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## Session 1: Word List

### jodhpur

*n.* a type of riding pants or trousers, typically ankle-length and fitted, sometimes with reinforced patches on the inner knees, commonly worn by horse riders

*synonym* : riding breeches, pants

(1) **jodhpur** trousers, (2) **jodhpur** style

That famous designer is known for giving a contemporary twist to the classic **jodhpur** silhouette.

### marvelous

*adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent

*synonym* : wonderful, amazing, superb

(1) **marvelous** performance, (2) **marvelous** power

The view from the top of the mountain was **marvelous**.

### goggle

*v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes

*synonym* : gaze, gawk, gape

(1) **goggle** his eyes, (2) infrared **goggles**

The software company bought the VR **goggles** manufacturer.

## saunter

*n.* a leisurely and unhurried walk or stroll, often taken for pleasure or to enjoy the surroundings; (verb) to walk in a slow, relaxed, and leisurely way, often in a confident and self-assured manner

*synonym*: stroll, walk, amble

(1) leisurely **saunter**, (2) **saunter** down the street

I went for a **saunter** through the park on a beautiful afternoon.

## flick

*v.* to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement

*synonym*: snap, tap, flip

(1) **flicker** candle, (2) **flick** through pages

He **flicked** the light switch, and the room was illuminated.

## youngster

*n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development

*synonym*: child, youth, adolescent

(1) **youngster** education, (2) teenage **youngster**

The little **youngster** couldn't wait to open their birthday presents.

## revolve

*v.* to rotate around a central point

*synonym*: rotate, spin, orbit

(1) **revolve** at high speed, (2) **revolve** around a central axis

The Earth **revolves** around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.

## fuselage

*n.* the main body of an aircraft, including the cockpit, passenger compartments, and cargo holds

*synonym*: body, frame, chassis

(1) aluminum **fuselage**, (2) long **fuselage**

The airplane's **fuselage** was damaged in the emergency landing.

## aeronautics

*n.* the science or art of designing, building, and flying aircraft

*synonym*: aviation, aerospace, flying

(1) **aeronautics** industry, (2) **aeronautics** research  
He studied **aeronautics** in college and worked as an aerospace engineer.

## 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.

## wile

*n.* a trick or cunning stratagem used to deceive or manipulate someone; cleverness or ingenuity used to achieve a goal or advantage

*synonym*: trickery, deceit, cunning

(1) cunning **wiles**, (2) deceptive **wile**

The criminal used his **wiles** to escape from the police several times.

## dole

*v.* to distribute or allot something, such as food, money, or other resources, usually in a charitable or humanitarian context; to dispense or allocate in a measured or limited way; (noun) financial assistance provided by the government or an organization to individuals who are unemployed, unable to work, or in need of financial support; grief, sorrow, or sadness

*synonym*: dispense, distribute, allocate

(1) **dole** out harsher punishment, (2) unemployment **dole**

The government will **dole** out financial aid to those affected by the natural disaster.

## quitter

*n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

*synonym*: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

## rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

*synonym*: recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

## conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

*synonym*: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

## preconceived

*adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness

(1) a **preconceived** notion, (2) **preconceived** opinions

We should start a discussion from scratch with no **preconceived** ideas.

## humanly

*adv.* in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish

*synonym*: physically, mundanely, practically

(1) **humanly** possible, (2) **humanly** acceptable

It is **humanly** difficult to understand why some people choose to harm others for no reason

## fuss

*n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance

*synonym*: commotion, agitation, disturbance

(1) make a **fuss**, (2) get into a **fuss**

There was a **fuss** about the broken vase, but it was quickly forgotten.

## recline

v. to lean or lie back in a relaxed or comfortable position

*synonym*: lounge, lie down, relax

(1) **recline** on the sofa, (2) **recline** on my side

She **reclined** her seat and relaxed for the flight.

## drawback

*n.* a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive

*synonym*: disadvantage, defect, weakness

(1) the **drawback** of his method, (2) one of the main **drawbacks**

He pointed out all the **drawbacks** to our plan.

## racetrack

*n.* a circular or oval-shaped track or course used for racing events, typically involving horses, cars, or other vehicles

*synonym*: speedway, circuit, course

(1) oval **racetrack**, (2) motorcycle **racetrack**

The professional racecar driver sped around the **racetrack** at lightning speed.

## wristwatch

*n.* a small timepiece designed to be worn on the wrist typically comprised of a strap or bracelet and a clock face with hour, minute, and sometimes second hands

*synonym*: watch, timepiece, wristlet

(1) quartz **wristwatch**, (2) classic **wristwatch**

I received a beautiful **wristwatch** as a graduation gift from my parents.

## tailbone

*n.* the triangular bone at the lower end of the spine, also known as the coccyx

*synonym*: coccyx, spinal column

(1) **tailbone** injury, (2) dislocated **tailbone**

The doctor recommended avoiding activities that put pressure on the **tailbone** to allow it to heal.

## torso

*n.* the human trunk from the neck to the abdomen

*synonym*: trunk, body, frame

(1) **torso** injury, (2) a **torso** in bronze

He was hit in the **torso** and was rushed to the hospital.

## unload

*v.* to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.

*synonym*: empty, offload, unpack

(1) **unload** the cargo, (2) **unload** a dishwasher

He had to **unload** the merchandise before the Black Friday bargain.

## knob

*n.* a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet

*synonym*: handle, lever

(1) handy **knob**, (2) **knob** closure

The **knob** on the drawer was loose and needed to be tightened.

## cranium

*n.* the skull of a human or animal, which encloses and protects the brain

*synonym*: skull, head, braincase

(1) human **cranium**, (2) fractured **cranium**

The scientist studied the dinosaur's **cranium** to learn more about its brain.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. fl\_\_ker candle *v.* to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement
2. long fu\_\_\_\_ge *n.* the main body of an aircraft, including the cockpit, passenger compartments, and cargo holds
3. motorcycle ra\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a circular or oval-shaped track or course used for racing events, typically involving horses, cars, or other vehicles
4. hu\_\_\_\_y acceptable *adv.* in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish
5. re\_\_\_\_e on the sofa *v.* to lean or lie back in a relaxed or comfortable position
6. ta\_\_\_\_ne injury *n.* the triangular bone at the lower end of the spine, also known as the coccyx
7. ma\_\_\_\_\_us power *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
8. aluminum fu\_\_\_\_ge *n.* the main body of an aircraft, including the cockpit, passenger compartments, and cargo holds
9. deceptive w\_\_e *n.* a trick or cunning stratagem used to deceive or manipulate someone; cleverness or ingenuity used to achieve a goal or advantage

ANSWERS: 1. flick, 2. fuselage, 3. racetrack, 4. humanly, 5. recline, 6. tailbone, 7. marvelous, 8. fuselage, 9. wile

10. red\_\_\_\_\_er a value      *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
11. handy k\_\_b      *n.* a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet
12. infrared go\_\_\_es      *v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes
13. get into a f\_\_s      *n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
14. leisurely sa\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a leisurely and unhurried walk or stroll, often taken for pleasure or to enjoy the surroundings; (verb) to walk in a slow, relaxed, and leisurely way, often in a confident and self-assured manner
15. re\_\_\_\_\_e on my side      *v.* to lean or lie back in a relaxed or comfortable position
16. cunning w\_\_es      *n.* a trick or cunning stratagem used to deceive or manipulate someone; cleverness or ingenuity used to achieve a goal or advantage
17. unemployment d\_\_e      *v.* to distribute or allot something, such as food, money, or other resources, usually in a charitable or humanitarian context; to dispense or allocate in a measured or limited way; (noun) financial assistance provided by the government or an organization to individuals who are unemployed, unable to work, or in need of financial support; grief, sorrow, or sadness

ANSWERS: 10. rediscover, 11. knob, 12. goggle, 13. fuss, 14. saunter, 15. recline, 16. wile, 17. dole



18. the dr\_\_\_\_ck of his method *n.* a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive
19. oval ra\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a circular or oval-shaped track or course used for racing events, typically involving horses, cars, or other vehicles
20. jo\_\_\_\_\_r trousers *n.* a type of riding pants or trousers, typically ankle-length and fitted, sometimes with reinforced patches on the inner knees, commonly worn by horse riders
21. jo\_\_\_\_\_r style *n.* a type of riding pants or trousers, typically ankle-length and fitted, sometimes with reinforced patches on the inner knees, commonly worn by horse riders
22. one of the main dr\_\_\_\_cks *n.* a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive
23. hu\_\_\_\_\_y possible *adv.* in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish
24. re\_\_\_\_\_e around a central axis *v.* to rotate around a central point
25. human cr\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* the skull of a human or animal, which encloses and protects the brain
26. easy qu\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
27. teenage yo\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development

ANSWERS: 18. drawback, 19. racetrack, 20. jodhpur, 21. jodhpur, 22. drawback, 23. humanly, 24. revolve, 25. cranium, 26. quitter, 27. youngster

28. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
29. aer\_\_\_\_\_cs research *n.* the science or art of designing, building, and flying aircraft
30. sa\_\_\_\_\_r down the street *n.* a leisurely and unhurried walk or stroll, often taken for pleasure or to enjoy the surroundings; (verb) to walk in a slow, relaxed, and leisurely way, often in a confident and self-assured manner
31. re\_\_\_\_\_e at high speed *v.* to rotate around a central point
32. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
33. a to\_\_o in bronze *n.* the human trunk from the neck to the abdomen
34. a pre\_\_\_\_\_ved notion *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
35. aer\_\_\_\_\_cs industry *n.* the science or art of designing, building, and flying aircraft
36. classic wri\_\_\_\_\_ch *n.* a small timepiece designed to be worn on the wrist typically comprised of a strap or bracelet and a clock face with hour, minute, and sometimes second hands
37. k\_\_b closure *n.* a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet

ANSWERS: 28. opportune, 29. aeronautics, 30. saunter, 31. revolve, 32. opportune, 33. torso, 34. preconceived, 35. aeronautics, 36. wristwatch, 37. knob

38. yo\_\_\_\_\_er education *n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development
39. serial qu\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
40. un\_\_\_\_d a dishwasher *v.* to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.
41. co\_\_\_\_\_ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
42. d\_\_e out harsher punishment *v.* to distribute or allot something, such as food, money, or other resources, usually in a charitable or humanitarian context; to dispense or allocate in a measured or limited way; (noun) financial assistance provided by the government or an organization to individuals who are unemployed, unable to work, or in need of financial support; grief, sorrow, or sadness
43. fl\_\_k through pages *v.* to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement
44. pre\_\_\_\_\_ved opinions *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
45. make a f\_\_s *n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
46. un\_\_\_\_d the cargo *v.* to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.

ANSWERS: 38. youngster, 39. quitter, 40. unload, 41. conceive, 42. dole, 43. flick, 44. preconceived, 45. fuss, 46. unload

47. fractured cr\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* the skull of a human or animal, which encloses and protects the brain
48. quartz wri\_\_\_\_\_ch *n.* a small timepiece designed to be worn on the wrist typically comprised of a strap or bracelet and a clock face with hour, minute, and sometimes second hands
49. dislocated ta\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* the triangular bone at the lower end of the spine, also known as the coccyx
50. go\_\_\_e his eyes *v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes
51. co\_\_\_\_\_ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
52. ma\_\_\_\_\_us performance *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
53. to\_\_o injury *n.* the human trunk from the neck to the abdomen
54. red\_\_\_\_\_er an old truth *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

ANSWERS: 47. cranium, 48. wristwatch, 49. tailbone, 50. goggle, 51. conceive, 52. marvelous, 53. torso, 54. rediscover

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ he'd want to harm us.  
*v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
2. He studied \_\_\_\_\_ in college and worked as an aerospace engineer.  
*n.* the science or art of designing, building, and flying aircraft
3. The professional racecar driver sped around the \_\_\_\_\_ at lightning speed.  
*n.* a circular or oval-shaped track or course used for racing events, typically involving horses, cars, or other vehicles
4. The doctor recommended avoiding activities that put pressure on the \_\_\_\_\_ to allow it to heal.  
*n.* the triangular bone at the lower end of the spine, also known as the coccyx
5. He was hit in the \_\_\_\_\_ and was rushed to the hospital.  
*n.* the human trunk from the neck to the abdomen
6. The painting was \_\_\_\_\_ in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.  
*v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
7. The airplane's \_\_\_\_\_ was damaged in the emergency landing.  
*n.* the main body of an aircraft, including the cockpit, passenger compartments, and cargo holds
8. He pointed out all the \_\_\_\_\_ to our plan.  
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ANSWERS: 1. conceive, 2. aeronautics, 3. racetrack, 4. tailbone, 5. torso, 6. rediscovered, 7. fuselage, 8. drawbacks

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11. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the drawer was loose and needed to be tightened.

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ANSWERS: 9. opportune, 10. humanly, 11. knob, 12. flicked, 13. cranium, 14. jodhpur, 15. revolves, 16. quitter

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ANSWERS: 17. dole, 18. wristwatch, 19. fuss, 20. youngster, 21. saunter, 22. marvelous, 23. goggles

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*n.* a trick or cunning stratagem used to deceive or manipulate someone; cleverness or ingenuity used to achieve a goal or advantage
26. We should start a discussion from scratch with no \_\_\_\_\_ ideas.  
*adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
27. She \_\_\_\_\_ her seat and relaxed for the flight.  
*v.* to lean or lie back in a relaxed or comfortable position

ANSWERS: 24. unload, 25. wiles, 26. preconceived, 27. reclined