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## Session 1: Word List

### blockbusting

*n.* a practice, typically in real estate, where individuals or groups intentionally facilitate the turnover of homes in a neighborhood by using scare tactics or misleading information to induce property sales

*synonym* : successful, bestselling, hit

(1) **blockbusting** scandal, (2) **blockbusting** allegations

The city council passed regulations to prevent **blockbusting** tactics in local neighborhoods.

### apocalyptic

*adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

*synonym* : fateful, prophetic, ominous

(1) **apocalyptic** event, (2) have **apocalyptic** overtones

The **apocalyptic** landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

### filmmaking

*n.* the process or art of making movies

*synonym* : movie-making, film production, cinema

(1) **filmmaking** industry, (2) retire from **filmmaking**

The history of **filmmaking** dates back to the late 19th century when motion pictures were first shown to audiences.

### desolate

*adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness

*synonym* : barren, stark, uninhabited

(1) a **desolate** scene, (2) **desolate** moon

The deserted island was **desolate** and uninhabited.

## complicit

*adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group

*synonym* : compliant, involved, accessory

(1) **complicit** behavior, (2) **complicit** in cover-up

The accomplice was **complicit** in the crime committed by her partner.

## peddle

*v.* to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way

*synonym* : sell, promote, advertise

(1) **peddle** influence, (2) **peddle** drugs

The street vendor **peddled** his wares to passing tourists.

## frightening

*adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

*synonym* : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

## poise

*n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior

*synonym* : confidence, grace, calmness

(1) aesthetic **poise**, (2) with easy **poise**

He took a deep breath and recovered a little of his **poise**.

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym* : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

**numb**

*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

*synonym* : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

**greedy**

*adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

*synonym* : avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

**scarcely**

*adv.* hardly or almost not; only just

*synonym* : barely, narrowly, hardly

(1) **scarcely** readable, (2) **scarcely** any interest in public

We **scarcely** ever used AEDs.

**infer**

*v.* to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts

*synonym* : guess, deduce, assume

(1) **infer** quality from price, (2) **infer** the possibility

Animal desire and preference are always **inferred** from their behavior.

**afterward**

*adv.* after the time mentioned

*synonym* : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

**fixate**

*v.* to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image

*synonym* : obsess, fix, concentrate

(1) **fixate** on a problem, (2) **fixate** on a picture

She tends to **fixate** on small details, often losing sight of the

bigger picture.

## visionary

*adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

*synonym*: prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

## ill-fated

*adj.* having a tragic or disastrous destiny or outcome, often due to unfortunate circumstances

*synonym*: unfortunate, doomed, hapless

(1) **ill-fated** experiment, (2) **ill-fated** love

The **ill-fated** voyage of the Titanic is a tragic tale of human error and hubris.

## eloquent

*adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively

*synonym*: persuasive, fluent, well-spoken

(1) an **eloquent** speaker, (2) **eloquent** writing

She gave an **eloquent** speech at the graduation ceremony.

## deconstruct

*v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning

*synonym*: break down, interpret, assay

(1) **deconstruct** the existing system, (2) **deconstruct** his method

She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to **deconstruct** various categories of literature.

## statistician

*n.* a person who studies or is an expert in statistics

*synonym*: actuary

(1) professional **statisticians**, (2) environmental **statistician**

The firm employs several **statisticians** to develop a recommendation engine.

## well-being

*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous  
*synonym*: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**  
We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

## unsurprising

*adj.* not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted

*synonym*: predictable, expected, foreseeable

(1) **unsurprising** success, (2) **unsurprising** result

The **unsurprising** outcome of the election was a victory for the incumbent candidate.

## aspiration

*n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

*synonym*: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

## scarcity

*n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

*synonym*: lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

## footprint

*n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

*synonym*: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

## gulf

*n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

*synonym*: chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

### converse

*v.* to talk informally

*synonym*: discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

### sub-Saharan

*adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

### brute

*n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power

*synonym*: beast, savage, animal

(1) **brute** beasts, (2) **brute** force

The **brute** behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.

### electrify

*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym*: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

### abolish

*v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to

*synonym*: cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship

The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

## vibe

*n.* an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood

*synonym*: atmosphere, aura, feeling

(1) party **vibe**, (2) chill **vibe**

The music festival had a great **vibe**, with everyone enjoying the performances and having a good time.

## skeptic

*n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

*synonym*: doubter, disbeliever, questioner

(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**

He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

## motto

*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

*synonym*: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

## nudge

*v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

*synonym*: bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**

The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

## foresight

*n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

*synonym* : prescience, prediction, clairvoyance

(1) strategic **foresight**, (2) **foresight** planning

With **foresight**, she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles.

## tome

*n.* a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book

*synonym* : book, volume, opus

(1) **tome** of knowledge, (2) ancient **tome**

I spent the whole weekend reading an academic **tome** about medieval history.

## mindful

*adj.* being conscious or aware of something; paying close attention to what is happening; being focused and attentive in the present moment

*synonym* : aware, attentive, conscious

(1) **mindful** of my responsibilities, (2) **mindful** eating

Practicing **mindful** meditation can help reduce stress and improve overall well-being.

## generosity

*n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

*synonym* : goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

## altruism

*n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

*synonym* : selflessness, philanthropy, generosity

(1) acts of **altruism**, (2) **altruism** in society

His act of volunteering at the homeless shelter was a clear example of practical **altruism**.

## hardwired

*adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the



brain or genetics

*synonym* : innate, ingrained, automatic

(1) **hardwired** behavior, (2) **hardwired** connection

The instinct to protect one's offspring is **hardwired** into many animal species.

## **promenade**

*n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

*synonym* : stroll, walkway, boulevard

(1) evening **promenade**, (2) **promenade** in the park

The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful **promenade** for tourists and locals alike.

## **preach**

*v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

*synonym* : expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

## **pave**

*v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

*synonym* : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

## **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.

## signpost

*n.* a sign or marker that indicates the direction or location of something often used figuratively to refer to a guide or indicator of progress

*synonym* : marker, guidepost, indicator

(1) follow **signposts** on roads, (2) clear **signpost**

The **signpost** on the hiking trail helped guide hikers toward the correct path.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. a de\_\_\_\_te scene  
*adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
2. the fo\_\_\_\_nts of an earlier civilization  
*n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
3. evening pr\_\_\_\_de  
*n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
4. apo\_\_\_\_ic event  
*adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
5. go there af\_\_\_\_rd  
*adv.* after the time mentioned
6. pr\_\_\_\_h to the masses  
*v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
7. give a person a nu\_\_e  
*v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
8. fo\_\_\_\_ht planning  
*n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

ANSWERS: 1. desolate, 2. footprint, 3. promenade, 4. apocalyptic, 5. afterward, 6. preach, 7. nudge, 8. foresight

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10. acts of al\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity
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13. pe\_\_\_e drugs *v.* to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way
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17. company mo\_\_o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

ANSWERS: 9. aspiration, 10. altruism, 11. signpost, 12. numb, 13. peddle, 14. humming, 15. well-being, 16. blockbusting, 17. motto

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19. gr\_\_\_\_y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
20. br\_\_e force *n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
21. retire from fil\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the process or art of making movies
22. ha\_\_\_\_\_ed behavior *adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics
23. uns\_\_\_\_\_ing success *adj.* not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted
24. ask a co\_\_\_\_\_se question *v.* to talk informally
25. in\_\_r the possibility *v.* to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts
26. with easy po\_\_e *n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
27. ab\_\_\_\_\_h censorship *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
28. t\_\_e of knowledge *n.* a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book
29. g\_\_f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

ANSWERS: 18. visionary, 19. greedy, 20. brute, 21. filmmaking, 22. hardwired, 23. unsurprising, 24. converse, 25. infer, 26. poise, 27. abolish, 28. tome, 29. gulf

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80. sc\_\_\_\_ty of capital *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

ANSWERS: 72. desolate, 73. improvisation, 74. signpost, 75. nudge, 76. sub-Saharan, 77. hardwired, 78. brute, 79. vibe, 80. scarcity

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ANSWERS: 90. foresight, 91. converse, 92. generosity

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I spent the whole weekend reading an academic \_\_\_\_\_ about medieval history.  
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*v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
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*adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
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*adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
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*v.* to talk informally
10. 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
11. Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
12. They \_\_\_\_\_ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.  
*v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
13. The history of \_\_\_\_\_ dates back to the late 19th century when motion pictures were first shown to audiences.  
*n.* the process or art of making movies
14. He is remembered for his \_\_\_\_\_ and civilization.  
*n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
15. His act of volunteering at the homeless shelter was a clear example of practical \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity
16. The accomplice was \_\_\_\_\_ in the crime committed by her partner.  
*adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group

ANSWERS: 9. converse, 10. humming, 11. scarcity, 12. paved, 13. filmmaking, 14. generosity, 15. altruism, 16. complicit

17. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

18. The \_\_\_\_\_ voyage of the Titanic is a tragic tale of human error and hubris.

*adj.* having a tragic or disastrous destiny or outcome, often due to unfortunate circumstances

19. The music festival had a great \_\_\_\_\_ with everyone enjoying the performances and having a good time.

*n.* an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood

20. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

21. The \_\_\_\_\_ outcome of the election was a victory for the incumbent candidate.

*adj.* not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted

22. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

23. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

*n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

24. He has an \_\_\_\_\_ to become a doctor.

*n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

ANSWERS: 17. motto, 18. ill-fated, 19. vibe, 20. footprint, 21. unsurprising, 22. numb, 23. skeptic, 24. aspiration

25. The firm employs several \_\_\_\_\_ to develop a recommendation engine.  
*n.* a person who studies or is an expert in statistics
26. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.  
*n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
27. The instinct to protect one's offspring is \_\_\_\_\_ into many animal species.  
*adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics
28. The product developed through years of research continues to \_\_\_\_\_ the market.  
*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
29. The news of the pandemic was a \_\_\_\_\_ reminder of the fragility of human health.  
*adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
30. With \_\_\_\_\_ she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles.  
*n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
31. The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ for tourists and locals alike.  
*n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
32. Practicing \_\_\_\_\_ meditation can help reduce stress and improve overall well-being.  
*adj.* being conscious or aware of something; paying close attention to what is happening; being focused and attentive in the present moment

ANSWERS: 25. statisticians, 26. Gulf, 27. hardwired, 28. electrify, 29. frightening, 30. foresight, 31. promenade, 32. mindful



33. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* after the time mentioned

34. The \_\_\_\_\_ behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.

*n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power

35. We \_\_\_\_\_ ever used AEDs.

*adv.* hardly or almost not; only just

36. He took a deep breath and recovered a little of his \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior

37. The street vendor \_\_\_\_\_ his wares to passing tourists.

*v.* to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way

38. She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to \_\_\_\_\_ various categories of literature.

*v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning

39. The \_\_\_\_\_ landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

*adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

40. She gave an \_\_\_\_\_ speech at the graduation ceremony.

*adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively

ANSWERS: 33. afterward, 34. brute, 35. scarcely, 36. poise, 37. peddled, 38. deconstruct, 39. apocalyptic, 40. eloquent

41. We are responsible for the care and \_\_\_\_\_ of all our employees.  
*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
42. Animal desire and preference are always \_\_\_\_\_ from their behavior.  
*v.* to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts
43. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the hiking trail helped guide hikers toward the correct path.  
*n.* a sign or marker that indicates the direction or location of something often used figuratively to refer to a guide or indicator of progress
44. The \_\_\_\_\_ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.  
*adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
45. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
46. She tends to \_\_\_\_\_ on small details, often losing sight of the bigger picture.  
*v.* to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image

ANSWERS: 41. well-being, 42. inferred, 43. signpost, 44. visionary, 45. improvisation, 46. fixate