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## Session 1: Word List

### blizzard

*n.* a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions

*synonym* : snowstorm, whiteout, bluster

(1) **blizzard** warning, (2) heavy **blizzard**

The city declared a snow emergency and warned residents to stay off the streets during the **blizzard**.

### onshore

*adj.* located or happening on or near the shore or coastline; relating to activities or operations that take place on land as opposed to at sea

*synonym* : coastal, domestic, seaward

(1) **onshore** drilling, (2) **onshore** wind farm

The shipping company decided to switch to **onshore** storage to reduce costs.

### landfall

*n.* the arrival or touching down of a ship, aircraft, or meteor on land after a voyage or journey; the first sighting or approach of land from the sea

*synonym* : shoreline, beachfront, landing place

(1) **landfall** location, (2) predicted **landfall**

The hurricane made **landfall** in the early morning hours, causing widespread damage.

## wildfire

*n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

*synonym* : blaze, bonfire, flame

(1) **wildfire** spread, (2) arson-caused **wildfire**

The **wildfire** destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

## cyclone

*n.* a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs

*synonym* : tornado, twister, hurricane

(1) **cyclone** warning, (2) devastating **cyclone**

The **cyclone's** strong winds and rough seas severely impacted the fishing industry.

## paralyze

*v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

*synonym* : immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

## tornado

*n.* a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud

*synonym* : whirlwind, twister, cyclone

(1) **tornado** alley, (2) **tornado** warning

The deadly **tornado** that hit the town yesterday destroyed many buildings and injured several people.

## iceberg

*n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

*synonym* : glacier, ice mass, floe

(1) hit an **iceberg**, (2) **iceberg** melting

The ship encountered a series of **icebergs** and had to change its course.

## intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

*synonym*: amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

## diminution

n. a reduction or decrease in size, extent, or importance; a lessening or weakening; the act of diminishing or reducing

*synonym*: reduction, decrease, decline

(1) **diminution** of interest, (2) **diminution** of quality

The loss of an important client caused a **diminution** in the company's reputation.

## acreage

n. the total amount of land a property contains that can be measured in acres

*synonym*: land area

(1) commercial **acreage**, (2) inherited **acreage**

The farmer-owned a massive **acreage** of land where he grew various crops.

## deteriorate

v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate

*synonym*: decline, degenerate, regress

(1) **deteriorate** at a slow pace, (2) **deteriorate** condition

The patient's health **deteriorated** rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.

## displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

*synonym*: evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

## harden

v. to make something firm, solid, or resistant; to toughen or strengthen physically or emotionally; to become more rigid or less flexible

*synonym*: strengthen, solidify, fortify

(1) **harden** your heart, (2) **harden** clay

She had to **harden** her stance on the issue to gain support from her colleagues.

## outdo

v. to do better than someone; to surpass

*synonym*: excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

## 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.

## electrification

*n.* the process of installing electrical equipment or infrastructure, especially in a place that previously only had non-electrical equipment or infrastructure; the act of supplying electrical energy to an object or system, causing it to become electrically charged;

(1) railway **electrification**, (2) **electrification** current

The village was excited about the **electrification** of their community, which would bring light to their homes.

## mow

v. to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops

*synonym*: cut, trim, clip

(1) **mow** the field, (2) **mow** a yard

My father likes to **mow** the lawn early on Saturday mornings.

## rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

*synonym* : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

## shrub

*n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil

*synonym* : bush, hedge, fern

(1) tree and **shrubs**, (2) small **shrub**

These are **shrubs** with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.

## xeriscape

*v.* to landscape or design an area in a way that conserves water by using drought-tolerant plants, efficient irrigation systems, and other water-saving techniques; (noun) a landscaping method developed especially for arid and semiarid climates that utilizes water-conserving techniques

*synonym* : droughtscape, water-wise, dryscape

(1) **xeriscape** gardening techniques, (2) **xeriscape** a lawn

The homeowners decided to **xeriscape** their front yard, replacing the grass with drought-resistant plants.

## manicure

*n.* a cosmetic treatment for the hands and nails, typically involving the trimming, shaping, and polishing of the nails, as well as the softening and moisturizing of the hands

*synonym* : nail care, nail treatment

(1) **manicure** tools, (2) professional **manicure**

I need to schedule a **manicure** appointment before my sister's wedding.

## conserve

*v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

*synonym* : preserve, save, maintain

(1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal

resources

Children must be taught to **conserve** our natural environment.

### **detriment**

*n.* something that causes harm, injury, or damage  
*synonym*: harm, damage, injury

(1) **detriment** of society, (2) bring great **detriment**

The new approach resulted in a significant **detriment** to the local economy.

### **grandchild**

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter  
*synonym*: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

### **grandkid**

*n.* the grandchildren of a particular person  
*synonym*: grandchildren, grandnieces, grandnephews

(1) spend the weekend with their **grandkids**, (2) cute **grandkids**

She was so proud of her **grandkids**, who were all doing well in school and had great personalities.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------------|------|---|
| 1. in_____fy diplomatic efforts   | v.   | to increase or make something increase in extent or strength  |
| 2. ha____n your heart             | v.   | to make something firm, solid, or resistant; to toughen or strengthen physically or emotionally; to become more rigid or less flexible  |
| 3. on_____e wind farm             | adj. | located or happening on or near the shore or coastline; relating to activities or operations that take place on land as opposed to at sea   |
| 4. xe_____pe gardening techniques | v.   | to landscape or design an area in a way that conserves water by using drought-tolerant plants, efficient irrigation systems, and other water-saving techniques; (noun) a landscaping method developed especially for arid and semiarid climates that utilizes water-conserving techniques |
| 5. co_____ve coal resources       | v.   | to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction  |
| 6. bl_____rd warning              | n.   | a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions   |

ANSWERS: 1. intensify, 2. harden, 3. onshore, 4. xeriscape, 5. conserve, 6. blizzard

7. det\_\_\_\_\_te condition                    *v.*    to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
8. devastating cy\_\_\_\_\_e                    *n.*    a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs
9. dim\_\_\_\_\_on of interest                    *n.*    a reduction or decrease in size, extent, or importance; a lessening or weakening; the act of diminishing or reducing
10. ou\_\_o the competition                    *v.*    to do better than someone; to surpass
11. det\_\_\_\_\_te at a slow pace                    *v.*    to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
12. m\_w the field                    *v.*    to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
13. railway ele\_\_\_\_\_ion                    *n.*    the process of installing electrical equipment or infrastructure, especially in a place that previously only had non-electrical equipment or infrastructure; the act of supplying electrical energy to an object or system, causing it to become electrically charged;
14. bring great de\_\_\_\_\_nt                    *n.*    something that causes harm, injury, or damage

ANSWERS: 7. deteriorate, 8. cyclone, 9. diminution, 10. outdo, 11. deteriorate, 12. mow, 13. electrification, 14. detriment



15. to\_\_\_\_o warning *n.* a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
16. re\_\_\_\_k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
17. ha\_\_\_\_n clay *v.* to make something firm, solid, or resistant; to toughen or strengthen physically or emotionally; to become more rigid or less flexible
18. la\_\_\_\_ll location *n.* the arrival or touching down of a ship, aircraft, or meteor on land after a voyage or journey; the first sighting or approach of land from the sea
19. m\_w a yard *v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
20. di\_\_\_\_ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
21. small sh\_\_b *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
22. means to co\_\_\_\_ve energy *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
23. tree and sh\_\_bs *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil

ANSWERS: 15. tornado, 16. rethink, 17. harden, 18. landfall, 19. mow, 20. displace, 21. shrub, 22. conserve, 23. shrub

24. arson-caused wi\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
25. to \_\_\_\_\_o alley *n.* a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
26. pa\_\_\_\_\_ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
27. heavy bl\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions
28. cute gr\_\_\_\_\_ids *n.* the grandchildren of a particular person
29. ou\_\_o him in trickery *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
30. ic\_\_\_\_\_g melting *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
31. spend the weekend with their gr\_\_\_\_\_ids *n.* the grandchildren of a particular person
32. pa\_\_\_\_\_ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
33. in\_\_\_\_\_fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
34. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
35. predicted la\_\_\_\_\_ll *n.* the arrival or touching down of a ship, aircraft, or meteor on land after a voyage or journey; the first sighting or approach of land from the sea

ANSWERS: 24. wildfire, 25. tornado, 26. paralyze, 27. blizzard, 28. grandkid, 29. outdo, 30. iceberg, 31. grandkid, 32. paralyze, 33. intensify, 34. industrious, 35. landfall

36. re\_\_\_\_k a marketing plan  
*v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
37. cy\_\_\_\_e warning  
*n.* a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs
38. wi\_\_\_\_re spread  
*n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
39. di\_\_\_\_ce the explosive power  
*v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
40. hit an ic\_\_\_\_g  
*n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
41. professional ma\_\_\_\_re  
*n.* a cosmetic treatment for the hands and nails, typically involving the trimming, shaping, and polishing of the nails, as well as the softening and moisturizing of the hands
42. gra\_\_\_\_ld development  
*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
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*n.* a cosmetic treatment for the hands and nails, typically involving the trimming, shaping, and polishing of the nails, as well as the softening and moisturizing of the hands
44. ele\_\_\_\_\_ion current  
*n.* the process of installing electrical equipment or infrastructure, especially in a place that previously only had non-electrical equipment or infrastructure; the act of supplying electrical energy to an object or system, causing it to become electrically charged;

ANSWERS: 36. rethink, 37. cyclone, 38. wildfire, 39. displace, 40. iceberg, 41.

manicure, 42. grandchild, 43. manicure, 44. electrification

45. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld-grandparent relationship     *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
46. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student     *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
47. xe\_\_\_\_\_pe a lawn     *v.* to landscape or design an area in a way that conserves water by using drought-tolerant plants, efficient irrigation systems, and other water-saving techniques; (noun) a landscaping method developed especially for arid and semiarid climates that utilizes water-conserving techniques
48. on\_\_\_\_\_e drilling     *adj.* located or happening on or near the shore or coastline; relating to activities or operations that take place on land as opposed to at sea
49. commercial ac\_\_\_\_\_e     *n.* the total amount of land a property contains that can be measured in acres
50. de\_\_\_\_\_nt of society     *n.* something that causes harm, injury, or damage
51. inherited ac\_\_\_\_\_e     *n.* the total amount of land a property contains that can be measured in acres
52. dim\_\_\_\_\_on of quality     *n.* a reduction or decrease in size, extent, or importance; a lessening or weakening; the act of diminishing or reducing

ANSWERS: 45. grandchild, 46. industrious, 47. xeriscape, 48. onshore, 49. acreage, 50. detriment, 51. acreage, 52. diminution

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
2. These are \_\_\_\_\_ with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.  
*n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
3. I need to schedule a \_\_\_\_\_ appointment before my sister's wedding.  
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4. The hurricane made \_\_\_\_\_ in the early morning hours, causing widespread damage.  
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5. The new approach resulted in a significant \_\_\_\_\_ to the local economy.  
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ANSWERS: 1. industrious, 2. shrubs, 3. manicure, 4. landfall, 5. detriment, 6. paralyzed, 7. acreage, 8. wildfire

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ANSWERS: 9. blizzard, 10. cyclone's, 11. conserve, 12. grandchild, 13. onshore, 14. xeriscape

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ANSWERS: 15. electrification, 16. icebergs, 17. displace, 18. rethink, 19. grandkids, 20. deteriorated, 21. tornado



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ANSWERS: 22. diminution, 23. outdo, 24. intensify, 25. mow, 26. harden