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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### heath

*n.* an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas

*synonym*: moor, bog, swamp

(1) small **heath**, (2) **heath** habitat

The birdwatcher spotted a rare species on the **heath**.

### hillside

*n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline

*synonym*: slope, incline

(1) **hillside** landscape, (2) **hillside** vineyard

The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the **hillside**.

### arctic

*adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

*synonym*: cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

### sorrow

*n.* a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending

*synonym* : grief, heartache, melancholy

(1) deep **sorrow**, (2) **sorrow** for sin

The death of her best friend filled her with **sorrow**.

## planet

*n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

*synonym* : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

## astronaut

*n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

*synonym* : spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

## fiddle

*v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

*synonym* : tinker, diddle, play

(1) **fiddle** with a PC, (2) **fiddle** away the whole afternoon

She was able to **fiddle** a free trip to the United States.

## synthesizer

*n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds

*synonym* : sampler, sequencer, module

(1) **synthesizer** bass, (2) music **synthesizer**

The electronic **synthesizer** created a range of unique sounds for the music.

## furnace

*n.* an enclosed chamber for heating metal or glass to very high temperatures

*synonym* : incinerator

(1) electrical **furnace**, (2) gas-fired **furnace**

In the **furnace**, the metal gleamed with radiance.

## dazzle

*v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.

*synonym* : sparkle, flash, astonish

(1) **dazzle** his eyes, (2) **dazzle** all who see it

The audience was **dazzled** by her realistic acting.

## diamond

*n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

*synonym* : gemstone, jewel, precious stone

(1) **diamond** ring, (2) **diamond** necklace

The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling **diamond**.

## coalface

*n.* the working surface of a coal mine, where coal is cut and extracted; (of work) the front-line

(1) **coalface** workers, (2) remain at the **coalface**

The miners work at the **coalface**, extracting coal from deep underground.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. co\_\_\_\_ce workers *n.* the working surface of a coal mine, where coal is cut and extracted; (of work) the front-line
2. he\_\_h habitat *n.* an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas
3. as\_\_\_\_ut mission *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
4. da\_\_\_e his eyes *v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.
5. fi\_\_\_e away the whole afternoon *v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage
6. di\_\_\_\_d necklace *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
7. music syn\_\_\_\_er *n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds

ANSWERS: 1. coalface, 2. heath, 3. astronaut, 4. dazzle, 5. fiddle, 6. diamond, 7. synthesizer

8. as\_\_\_\_\_ut in training *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
9. small he\_\_h *n.* an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas
10. di\_\_\_\_\_d ring *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
11. save the pl\_\_\_\_t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
12. deep so\_\_\_\_w *n.* a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending
13. high ar\_\_\_\_c *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
14. syn\_\_\_\_\_er bass *n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds
15. so\_\_\_\_w for sin *n.* a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending

ANSWERS: 8. astronaut, 9. heath, 10. diamond, 11. planet, 12. sorrow, 13. arctic, 14. synthesizer, 15. sorrow

16. electrical fu\_\_\_\_e *n.* an enclosed chamber for heating metal or glass to very high temperatures
17. fi\_\_\_e with a PC *v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage
18. gas-fired fu\_\_\_\_e *n.* an enclosed chamber for heating metal or glass to very high temperatures
19. pl\_\_\_t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
20. ar\_\_\_c ice *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
21. hi\_\_\_\_de vineyard *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
22. hi\_\_\_\_de landscape *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
23. da\_\_\_e all who see it *v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.
24. remain at the co\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the working surface of a coal mine, where coal is cut and extracted; (of work) the front-line

ANSWERS: 16. furnace, 17. fiddle, 18. furnace, 19. planet, 20. arctic, 21. hillside, 22. hillside, 23. dazzle, 24. coalface

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She was able to \_\_\_\_\_ a free trip to the United States.
  - v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage
  
2. The miners work at the \_\_\_\_\_ extracting coal from deep underground.
  - n.* the working surface of a coal mine, where coal is cut and extracted; (of work) the front-line
  
3. The audience was \_\_\_\_\_ by her realistic acting.
  - v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.
  
4. The electronic \_\_\_\_\_ created a range of unique sounds for the music.
  - n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds
  
5. Mercury is the closest \_\_\_\_\_ to the sun.
  - n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
  
6. The birdwatcher spotted a rare species on the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas
  
7. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the \_\_\_\_\_ climate.
  - adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

ANSWERS: 1. fiddle, 2. coalface, 3. dazzled, 4. synthesizer, 5. planet, 6. heath, 7. arctic



8. The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
9. The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
10. The shuttle \_\_\_\_\_ trained for months before embarking on the space mission.
- n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
11. The death of her best friend filled her with \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending
12. In the \_\_\_\_\_ the metal gleamed with radiance.
- n.* an enclosed chamber for heating metal or glass to very high temperatures

ANSWERS: 8. hillside, 9. diamond, 10. astronaut, 11. sorrow, 12. furnace,