncontrolled, unmonitored, unbridled

(1) **unregulated** market, (2) **unregulated** off-shore fishing

Without regulations, the industry is **unregulated** and potentially dangerous.

## tarry

- v. to delay or linger in a place; to stay or remain longer than necessary; to procrastinate or be slow in leaving; to wait or wait for something; (adjective) referring to something that is like tar in consistency or color, or is smeared or covered with tar

*synonym*: delay, linger, loiter

(1) **tarry** road surface, (2) **tarry** over a decision

I decided to **tarry** a little longer at the beach and enjoy the sunset before heading home.

## defuse

- v. to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved

*synonym*: calm, reduce, deactivate

(1) **defuse** a crisis, (2) **defuse** a bomb

The negotiator skillfully **defused** the tense situation with calm words and gestures.

## sterile

- adj.* free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing

*synonym*: clean, germ-free, hygienic

(1) **sterile** environment, (2) a **sterile** man

Surgeons must use **sterile** instruments to prevent infection during an operation.

## broaden

- v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

*synonym*: expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

## wherein

- adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that

(1) progress to a level **wherein**, (2) **wherein** he is mistaken

The court ruled in favor of the plaintiff, **wherein** they were awarded damages for the defendant's negligence.

## photosynthesis

*n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.

(1) oxygenic **photosynthesis**, (2) process of **photosynthesis**

In **photosynthesis**, plants use carbon dioxide to feed themselves.

## secondly

*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

*synonym*: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. se\_\_\_\_ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
2. pri\_\_\_\_\_al gas *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
3. fu\_\_d bones *adj.* joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity
4. vi\_\_\_\_\_e at a regular frequency *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
5. process of pho\_\_\_\_\_sis *n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
6. hu\_\_\_\_\_g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
7. cellular mor\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another
8. oxygenic pho\_\_\_\_\_sis *n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.

ANSWERS: 1. secondly, 2. primordial, 3. fused, 4. vibrate, 5. photosynthesis, 6. humming, 7. morphology, 8. photosynthesis

9. ca\_\_\_\_\_l topping *n.* a sweet, dark brown, sticky substance made by heating sugar or syrup until it melts and then cooling it quickly
10. in\_\_\_\_\_t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
11. rec\_\_\_\_\_re the operating system *v.* to change the configuration or arrangement of something, often to improve its performance or functionality
12. se\_\_\_\_\_ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
13. f\_\_e blows *n.* a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat
14. de\_\_\_e a bomb *v.* to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved
15. re\_\_\_\_\_te the cell *v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
16. br\_\_\_\_\_n their horizon *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
17. mic\_\_\_\_\_ph image *n.* a photograph or image that has been taken through a microscope or magnifying lens, typically used for scientific or medical purposes

ANSWERS: 9. caramel, 10. inherit, 11. reconfigure, 12. secondly, 13. fuse, 14. defuse, 15. replicate, 16. broaden, 17. micrograph

18. a sleep s\_\_k *v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things
19. de\_\_\_e a crisis *v.* to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved
20. blood-sucking pa\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
21. f\_\_e with one another *n.* a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat
22. con\_\_\_\_\_ble aircraft *adj.* able to be controlled or directed
23. sen\_\_\_\_\_al crime *adj.* extremely or remarkably good; causing great public interest or excitement
24. b\_\_r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
25. dr\_\_\_\_\_t size *n.* a small drop of liquid
26. progress to a level wh\_\_\_\_\_n *adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that
27. sim\_\_\_\_\_ic approach *adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms

ANSWERS: 18. sack, 19. defuse, 20. parasite, 21. fuse, 22. controllable, 23. sensational, 24. blur, 25. droplet, 26. wherein, 27. simplistic

28. a b\_\_b of jelly *n.* a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
29. make dr\_\_\_\_\_c revision *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
30. vi\_\_\_\_\_e with anger *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
31. fu\_\_d glass *adj.* joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity
32. a big b\_\_b of yellow *n.* a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
33. sen\_\_\_\_\_al news *adj.* extremely or remarkably good; causing great public interest or excitement
34. dr\_\_\_\_\_c measures *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
35. ta\_\_y over a decision *v.* to delay or linger in a place; to stay or remain longer than necessary; to procrastinate or be slow in leaving; to wait or wait for something; (adjective) referring to something that is like tar in consistency or color, or is smeared or covered with tar
36. rec\_\_\_\_\_re the network *v.* to change the configuration or arrangement of something, often to improve its performance or functionality
37. a st\_\_\_\_\_e man *adj.* free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing

ANSWERS: 28. blob, 29. drastic, 30. vibrate, 31. fused, 32. blob, 33. sensational, 34. drastic, 35. tarry, 36. reconfigure, 37. sterile

38. re\_\_\_\_\_te data      *v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
39. li\_\_\_\_\_ke painting      *adj.* resembling or appearing similar to something alive or real, often realistically or vividly; convincing or authentic in appearance or behavior
40. in\_\_\_\_\_ic nutrition      *adj.* being or consisting of nonliving stuff; chemical compounds that contain no or only trace amounts of carbon
41. in\_\_\_\_\_t ancestral property      *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
42. a rud\_\_\_\_\_ry plant      *adj.* relating to basic facts or principles; fundamental
43. mor\_\_\_\_\_gy of a language      *n.* the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another
44. o\_\_e with confidence      *v.* to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or emit slowly and steadily
45. ca\_\_\_\_\_l candy      *n.* a sweet, dark brown, sticky substance made by heating sugar or syrup until it melts and then cooling it quickly
46. rud\_\_\_\_\_ry understanding      *adj.* relating to basic facts or principles; fundamental
47. pa\_\_\_\_\_te disease      *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

ANSWERS: 38. replicate, 39. lifelike, 40. inorganic, 41. inherit, 42. rudimentary, 43. morphology, 44. ooze, 45. caramel, 46. rudimentary, 47. parasite

48. hu\_\_\_\_g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
49. sodium mon\_\_\_\_\_ite *n.* a soft clay mineral belonging to the group of smectite minerals, named after the town of Montmorillon in France, where it was first discovered, known for its ability to swell and retain water, as well as its use in ceramics and the oil drilling industry
50. co\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
51. computer-con\_\_\_\_\_ble *adj.* able to be controlled or directed
52. mon\_\_\_\_\_ite clay *n.* a soft clay mineral belonging to the group of smectite minerals, named after the town of Montmorillon in France, where it was first discovered, known for its ability to swell and retain water, as well as its use in ceramics and the oil drilling industry
53. s\_\_k an employee *v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things
54. unr\_\_\_\_\_ed off-shore fishing *adj.* not subject to official rules, procedures, or oversight; not controlled or supervised by a governing authority or system
55. o\_\_e from the speakers *v.* to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or emit slowly and steadily

ANSWERS: 48. humming, 49. montmorillonite, 50. confuse, 51. controllable, 52. montmorillonite, 53. sack, 54. unregulated, 55. ooze

56. motion b\_\_r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
57. in\_\_\_\_\_ic acid *adj.* being or consisting of nonliving stuff; chemical compounds that contain no or only trace amounts of carbon
58. ta\_\_y road surface *v.* to delay or linger in a place; to stay or remain longer than necessary; to procrastinate or be slow in leaving; to wait or wait for something; (adjective) referring to something that is like tar in consistency or color, or is smeared or covered with tar
59. sim\_\_\_\_\_ic design *adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms
60. high-resolution mic\_\_\_\_\_ph *n.* a photograph or image that has been taken through a microscope or magnifying lens, typically used for scientific or medical purposes
61. wh\_\_\_\_\_n he is mistaken *adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that
62. dr\_\_\_\_\_t formation *n.* a small drop of liquid
63. li\_\_\_\_\_ke animation *adj.* resembling or appearing similar to something alive or real, often realistically or vividly; convincing or authentic in appearance or behavior

ANSWERS: 56. blur, 57. inorganic, 58. tarry, 59. simplistic, 60. micrograph, 61. wherein, 62. droplet, 63. lifelike

64. re\_\_\_\_l the car v. to change the structure or form of something
65. br\_\_\_\_n students' knowledge v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
66. fall li\_\_\_\_ss *adj.* without life; dead
67. co\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
68. a li\_\_\_\_ss corpse *adj.* without life; dead
69. st\_\_\_\_e environment *adj.* free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing
70. re\_\_\_\_l portfolio v. to change the structure or form of something
71. pri\_\_\_\_al forms of life *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
72. unr\_\_\_\_ed market *adj.* not subject to official rules, procedures, or oversight; not controlled or supervised by a governing authority or system

ANSWERS: 64. remodel, 65. broaden, 66. lifeless, 67. confuse, 68. lifeless, 69. sterile, 70. remodel, 71. primordial, 72. unregulated



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He has only a \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge of this topic.

*adj.* relating to basic facts or principles; fundamental

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ content in the soil sample was analyzed to assess its suitability for agricultural use.

*n.* a soft clay mineral belonging to the group of smectite minerals, named after the town of Montmorillon in France, where it was first discovered, known for its ability to swell and retain water, as well as its use in ceramics and the oil drilling industry

3. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; \_\_\_\_\_ we will go over the schedule.

*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

4. The artist created a \_\_\_\_\_ sculpture of a famous politician for the town square.

*adj.* resembling or appearing similar to something alive or real, often realistically or vividly; convincing or authentic in appearance or behavior

5. I decided to \_\_\_\_\_ a little longer at the beach and enjoy the sunset before heading home.

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6. We are \_\_\_\_\_ these rooms now.

*v.* to change the structure or form of something

ANSWERS: 1. rudimentary, 2. montmorillonite, 3. secondly, 4. lifelike, 5. tarry, 6. remodeling

7. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a \_\_\_\_\_ of colors and shapes.  
*n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
8. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the office layout to use the space better.  
*v.* to change the configuration or arrangement of something, often to improve its performance or functionality
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*n.* a photograph or image that has been taken through a microscope or magnifying lens, typically used for scientific or medical purposes
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*n.* a sweet, dark brown, sticky substance made by heating sugar or syrup until it melts and then cooling it quickly
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*adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
14. The company \_\_\_\_\_ its product line to include more customer options.  
*v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

ANSWERS: 7. blur, 8. reconfigure, 9. replicated, 10. unregulated, 11. micrograph, 12. caramel, 13. drastic, 14. broadened

15. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

16. During the flight, the wings of the plane \_\_\_\_\_.

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18. He has a short \_\_\_\_\_.

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ANSWERS: 15. humming, 16. vibrate, 17. sterile, 18. fuse, 19. simplistic, 20. wherein, 21. Inorganic

22. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.

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23. The wound on his leg continued to \_\_\_\_\_ blood even after he applied pressure.

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24. After his death, his sons \_\_\_\_\_ his business.

*v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

25. He was \_\_\_\_\_ from his job for stealing company property.

*v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

26. A single \_\_\_\_\_ of water can reflect the entire world upside down.

*n.* a small drop of liquid

27. A \_\_\_\_\_ of ink fell on the floor.

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28. The performance was \_\_\_\_\_ with standing ovations throughout.

*adj.* extremely or remarkably good; causing great public interest or excitement

29. The \_\_\_\_\_ of rocks can reveal clues about their geological history.

*n.* the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another

ANSWERS: 22. confused, 23. ooze, 24. inherited, 25. sacked, 26. droplet, 27. blob, 28. sensational, 29. morphology

30. The new software is much more \_\_\_\_\_ and user-friendly.

*adj.* able to be controlled or directed

31. The plant had a \_\_\_\_\_ appearance, indicating that it was not getting enough water.

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ANSWERS: 30. controllable, 31. lifeless, 32. defused, 33. fused, 34. primordial, 35. photosynthesis, 36. parasites

ANSWERS: