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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- writ** *n.* a written legal order or command  
*synonym*: legal document, order, legal process  
(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**  
He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- smartphone** *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet  
(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict  
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.
- expanse** *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas  
*synonym*: stretch, field, spread  
(1) vast **expanse**, (2) large **expanses**  
She looked over the immense **expanse** of the sea.
- dusty** *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air  
*synonym*: stale, filthy, grimy  
(1) **dusty** road, (2) **dusty** bookshelf

The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of **dusty** debris.

## clump

*n.* a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.

*synonym*: cluster, bunch, bundle

(1) **clump** of bacteria, (2) a **clump** of trees

I heard the **clump** of his boots in the hallway.

## jumble

*v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things

*synonym*: mix, scramble, mess up

(1) **jumble** in some herbs and spices, (2) **jumble** together different colors

The children **jumbled** up the puzzle pieces and had to start over.

## squirrel

*n.* a small to medium-sized rodent with a bushy tail, found in almost every part of the world

*synonym*: rodent, chipmunk, tree-dweller

(1) agile **squirrel**, (2) gray **squirrel**

The **squirrels** in the park were very friendly and came right up to us looking for food.

## chew

*v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

*synonym*: masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

## astound

*v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

*synonym*: amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

## transcendent

*adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime

*synonym* : beyond human experience, divine, spiritual

(1) **transcendent** wisdom, (2) **transcendent** joy

The **transcendent** beauty of the Grand Canyon took his breath away.

## unequivocal

*adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion

*synonym* : apparent, absolute, undeniable

(1) **unequivocal** evidence, (2) receive an **unequivocal** answer

It is **unequivocal** that human activities are the cause of global warming.

## yank

*v.* to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement

*synonym* : draw, jerk, tug

(1) **yank** out a tooth, (2) **yank** at a rope

He tried to **yank** the memories from his brain.

## sitcom

*n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format

*synonym* : comedy, TV show

(1) **sitcom** series, (2) popular **sitcom**

I love to watch **sitcoms** when I need a good laugh.

## embarrass

*v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

*synonym* : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

## amorphous

*adj.* without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless

*synonym*: formless, shapeless, structureless

(1) **amorphous** amoeba, (2) **amorphous** mass

The clouded jellyfish has an **amorphous** shape, making it difficult to identify.

## 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.

## rout

*n.* a disorderly retreat or defeat of an army or group; a decisive defeat

*synonym*: defeat, debacle, disaster

(1) **rout** march, (2) cricket team's **rout**

The football team suffered a humiliating **rout** in the championship game.

## undersea

*adj.* located or occurring beneath the surface of the sea

*synonym*: underwater, subaquatic, marine

(1) **undersea** earthquake, (2) **undersea** habitat

The **undersea** environment is very different from the surface, with unique flora and fauna.

## expansive

*adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk

*synonym*: large, extensive, vast

(1) with an **expansive** spirit, (2) **expansive** ocean views

The company has an **expansive** network of offices and locations around the world.

## tuck

*v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

*synonym*: insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another

cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

## inconspicuous

*adj.* not noticeable or prominent; not attracting attention or standing out; subtle or hidden in appearance or behavior

*synonym*: unobtrusive, unnoticeable, subtle

(1) **inconspicuous** location, (2) **inconspicuous** behavior

The **inconspicuous** spy blended in perfectly with the crowd.

## amplify

*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

*synonym*: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

## tuna

*n.* a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other animals

(1) **tuna** steak, (2) canned **tuna**

I made a **tuna** sandwich for lunch today.

## industrious

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

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

## tenuous

*adj.* very weak or slight that it hardly exists

*synonym*: slight, fragile, slender

(1) **tenuous** relationship, (2) **tenuous** link

Evidence submitted by attorneys is **tenuous** due to a lack of objectivity.

## grapple

*v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

*synonym*: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

## **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**.

## **conglomerate**

*n.* a large corporation or organization made up of many smaller companies or divisions; (verb) to gather or combine various things or entities together, typically to form a larger and more diverse whole

*synonym* : aggregate, mixture, combination

(1) multinational **conglomerate**, (2) media **conglomerate**

The **conglomerate** of companies managed to dominate the market.

## **amaze**

*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

*synonym* : astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

## **fleeting**

*adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time

*synonym* : temporary, brief, transitory

(1) for a **fleeting** moment, (2) **fleeting** opportunity

She savored the **fleeting** happiness she felt during the vacation.

## **adjacency**

*n.* the condition of being adjacent or close to something

*synonym* : proximity, nearness, closeness

(1) **adjacency** matrix, (2) **adjacency** relation

The **adjacency** of the two buildings allowed for easy communication between their residents.

## tweet

*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

*synonym*: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

## corollary

*n.* (in mathematics) a theorem of less importance which can be readily deduced from the proof of another notable proposition; a practical consequence that follows naturally

*synonym*: conclusion, deduction, analogy

(1) a **corollary** from the first theory, (2) **corollary** relief

Newton derived the momentum conservation law as a **corollary** of his second and third laws.

## bulldoze

*v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

*synonym*: level, clear, demolish

(1) **bulldoze** a mound, (2) **bulldoze** a person into buying

They **bulldozed** the old building to make way for a new one.

## buoy

*n.* a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement

*synonym*: float, marker, beacon

(1) navigation **buoy**, (2) a mooring **buoy**

A red and white striped **buoy** marked the edge of the shipping lane.

## shave

*v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

*synonym*: trim, cut down, prune

(1) **shave** my head, (2) **shave** cheese

That supermarket tried to **shave** certain costs by saving electricity.

## **jeweler**

*n.* a person who designs, makes, sells, or repairs jewelry, usually working with precious metals, gemstones, and other valuable materials, and is skilled in the art of crafting and setting these materials

*synonym* : gemologist, lapidary

(1) skilled **jeweler**, (2) **jeweler's** hammer

A very talented **jeweler** designed my friend's engagement ring.

## **laborer**

*n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

*synonym* : worker, employee, operative

(1) **laborer** job, (2) skilled **laborer**

The construction site hired many **laborers** to help with the heavy lifting.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. canned t\_\_a *n.* a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other animals
2. a cl\_\_p of trees *n.* a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.
3. a big b\_\_b of yellow *n.* a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
4. issue a w\_\_t *n.* a written legal order or command
5. skilled la\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
6. am\_\_e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
7. t\_\_k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
8. 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
9. for a fl\_\_\_\_ng moment *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time

ANSWERS: 1. tuna, 2. clump, 3. blob, 4. writ, 5. laborer, 6. amaze, 7. tuck, 8. fuse, 9. fleeting

10. un\_\_\_\_ea earthquake *adj.* located or occurring beneath the surface of the sea
11. ad\_\_\_\_\_cy matrix *n.* the condition of being adjacent or close to something
12. skilled je\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who designs, makes, sells, or repairs jewelry, usually working with precious metals, gemstones, and other valuable materials, and is skilled in the art of crafting and setting these materials
13. te\_\_\_\_s relationship *adj.* very weak or slight that it hardly exists
14. ju\_\_\_\_e together different colors *v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things
15. multinational con\_\_\_\_\_ate *n.* a large corporation or organization made up of many smaller companies or divisions; (verb) to gather or combine various things or entities together, typically to form a larger and more diverse whole
16. agile sq\_\_\_\_el *n.* a small to medium-sized rodent with a bushy tail, found in almost every part of the world
17. r\_\_t march *n.* a disorderly retreat or defeat of an army or group; a decisive defeat
18. je\_\_\_\_r's hammer *n.* a person who designs, makes, sells, or repairs jewelry, usually working with precious metals, gemstones, and other valuable materials, and is skilled in the art of crafting and setting these materials

ANSWERS: 10. undersea, 11. adjacency, 12. jeweler, 13. tenuous, 14. jumble, 15. conglomerate, 16. squirrel, 17. rout, 18. jeweler

19. as\_\_\_\_d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
20. cl\_\_p of bacteria *n.* a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.
21. media con\_\_\_\_\_ate *n.* a large corporation or organization made up of many smaller companies or divisions; (verb) to gather or combine various things or entities together, typically to form a larger and more diverse whole
22. a w\_\_t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
23. cricket team's r\_\_t *n.* a disorderly retreat or defeat of an army or group; a decisive defeat
24. c\_\_w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
25. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
26. la\_\_\_\_\_r job *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
27. popular si\_\_\_m *n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format
28. em\_\_\_\_\_ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
29. vast ex\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

ANSWERS: 19. astound, 20. clump, 21. conglomerate, 22. writ, 23. rout, 24. chew, 25. smartphone, 26. laborer, 27. sitcom, 28. embarrass, 29. expanse

30. gray sq\_\_\_\_el *n.* a small to medium-sized rodent with a bushy tail, found in almost every part of the world
31. du\_\_y bookshelf *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
32. gr\_\_\_\_e with problem *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
33. c\_\_w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
34. am\_\_\_\_us mass *adj.* without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless
35. with an ex\_\_\_\_ve spirit *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
36. sma\_\_\_\_ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
37. 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
38. am\_\_\_\_y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
39. large ex\_\_\_\_es *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

ANSWERS: 30. squirrel, 31. dusty, 32. grapple, 33. chew, 34. amorphous, 35. expansive, 36. smartphone, 37. fuse, 38. amplify, 39. expanse

40. fl\_\_\_\_ng opportunity *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
41. gr\_\_\_\_e with each other *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
42. a co\_\_\_\_ry from the first theory *n.* (in mathematics) a theorem of less importance which can be readily deduced from the proof of another notable proposition; a practical consequence that follows naturally
43. ex\_\_\_\_ve ocean views *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
44. navigation b\_\_y *n.* a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement
45. sh\_\_e cheese *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
46. si\_\_\_m series *n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format
47. tra\_\_\_\_ent joy *adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
48. inc\_\_\_\_ous location *adj.* not noticeable or prominent; not attracting attention or standing out; subtle or hidden in appearance or behavior

ANSWERS: 40. fleeting, 41. grapple, 42. corollary, 43. expansive, 44. buoy, 45. shave, 46. sitcom, 47. transcendent, 48. inconspicuous

49. am\_\_\_\_\_us amoeba *adj.* without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless
50. tra\_\_\_\_\_ent wisdom *adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
51. t\_\_k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
52. as\_\_\_\_\_d the viewer *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
53. du\_\_y road *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
54. y\_\_k out a tooth *v.* to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement
55. ju\_\_\_e in some herbs and spices *v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things
56. bu\_\_\_\_\_ze a mound *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

ANSWERS: 49. amorphous, 50. transcendent, 51. tuck, 52. astound, 53. dusty, 54. yank, 55. jumble, 56. bulldoze

57. inc\_\_\_\_\_ous behavior *adj.* not noticeable or prominent; not attracting attention or standing out; subtle or hidden in appearance or behavior
58. am\_\_\_\_\_y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
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60. em\_\_\_\_\_ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
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62. y\_\_k at a rope *v.* to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement
63. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
64. une\_\_\_\_\_al evidence *adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
65. t\_\_a steak *n.* a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other animals
66. a mooring b\_\_y *n.* a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement

ANSWERS: 57. inconspicuous, 58. amplify, 59. undersea, 60. embarrass, 61. corollary, 62. yank, 63. industrious, 64. unequivocal, 65. tuna, 66. buoy

67. te\_\_\_\_s link *adj.* very weak or slight that it hardly exists
68. sh\_\_e my head *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
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ANSWERS: 67. tenuous, 68. shave, 69. amaze, 70. unequivocal, 71. industrious, 72. bulldoze, 73. tweet, 74. adjacency, 75. tweet, 76. blob



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I love to watch \_\_\_\_\_ when I need a good laugh.  
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*n.* a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement

36. They \_\_\_\_\_ the old building to make way for a new one.

*v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

37. You might need to \_\_\_\_\_ this point.

*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

38. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.

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

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