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## Session 1: Word List

### meltdown

*n.* a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically

*synonym* : collapse, disaster, failure

(1) **meltdown** disaster, (2) economic **meltdown**

The nuclear **meltdown** in the country was a disaster with far-reaching consequences.

### volcano

*n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

*synonym* : mount, peak, crater

(1) **volcano** alert level, (2) active **volcano**

The island was formed by a **volcano** millions of years ago.

### pronounce

*v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

*synonym* : articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

## suffice

*v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

*synonym* : satisfy, meet, be enough

(1) **suffice** to live, (2) **suffice** as evidence

Would one cup of flour **suffice** for this recipe?

## overwhelm

*v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

*synonym* : conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

## helm

*n.* the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat

*synonym* : steering, control, direction

(1) **helm** of a ship, (2) steer the **helm**

The ship's captain took the **helm** and charted a course through the stormy waters.

## disastrous

*adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

*synonym* : catastrophic, destructive, fatal

(1) have **disastrous** consequences, (2) absolutely **disastrous** effect

The emission of hazardous substances has **disastrous** effects on the ecology of a region.

## eyebrow

*n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans

*synonym* : brow, supercilium

(1) raise her **eyebrows**, (2) **eyebrow** cosmetics

She raised an inquiring **eyebrow** towards me.

## subprime

*adj.* of or relating to financial loans, particularly mortgages, which are made to individuals with poor credit histories or limited income, often associated with higher interest rates and a greater risk of default

(1) **subprime** lending, (2) **subprime** market

The **subprime** mortgage crisis of 2008 led to a global economic downturn.

## reckless

*adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

*synonym*: impetuous, irresponsible, thoughtless

(1) **reckless** driving, (2) in a **reckless** manner

**Reckless** youth makes rueful age.

## downside

*n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure

*synonym*: drawback, negative, disadvantage

(1) major **downside**, (2) **downside** of globalization

The **downside** of the new policy was that it would be more expensive for customers.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## insanity

*n.* the state of being seriously mentally ill; madness

*synonym*: madness, psychosis, lunacy

(1) sheer **insanity**, (2) alcoholic **insanity**

His behavior became increasingly erratic, leading many to believe he was experiencing a bout of **insanity**.

## courageous

*adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

*synonym*: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

## contender

*n.* the contestant you hope to defeat

*synonym*: rival, competitor, challenger

(1) championship **contender**, (2) presidential **contender**

We were looking at a severe **contender** indeed.

## allude

*v.* to suggest or make reference to something indirectly

*synonym*: imply, indicate, hint

(1) **allude** to his low origin, (2) **allude** to the planning

He **alluded** to the problem but did not mention it directly.

## crappy

*adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory

*synonym*: poor, unsatisfactory, inferior

(1) **crappy** service, (2) **crappy** Spanish

The food at the restaurant was **crappy** and overpriced.

## breastfeeding

*n.* the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts

*synonym*: nursing, lactation, suckling

(1) **breastfeeding** mother, (2) **breastfeeding** support

Getting the hang of **breastfeeding** at first can be challenging, but with patience and practice, it gets easier.

## tyranny

*n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

*synonym*: despotism, oppression, dictatorship

(1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority

The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.

## philanthropy

*n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

*synonym*: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on

**philanthropy.**

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. active vo_____o              | <i>n.</i> a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.               |
| 2. do_____de of globalization   | <i>n.</i> the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure   |
| 3. an op_____ne remark          | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose  |
| 4. pr_____ce a name             | <i>v.</i> to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way   |
| 5. re_____ss driving            | <i>adj.</i> marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions   |
| 6. have dis_____us consequences | <i>adj.</i> extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful  |
| 7. me_____wn disaster           | <i>n.</i> a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically |
| 8. make a cou_____us decision   | <i>adj.</i> able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching  |
| 9. op_____ne occasion           | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose  |

ANSWERS: 1. volcano, 2. downside, 3. opportune, 4. pronounce, 5. reckless, 6. disastrous, 7. meltdown, 8. courageous, 9. opportune

10. economic me\_\_\_\_\_wn *n.* a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically
11. steer the h\_\_m *n.* the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat
12. su\_\_\_\_\_e to live *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
13. cr\_\_\_y service *adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory
14. ey\_\_\_\_\_w cosmetics *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
15. cou\_\_\_\_\_us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
16. al\_\_\_e to the planning *v.* to suggest or make reference to something indirectly
17. championship co\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* the contestant you hope to defeat
18. ov\_\_\_\_\_lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
19. in a re\_\_\_\_\_ss manner *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
20. bre\_\_\_\_\_ing mother *n.* the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts
21. cr\_\_\_y Spanish *adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory
22. al\_\_\_e to his low origin *v.* to suggest or make reference to something indirectly

ANSWERS: 10. meltdown, 11. helm, 12. suffice, 13. crappy, 14. eyebrow, 15. courageous, 16. allude, 17. contender, 18. overwhelm, 19. reckless, 20. breastfeeding, 21. crappy, 22. allude

23. sheer in\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being seriously mentally ill; madness
24. brutal ty\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
25. absolutely dis\_\_\_\_\_us effect *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
26. alcoholic in\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being seriously mentally ill; madness
27. su\_\_\_\_\_me lending *adj.* of or relating to financial loans, particularly mortgages, which are made to individuals with poor credit histories or limited income, often associated with higher interest rates and a greater risk of default
28. h\_\_m of a ship *n.* the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat
29. presidential co\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* the contestant you hope to defeat
30. pr\_\_\_\_\_ce a judgment *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
31. he was ov\_\_\_\_\_lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
32. ty\_\_\_\_\_y of the majority *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

ANSWERS: 23. insanity, 24. tyranny, 25. disastrous, 26. insanity, 27. subprime, 28. helm, 29. contender, 30. pronounce, 31. overwhelm, 32. tyranny



33. su\_\_\_\_\_me market *adj.* of or relating to financial loans, particularly mortgages, which are made to individuals with poor credit histories or limited income, often associated with higher interest rates and a greater risk of default
34. su\_\_\_\_\_e as evidence *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
35. vo\_\_\_\_\_o alert level *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
36. phi\_\_\_\_\_opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
37. bre\_\_\_\_\_ing support *n.* the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts
38. private phi\_\_\_\_\_opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
39. major do\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
40. raise her ey\_\_\_\_\_ws *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans

ANSWERS: 33. subprime, 34. suffice, 35. volcano, 36. philanthropy, 37. breastfeeding, 38. philanthropy, 39. downside, 40. eyebrow

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ mortgage crisis of 2008 led to a global economic downturn.  
*adj.* of or relating to financial loans, particularly mortgages, which are made to individuals with poor credit histories or limited income, often associated with higher interest rates and a greater risk of default
2. His behavior became increasingly erratic, leading many to believe he was experiencing a bout of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the state of being seriously mentally ill; madness
3. She raised an inquiring \_\_\_\_\_ towards me.  
*n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
4. She struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ the word in a foreign language.  
*v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
5. \_\_\_\_\_ youth makes rueful age.  
*adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
6. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
7. We were looking at a severe \_\_\_\_\_ indeed.  
*n.* the contestant you hope to defeat
8. The country was ruled by a \_\_\_\_\_ that oppressed its citizens.  
*n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

ANSWERS: 1. subprime, 2. insanity, 3. eyebrow, 4. pronounce, 5. Reckless, 6. philanthropy, 7. contender, 8. tyranny

9. The ship's captain took the \_\_\_\_\_ and charted a course through the stormy waters.
- n.* the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat
10. Getting the hang of \_\_\_\_\_ at first can be challenging, but with patience and practice, it gets easier.
- n.* the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts
11. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
12. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ soldier who had served his country with honor.
- adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
13. Too much variety may \_\_\_\_\_ and confuse viewers.
- v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
14. He \_\_\_\_\_ to the problem but did not mention it directly.
- v.* to suggest or make reference to something indirectly
15. The emission of hazardous substances has \_\_\_\_\_ effects on the ecology of a region.
- adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
16. The nuclear \_\_\_\_\_ in the country was a disaster with far-reaching consequences.
- n.* a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically

ANSWERS: 9. helm, 10. breastfeeding, 11. opportune, 12. courageous, 13. overwhelm, 14. alluded, 15. disastrous, 16. meltdown

17. The food at the restaurant was \_\_\_\_\_ and overpriced.

*adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory

18. The island was formed by a \_\_\_\_\_ millions of years ago.

*n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

19. Would one cup of flour \_\_\_\_\_ for this recipe?

*v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

20. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the new policy was that it would be more expensive for customers.

*n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure

ANSWERS: 17. crappy, 18. volcano, 19. suffice, 20. downside