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## Session 1: Word List

### slippery

*adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted

*synonym* : smooth, glistening, furtive

(1) a **slippery** customer, (2) **slippery** ice

How extraordinarily **slippery** a liar the camera is.

### claw

*n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

*synonym* : paw, talon, nail

(1) **claw** marks, (2) **claw** hammer

The bear used its **claw** to catch a fish in the river.

### supple

*adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

*synonym* : flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

## amphibian

*n.* a cold-blooded animal that can live both on land and in water

*synonym*: frog, toad, salamander

(1) **amphibian** species, (2) **amphibian** habitat

Scientists are concerned about the rapid decline in **amphibian** populations around the world.

## phenomenal

*adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding

*synonym*: extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

## fascinate

*v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

*synonym*: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

## snatch

*v.* to take or grab something suddenly or quickly

*synonym*: grab, seize, capture

(1) **snatch** a hasty meal, (2) **snatch** up her purse

He **snatches** victory from the jaws of defeat in the game's final seconds.

## hind

*adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal

*synonym*: back, rear, posterior

(1) **hind** toe, (2) **hind** paw

The farmer noticed a **hind** leg injury on one of his cows and called the vet for help.

## camouflage

*n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment

*synonym*: guise, mask, cloak

(1) **camouflage** clothing, (2) work as **camouflage**  
They utilized branches of trees as **camouflage**.

## pituitary

*n.* a small, pea-sized gland located at the base of the brain that influences the growth and sexual development of the body by producing hormones

*synonym*: hypophyseal, hypothalamic, anterior lobe

(1) **pituitary** hormone, (2) anterior **pituitary**

The **pituitary** gland is responsible for releasing hormones that regulate growth and metabolism.

## impair

*v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse

*synonym*: degrade, mar, deface

(1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity

The accident made his vision **impaired**.

## inject

*v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

*synonym*: shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

## ox

*n.* a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavyset body

*synonym*: cow, bullock, steer

(1) **ox** cart, (2) water **ox**

The sacrifice of an **ox** was a common religious ritual in ancient cultures.

## fertilize

*v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

*synonym*: pollinate, inseminate, enrich

(1) **fertilize** the soil, (2) **fertilize** the female egg

The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to **fertilize** a wife.

## ovulation

*n.* the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which an ovary releases an egg

*synonym* : egg-releasing, ovary-releasing, ovum-releasing

(1) **ovulation** cycle, (2) inhibit **ovulation**

The woman tracked her **ovulation** using a fertility app on her smartphone.

## chorion

*n.* the outermost membrane that surrounds and protects the embryo in reptiles, birds, and mammals, including humans, which contributes to the formation of the placenta in mammals

*synonym* : membrane, embryonic membrane

(1) placental **chorion**, (2) **chorion** biopsy

The **chorion** layer plays a vital role in gas exchange between the mother and the fetus.

## gonadotropin

*n.* a hormone that stimulates the activity of the gonads (= ovaries or testes) typically used for reproductive hormones such as follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) and luteinizing hormone (LH)

*synonym* : pituitary hormone, luteinizing hormone

(1) **gonadotropin** hormone, (2) synthetic **gonadotropin**

The doctor prescribed **gonadotropin** injections to help stimulate ovulation in the patient.

## dissect

*v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail

*synonym* : analyze, examine, study

(1) **dissect** the data, (2) **dissect** a personality

The scientist **dissected** the frog to study its internal organs.

## hurdle

*n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

*synonym* : obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome **hurdles**, (2) **hurdle** race

The company faced several **hurdles** in the development of its new product.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym*: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## dissection

*n.* the act or process of cutting up or dividing something to examine it

*synonym*: cutting, slicing, dissecting

(1) **dissection** process, (2) **dissection** specimen

The **dissection** of the frog revealed its internal anatomy.

## ovary

*n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower

(1) **ovary** atrophy, (2) salted **ovary** of walleye pollack

They found **ovary** cancer in an early stage.

## lifespan

*n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

*synonym*: duration, lifetime, continuance

(1) **lifespan** extension, (2) **lifespan** retrieval curve

Generally speaking, men have a shorter **lifespan** than women.

## supersede

*v.* to replace or be replaced by something else, particularly something newer, better, or more effective; to supplant or take over the place or function of another

*synonym*: replace, override, displace

(1) **supersede** an old method, (2) **supersede** a tradition

The new technology will **supersede** the old one in no time.

## ferocious

*adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel

*synonym* : savage, fierce, brutal

(1) **ferocious** beast, (2) **ferocious** predator

The lion's **ferocious** roar could be heard from miles away.

## outcompete

*v.* to be more successful in competition than someone or something

*synonym* : outperform, outdo, surpass

(1) **outcompete** peers, (2) **outcompete** domestic producers

To **outcompete** its rivals, the company invested heavily in research and development.

## fungus

*n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

*synonym* : mold, mildew, yeast

(1) **fungus** infection, (2) symbiotic **fungus**

Certain types of **fungus** can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

## disrupt

*v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

*synonym* : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

## devastate

*v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

*synonym* : demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. am_____an species                        | <i>n.</i> a cold-blooded animal that can live both on land and in water  |
| 2. ov_____on cycle                          | <i>n.</i> the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which an ovary releases an egg   |
| 3. pi_____ry hormone                        | <i>n.</i> a small, pea-sized gland located at the base of the brain that influences the growth and sexual development of the body by producing hormones  |
| 4. in____t a personal opinion into a debate | <i>v.</i> to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)  |
| 5. fe_____ze the female egg                 | <i>v.</i> to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well                  |
| 6. fu____s infection                        | <i>n.</i> a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive              |
| 7. work as cam_____ge                       | <i>n.</i> an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment |

ANSWERS: 1. amphibian, 2. ovulation, 3. pituitary, 4. inject, 5. fertilize, 6. fungus, 7. camouflage

8. placental ch\_\_\_\_n *n.* the outermost membrane that surrounds and protects the embryo in reptiles, birds, and mammals, including humans, which contributes to the formation of the placenta in mammals
9. di\_\_\_\_t a personality *v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
10. di\_\_\_\_t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
11. sl\_\_\_\_ry ice *adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted
12. su\_\_\_\_de an old method *v.* to replace or be replaced by something else, particularly something newer, better, or more effective; to supplant or take over the place or function of another
13. h\_\_d paw *adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal
14. de\_\_\_\_te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
15. symbiotic fu\_\_\_\_s *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
16. di\_\_\_\_t the data *v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail

ANSWERS: 8. chorion, 9. dissect, 10. disrupt, 11. slippery, 12. supersede, 13. hind, 14. devastate, 15. fungus, 16. dissect



17. water ox *n.* a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavysset body
18. su\_\_\_e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
19. phe\_\_\_\_\_al growth *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
20. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
21. fe\_\_\_\_\_ze the soil *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
22. am\_\_\_\_\_an habitat *n.* a cold-blooded animal that can live both on land and in water
23. c\_\_w marks *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
24. dis\_\_\_\_\_on specimen *n.* the act or process of cutting up or dividing something to examine it
25. inhibit ov\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which an ovary releases an egg

ANSWERS: 17. ox, 18. supple, 19. phenomenal, 20. fascinate, 21. fertilize, 22. amphibian, 23. claw, 24. dissection, 25. ovulation

26. fe\_\_\_\_\_us predator *adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel
27. phe\_\_\_\_\_al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
28. hu\_\_\_e race *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
29. out\_\_\_\_\_te domestic producers *v.* to be more successful in competition than someone or something
30. salted ov\_\_\_y of walleye pollack *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
31. su\_\_\_\_\_de a tradition *v.* to replace or be replaced by something else, particularly something newer, better, or more effective; to supplant or take over the place or function of another
32. anterior pi\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a small, pea-sized gland located at the base of the brain that influences the growth and sexual development of the body by producing hormones
33. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
34. synthetic gon\_\_\_\_\_pin *n.* a hormone that stimulates the activity of the gonads (= ovaries or testes) typically used for reproductive hormones such as follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) and luteinizing hormone (LH)
35. cam\_\_\_\_\_ge clothing *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment

ANSWERS: 26. ferocious, 27. phenomenal, 28. hurdle, 29. outcompete, 30. ovary, 31. supersede, 32. pituitary, 33. fascinate, 34. gonadotropin, 35. camouflage

36. gon\_\_\_\_\_pin hormone *n.* a hormone that stimulates the activity of the gonads (= ovaries or testes) typically used for reproductive hormones such as follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) and luteinizing hormone (LH)
37. im\_\_\_r my health *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
38. a sl\_\_\_\_\_ry customer *adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted
39. ch\_\_\_\_\_n biopsy *n.* the outermost membrane that surrounds and protects the embryo in reptiles, birds, and mammals, including humans, which contributes to the formation of the placenta in mammals
40. li\_\_\_\_\_an extension *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
41. im\_\_\_r insulin sensitivity *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
42. h\_\_d toe *adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal
43. in\_\_\_t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
44. sn\_\_\_h up her purse *v.* to take or grab something suddenly or quickly

ANSWERS: 36. gonadotropin, 37. impair, 38. slippery, 39. chorion, 40. lifespan, 41. impair, 42. hind, 43. inject, 44. snatch

45. di\_\_\_\_t a well-ordered condition      *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
46. de\_\_\_\_\_te an area      *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
47. su\_\_\_e muscles      *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
48. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields      *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
49. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
50. ov\_\_y atrophy      *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
51. overcome hu\_\_\_es      *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
52. li\_\_\_\_\_an retrieval curve      *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
53. c\_\_w hammer      *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

ANSWERS: 45. disrupt, 46. devastate, 47. supple, 48. determinant, 49. determinant, 50. ovary, 51. hurdle, 52. lifespan, 53. claw

54. ox cart *n.* a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavysset body
55. out\_\_\_\_\_te peers *v.* to be more successful in competition than someone or something
56. dis\_\_\_\_\_on process *n.* the act or process of cutting up or dividing something to examine it
57. fe\_\_\_\_\_us beast *adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel
58. sn\_\_\_h a hasty meal *v.* to take or grab something suddenly or quickly

ANSWERS: 54. ox, 55. outcompete, 56. dissection, 57. ferocious, 58. snatch

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. How extraordinarily \_\_\_\_\_ a liar the camera is.  
*adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted
2. I'm so sorry to \_\_\_\_\_ you when you're pretty busy.  
*v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
3. The lion's \_\_\_\_\_ roar could be heard from miles away.  
*adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel
4. They found \_\_\_\_\_ cancer in an early stage.  
*n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
5. The company faced several \_\_\_\_\_ in the development of its new product.  
*n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
6. To \_\_\_\_\_ its rivals, the company invested heavily in research and development.  
*v.* to be more successful in competition than someone or something
7. Let's try to \_\_\_\_\_ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.  
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ANSWERS: 1. slippery, 2. disrupt, 3. ferocious, 4. ovary, 5. hurdles, 6. outcompete, 7. inject, 8. supple

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- n.* the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which an ovary releases an egg
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- v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
14. Generally speaking, men have a shorter \_\_\_\_\_ than women.
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- v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

ANSWERS: 9. determinant, 10. supersede, 11. pituitary, 12. ovulation, 13. impaired, 14. lifespan, 15. fertilize

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21. The scientist \_\_\_\_\_ the frog to study its internal organs.
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22. The bear used its \_\_\_\_\_ to catch a fish in the river.
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ANSWERS: 16. camouflage, 17. fascinated, 18. devastate, 19. phenomenal, 20.



chorion, 21. dissected, 22. claw, 23. fungus

24. Scientists are concerned about the rapid decline in \_\_\_\_\_ populations around the world.
- n.* a cold-blooded animal that can live both on land and in water
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- n.* a hormone that stimulates the activity of the gonads (= ovaries or testes) typically used for reproductive hormones such as follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) and luteinizing hormone (LH)
26. The farmer noticed a \_\_\_\_\_ leg injury on one of his cows and called the vet for help.
- adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal
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- n.* a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavyset body
28. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the frog revealed its internal anatomy.
- n.* the act or process of cutting up or dividing something to examine it
29. He \_\_\_\_\_ victory from the jaws of defeat in the game's final seconds.
- v.* to take or grab something suddenly or quickly

ANSWERS: 24. amphibian, 25. gonadotropin, 26. hind, 27. ox, 28. dissection, 29. snatches