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# **Session 1: Word List**

### 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.

#### enthrall

v. to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate

synonym: captivate, charm, fascinate

(1) **enthrall** with beauty, (2) **enthrall** the reader The magician's illusions always managed to **enthrall** the audience.

### intangible

 not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp

synonym: abstract, immaterial

(1) **intangible** asset, (2) **intangible** property rights The **intangible** qualities of love and kindness are immeasurable.

### metaphysics

n. the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space (1) **metaphysics** study, (2) the nature of **metaphysics**Kant's thoughts provided the foundational ideas for treating **metaphysics** as a discipline.

### pollinate

v. to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others

synonym: fertilize, propagate

(1) pollinate plants, (2) pollinate fruit trees

Without bees to **pollinate** the flowers, many crops would not exist.

### germinate

- v. to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts synonym: sprout, grow, develop
- (1) days to **germinate**, (2) **germinate** the idea The seeds **germinated** quickly in the warm soil.

### 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.

#### 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.

### mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) mimic a human voice, (2) mimic numerous instruments

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He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

### improbable

adj. not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring

synonym: unlikely, doubtful, implausible

(1) **improbable** story, (2) **improbable** event It is **improbable** that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.

### biohazard

n. a biological substance or infectious agent that poses a threat to human health or the environment, typically requiring special handling, containment, or disposal procedures to prevent the spread of disease or contamination

synonym: biothreat, infectious material

(1) **biohazard** waste, (2) **biohazard** containment Workers in the lab must wear protective clothing due to the **biohazard** materials present.

### replicate

- v. to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the resultssynonym: duplicate, imitate, reproduce
- (1) **replicate** the cell, (2) **replicate** data

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

#### transcribe

- v. to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written textsynonym: copy, record, transliterate
- (1) **transcribe** notes, (2) **transcribe** documents

  She needs to **transcribe** the interview recording to write the article for the magazine.

#### muse

 a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists synonym: source of inspiration, minstrel, versifier

(1) **muse** inspiration, (2) creative **muse** 

She gazed out the window, deep in thought, as if waiting for her **muse** to strike.

#### ancestor

- n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefathersynonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor
- (1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

#### roadblock

 a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective

synonym: obstacle, barrier, blockade

(1) biological **roadblock**, (2) bypass **roadblock**The accident caused a **roadblock** on the highway, causing traffic to come to a standstill.

#### decode

v. to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

*synonym*: decipher, translate, interpret

(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences. The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

#### mitochondria

- n. (singular: mitochondrion) an organelle (= a specialized part of a cell) found in large numbers in most cells that produce energy for the cell by breaking down food
- (1) a membrane of a **mitochondria**, (2) healthy **mitochondria**

**Mitochondria** DNA is used to trace human lineage and migration footprints.

### 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.

### ignite

- v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning
- synonym: light, set fire to, enkindle
- (1) ignite a boom, (2) ignite passion

He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

### reignite

v. to cause something to start burning again

*synonym*: rekindle, revive, renew

(1) reignite my interest, (2) reignite the spark

His speech **reignited** the passion of the crowd.

#### flask

 a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids

synonym: bottle, container, vial

(1) lab flask, (2) vacuum flask

The chemist poured the solution from the beaker into the **flask**.

### lithograph

n. a printmaking process that involves creating a design on a flat stone or metal plate, transferring the design to paper using ink, and then printing multiple copies of the design

synonym: print, etching, engraving

(1) **lithograph** print, (2) limited edition **lithograph**The art gallery showcased a collection of colorful **lithographic** prints by renowned artists.

### 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.

#### nanoscale

- adj. on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
- (1) **nanoscale** device, (2) things at the **nanoscale**This process improves the strength of the metal by controlling the **nanoscale** lattice structure of the metal.

#### **Darwinism**

 n. the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment

*synonym*: evolution, natural selection

(1) digital **Darwinism**, (2) economic **Darwinism**The concept of Social **Darwinism** was often misused to justify socioeconomic inequalities.

### sophistication

 n. the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined

synonym: refinement, culture, elegance

(1) cultural **sophistication**, (2) linguistic **sophistication** The new technology added a level of **sophistication** to the manufacturing process.

### reorganize

v. to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of organization

synonym: rearrange, reconstruct, reshuffle

(1) **reorganize** a department, (2) **reorganize** his debts

The new CEO was appointed to **reorganize** their business.

### **symbiotic**

- adj. involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
- (1) **symbiotic** economy, (2) **symbiotic** bacteria We have a mutually **symbiotic** connection with them.

#### fuse

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**.

#### inanimate

adj. not having life or spirit; not animatesynonym: lifeless, inert, passive

(1) inanimate nature, (2) inanimate matterThe inanimate object was not capable of movement or

feeling.

### enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym: coerce, deprive, imprison

- (1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.
- n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical

synonym: hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) chant melodies, (2) chant in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a chant of "Go, team, go!"

#### ooze

chant

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

synonym: flow, seep, drip

intonation

(1) **ooze** from the speakers, (2) **ooze** with confidence The wound on his leg continued to **ooze** blood even after he applied pressure.

#### chauvinist

 a person who is aggressively or excessively patriotic and who believes in the superiority of their gender, race, or nationality, often to the detriment or oppression of others

synonym: jingo, nationalist, misogynist

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(1) **chauvinist** beliefs, (2) racial **chauvinist**His **chauvinistic** attitudes towards immigrants were offensive and ignorant.

# **Session 2: Spelling**

1.	metcs study	n.	the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space
2.	drt size	n.	a small drop of liquid
3.	economic Dasm	n.	the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment
4.	racial chast	n.	a person who is aggressively or excessively patriotic and who believes in the superiority of their gender, race, or nationality, often to the detriment or oppression of others
5.	syic bacteria	adj.	involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
6.	dee a message	ν.	to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
7.	inic nutrition	adj.	being or consisting of nonliving stuff; chemical compounds that contain no or only trace amounts of carbon
8.	enII the reader	v.	to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate

ANSWERS: 1. metaphysics, 2. droplet, 3. Darwinism, 4. chauvinist, 5. symbiotic, 6. decode, 7. inorganic, 8. enthrall

9.	the nature of metcs	n.	the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space
10.	ige passion	ν.	to set on fire; to cause to start burning
11.	fate the public	<i>v</i> .	to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
12.	rete data	<i>v</i> .	to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
13.	biological rock	n.	a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective
14.	trabe documents	v.	to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text
15.	me inspiration	n.	a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists
16.	anor language	n.	a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
17.	imple story	adj.	not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
18.	reoze his debts	v.	to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of organization

ANSWERS: 9. metaphysics, 10. ignite, 11. fascinate, 12. replicate, 13. roadblock, 14. transcribe, 15. muse, 16. ancestor, 17. improbable, 18. reorganize

19.	vacuum flk	n.	a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids
20.	nale device	adj.	on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
21.	cht melodies	n.	a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
22.	enII with beauty	v.	to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate
23.	imple event	adj.	not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
24.	cultural sopion	n.	the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined
25.	earliest human anor	n.	a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
26.	rete my interest	ν.	to cause something to start burning again
27.	mic a human voice	<i>v</i> .	to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
28.	drt formation	n.	a small drop of liquid
29.	limited edition litph	n.	a printmaking process that involves creating a design on a flat stone or metal plate, transferring the design to paper using ink, and then printing multiple copies of the design

ANSWERS: 19. flask, 20. nanoscale, 21. chant, 22. enthrall, 23. improbable, 24. sophistication, 25. ancestor, 26. reignite, 27. mimic, 28. droplet, 29. lithograph

30.	digital Dasm	n.	the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment
31.	fate the young	<i>v</i> .	to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
32.	mic numerous instruments	<i>v</i> .	to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
33.	gete the idea	<i>v</i> .	to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts
34.	inic acid	adj.	being or consisting of nonliving stuff; chemical compounds that contain no or only trace amounts of carbon
35.	ene poor peasants	ν.	to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
36.	bird waste	n.	a biological substance or infectious agent that poses a threat to human health or the environment, typically requiring special handling, containment, or disposal procedures to prevent the spread of disease or contamination
37.	reoze a department	<i>v</i> .	to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of organization
38.	oe with confidence	<i>v</i> .	to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or emit slowly and steadily

ANSWERS: 30. Darwinism, 31. fascinate, 32. mimic, 33. germinate, 34. inorganic, 35. enslave, 36. biohazard, 37. reorganize, 38. ooze

39.	linguistic sopion	n.	the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined
40.	lab flk	n.	a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids
41.	healthy mitria	n.	(singular: mitochondrion) an organelle (= a specialized part of a cell) found in large numbers in most cells that produce energy for the cell by breaking down food
42.	bypass rock	n.	a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective
43.	prial 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
44.	syic economy	adj.	involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
45.	ige a boom	<i>v</i> .	to set on fire; to cause to start burning
46.	days to gete	<i>v</i> .	to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts
47.	creative me	n.	a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists

ANSWERS: 39. sophistication, 40. flask, 41. mitochondria, 42. roadblock, 43. primordial, 44. symbiotic, 45. ignite, 46. germinate, 47. muse

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48.	pote fruit trees	ν.	to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
49.	ene indigenous people	v.	to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
50.	chast beliefs	n.	a person who is aggressively or excessively patriotic and who believes in the superiority of their gender, race, or nationality, often to the detriment or oppression of others
51.	rete the spark	v.	to cause something to start burning again
52.	things at the nale	adj.	on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
53.	inte matter	adj.	not having life or spirit; not animate
54.	trabe notes	ν.	to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text
55.	like painting	adj.	resembling or appearing similar to something alive or real, often realistically or vividly; convincing or authentic in appearance or behavior
56.	intle asset	n.	not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp

ANSWERS: 48. pollinate, 49. enslave, 50. chauvinist, 51. reignite, 52. nanoscale, 53. inanimate, 54. transcribe, 55. lifelike, 56. intangible

57.	inte nature	adj.	not having life or spirit; not animate
58.	fe 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
59.	a membrane of a mitria	n.	(singular: mitochondrion) an organelle (= a specialized part of a cell) found in large numbers in most cells that produce energy for the cell by breaking down food
60.	cht in the chapel	n.	a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
61.	o_e from the speakers	<i>v</i> .	to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or emit slowly and steadily
62.	prial gas	adj.	existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
63.	like animation	adj.	resembling or appearing similar to something alive or real, often realistically or vividly; convincing or authentic in appearance or behavior
64.	bird containment	n.	a biological substance or infectious agent that poses a threat to human health or the environment, typically requiring special handling, containment or disposal procedures to prevent the spread of disease or contamination

ANSWERS: 57. inanimate, 58. fuse, 59. mitochondria, 60. chant, 61. ooze, 62. primordial, 63. lifelike, 64. biohazard

65. fe 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
66. intle property rights	n.	not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp
67. rete the cell	ν.	to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
68. ability to dee the differences	v.	to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
69. litph print	n.	a printmaking process that involves creating a design on a flat stone or metal plate, transferring the design to paper using ink, and then printing multiple copies of the design
70. pote plants	v.	to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others

ANSWERS: 65. fuse, 66. intangible, 67. replicate, 68. decode, 69. lithograph, 70. pollinate

# **Session 3: Fill in the Blanks**

1.	My remote in	mmigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n.	a person from whom	one is descended; a forefather
2.	The experiment was	several times to ensure accuracy.
<i>v</i> .	to make an exact cop confirm the results	y of something; to repeat a process or experiment to
3.	She needs to magazine.	the interview recording to write the article for the
<i>v</i> .	to copy or reproduce language into written	something in written or printed form; to translate spoken text
4.	A single of wa	ater can reflect the entire world upside down.
n.	a small drop of liquid	
5.	His atti	tudes towards immigrants were offensive and ignorant.
n.		essively or excessively patriotic and who believes in the nder, race, or nationality, often to the detriment or
6.	He is very popular at so	chool because he can all the teachers' accents.
<i>v</i> .	to imitate someone's others laugh	speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make
7.	The object	was not capable of movement or feeling.
adj	<ol> <li>not having life or spiri</li> </ol>	t; not animate
	ISWERS: 1. ancestor, 2. mic, 7. inanimate	replicated, 3. transcribe, 4. droplet, 5. chauvinistic, 6.

<ol> <li>This process improves the strength of the metal by controlling the lattice structure of the metal.</li> </ol>
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10. The magic tricks the children.
v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
11. It is that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.
adj. not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
12. 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
13. The seeds quickly in the warm soil.
v. to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts
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v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning
15. We have a mutually connection with them.
adj. involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
ANSWERS: 8. nanoscale, 9. Inorganic, 10. fascinated, 11. improbable, 12. lifelike, 13 germinated, 14. ignited, 15. symbiotic

16.	She gazed out the window, deep in thought, as if waiting for her to strike.					
n.	a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists					
17.	The chemist poured the solution from the beaker into the					
n.	a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids					
18.	DNA is used to trace human lineage and migration footprints.					
n.	(singular: mitochondrion) an organelle (= a specialized part of a cell) found in large numbers in most cells that produce energy for the cell by breaking down food					
19.	The accident caused a on the highway, causing traffic to come to a standstill.					
n.	a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective					
20.	The concept of Social was often misused to justify socioeconomic inequalities.					
n.	the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment					
21.	The new technology added a level of to the manufacturing process.					
n.	the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined					
22.	The software could the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.					
v.	to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand					
	ANSWERS: 16. muse, 17. flask, 18. Mitochondria, 19. roadblock, 20. Darwinism, 21. sophistication, 22. decode					

23.	Workers in the lab must wear protective clothing due to the mpresent.	naterials
n.	a biological substance or infectious agent that poses a threat to human or the environment, typically requiring special handling, containment, or disposal procedures to prevent the spread of disease or contamination	
24.	The discovery of the soup was a crucial step in understanding origins of life on Earth.	ng the
adj	existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; restortion to the earliest stage of the universe	elating
25.	The wound on his leg continued to blood even after he applied pres	ssure.
ν.	to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or slowly and steadily	emit
26.	His speech the passion of the crowd.	
<i>v</i> .	to cause something to start burning again	
27.	The qualities of love and kindness are immeasurable.	
n.	not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp	
28.	He has a short	
n.	a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the florelectrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid liquefied from heat	
29.	Her beauty me completely.	
<i>v</i> .	to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choic action	ce or
	SWERS: 23. biohazard, 24. primordial, 25. ooze, 26. reignited, 27. intangi e, 29. enslaved	ble, 28.

30.	The art gallery showcased a collection of colorful prints by renowned artists.
n.	a printmaking process that involves creating a design on a flat stone or metal plate, transferring the design to paper using ink, and then printing multiple copies of the design
31.	The new CEO was appointed to their business.
ν.	to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of organization
32.	The soccer game crowd broke into a of "Go, team, go!"
n.	a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
33.	The magician's illusions always managed to the audience.
v.	to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate
34.	Kant's thoughts provided the foundational ideas for treating as a discipline.
n.	the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space
35.	Without bees to the flowers, many crops would not exist.
v.	to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
	SWERS: 30. lithographic, 31. reorganize, 32. chant, 33. enthrall, 34. metaphysics pollinate