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Session 1: Word List

physicist

n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

(1) talented **physicist**, (2) theoretical **physicist**

Einstein was an outstanding and famous **physicist** of the 20th century.

emit

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

synonym: give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

gravitational

adj. relating to or caused by gravity (= the force that attracts objects towards one another)

synonym: weighty, heavy, earthbound

(1) **gravitational** energy, (2) **gravitational** waves

The **gravitational** force of the black hole was so strong that nothing, not even light, could escape.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym: perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

spherical

adj. having the shape of a sphere; round, spherical, or ball-shaped in appearance

synonym : round, orbicular, globular

(1) **spherical** shape, (2) **spherical** object

The Earth is a nearly **spherical** planet.

fixate

v. to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image

synonym : obsess, fix, concentrate

(1) **fixate** on a problem, (2) **fixate** on a picture

She tends to **fixate** on small details, often losing sight of the bigger picture.

strew

v. to scatter or spread things over an area; to scatter something in an untidy way

synonym : scatter, sprinkle, disperse

(1) **strew** the room with balloons, (2) **strew** garbage

The wind **strew** the leaves all over the lawn.

coma

n. a state of prolonged unconsciousness, typically caused by severe injury or illness, during which a person is unresponsive and lacks awareness of their surroundings

synonym : unconsciousness, stupor, sleep

(1) medical **coma**, (2) medically-induced **coma**

Unfortunately, the accident left him in a deep **coma**.

elliptical

adj. having the shape of an oval (= a closed plane curve); using a word or expression that is ambiguous or vague, especially to mislead or avoid committing oneself

synonym : oval, egg-shaped, oblong

(1) an **elliptical** motion, (2) an **elliptical** galaxies

The satellite's **elliptical** orbit made it appear to change its distance from earth.

blob

n. a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance

synonym: chunk, lump, hunk

(1) a big **blob** of yellow, (2) a **blob** of jelly

A **blob** of ink fell on the floor.

deduce

v. to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning

synonym: conclude, infer, suppose

(1) **deduce** facts from the evidence, (2) **deduce** the meaning of a word

The researcher **deduced** the momentum of the particles from meteoritic velocities.

deflect

v. to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone

synonym: deter, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **deflect** a blow, (2) **deflect** his criticism

The soccer player was able to **deflect** the ball away from the goal.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym: course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

extrapolate

v. to guess or think about what might happen or estimate something using the facts that you have now

synonym: deduce, reason, infer

(1) **extrapolate** the results, (2) **extrapolate** animal dose

This predictive model mechanically **extrapolates** past trends into the future.

eyeball

n. the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen

(1) **eyeball** motion, (2) redness of the **eyeball**
Increased **eyeball** pressure leads to the development of glaucoma.

skew

v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

synonym: slant, tilt, distort

(1) **skew** the message, (2) **skew** social values

The results of the poll are **skewed** because it only surveyed a small group of people.

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

synonym: create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

shave

v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

synonym: trim, cut down, prune

(1) **shave** my head, (2) **shave** cheese

That supermarket tried to **shave** certain costs by saving electricity.

napkin

n. a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions

synonym: serviette, handkerchief, cloth

(1) paper **napkin**, (2) linen **napkin**

I always keep a stack of **napkins** on my desk while I eat to prevent any messes.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

mirage

n. an optical phenomenon caused by the refraction of light in the Earth's atmosphere, creating a false or distorted image of distant objects or landscapes, often appears as a shimmering or floating appearance, typically seen in deserts or over hot surfaces

synonym: illusion, hallucination, phantasm

(1) **mirage** illusion, (2) **mirage** oasis

The shimmering heat created a **mirage** in the distance, fooling our eyes into seeing an oasis.

hawk

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

synonym: militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

passe

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passe** entertainment, (2) **passe** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passe** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

asymptotic

adj. having a line or curve that approaches another without ever meeting or intersecting used to describe mathematical functions or relationships that approach a limit without ever reaching it

synonym : approaching, near, parallel

(1) **asymptotic** growth, (2) **asymptotic** analysis

The curve of the graph approaches but never quite reaches an **asymptotic** line.

astronomer

n. a physicist who studies astronomy

synonym : stargazer, cosmologist, astrophysicist

(1) amateur **astronomer**, (2) solar **astronomer**

This question has fascinated solar **astronomers** for decades.

startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym : alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

persuasive

adj. tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

synonym : convincing, compelling, influential

(1) **persuasive** advertising, (2) **persuasive** speaker

He made a **persuasive** argument for the new policy.

unexplained

adj. not able to be explained or understood, lacking explanation or justification for something unknown or mysterious

synonym : mysterious, inexplicable, enigmatic

(1) **unexplained** phenomenon, (2) **unexplained** disappearance

There was an **unexplained** noise coming from the attic that frightened us all.

imp

n. a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore

synonym: demon, sprite, mischievous child

(1) a little **imp**, (2) behave like an **imp**

The mischievous **imp** caused trouble wherever it went.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

annihilate

v. to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist

synonym: destroy, obliterate, eradicate

(1) **annihilate** the enemy, (2) **annihilate** all doubts

The virus had the potential to **annihilate** entire populations if left unchecked.

collide

v. to hit something violently when moving

synonym: clash, slam, contradict

(1) **collide** head-on, (2) **collide** in midair

The interests of the two countries **collide**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. an ell_____al motion *adj.* having the shape of an oval (= a closed plane curve); using a word or expression that is ambiguous or vague, especially to mislead or avoid committing oneself
2. de___e facts from the evidence *v.* to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning
3. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
4. gra_____nal energy *adj.* relating to or caused by gravity (= the force that attracts objects towards one another)
5. st_____ng discovery *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
6. a little i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
7. a big b__b of yellow *n.* a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
8. mi___e oasis *n.* an optical phenomenon caused by the refraction of light in the Earth's atmosphere, creating a false or distorted image of distant objects or landscapes, often appears as a shimmering or floating appearance, typically seen in deserts or over hot surfaces

ANSWERS: 1. elliptical, 2. deduce, 3. sect, 4. gravitational, 5. startling, 6. imp, 7. blob, 8. mirage

9. cast off a h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
10. sh__e cheese *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
11. congressional h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
12. an ell_____al galaxies *adj.* having the shape of an oval (= a closed plane curve); using a word or expression that is ambiguous or vague, especially to mislead or avoid committing oneself
13. s__w the message *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
14. s__w social values *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
15. linen na___n *n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions
16. de_____t his criticism *v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone
17. di_____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

ANSWERS: 9. hawk, 10. shave, 11. hawk, 12. elliptical, 13. skew, 14. skew, 15. napkin, 16. deflect, 17. distort

18. ann_____te the enemy *v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
19. per_____ve advertising *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
20. ext_____te the results *v.* to guess or think about what might happen or estimate something using the facts that you have now
21. a b__b of jelly *n.* a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
22. talented ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
23. medically-induced c__a *n.* a state of prolonged unconsciousness, typically caused by severe injury or illness, during which a person is unresponsive and lacks awareness of their surroundings
24. amateur ast_____er *n.* a physicist who studies astronomy
25. e__t a gamma ray *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
26. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
27. asy_____ic analysis *adj.* having a line or curve that approaches another without ever meeting or intersecting used to describe mathematical functions or relationships that approach a limit without ever reaching it
28. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space

ANSWERS: 18. annihilate, 19. persuasive, 20. extrapolate, 21. blob, 22. physicist, 23. coma, 24. astronomer, 25. emit, 26. trajectory, 27. asymptotic, 28. trajectory

29. st__w the room with balloons *v.* to scatter or spread things over an area; to scatter something in an untidy way
30. asy_____ic growth *adj.* having a line or curve that approaches another without ever meeting or intersecting used to describe mathematical functions or relationships that approach a limit without ever reaching it
31. per_____ve speaker *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
32. de___e the meaning of a word *v.* to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning
33. ey_____l motion *n.* the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
34. sh__e my head *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
35. de_____t a blow *v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone
36. sp_____al object *adj.* having the shape of a sphere; round, spherical, or ball-shaped in appearance
37. co_____e head-on *v.* to hit something violently when moving
38. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
39. ext_____te animal dose *v.* to guess or think about what might happen or estimate something using the facts that you have now

ANSWERS: 29. strew, 30. asymptotic, 31. persuasive, 32. deduce, 33. eyeball, 34. shave, 35. deflect, 36. spherical, 37. collide, 38. motto, 39. extrapolate

40. solar ast_____er *n.* a physicist who studies astronomy
41. paper na____n *n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions
42. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
43. de___e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
44. de___e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
45. medical c__a *n.* a state of prolonged unconsciousness, typically caused by severe injury or illness, during which a person is unresponsive and lacks awareness of their surroundings
46. une_____ed phenomenon *adj.* not able to be explained or understood, lacking explanation or justification for something unknown or mysterious
47. fi___e on a problem *v.* to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image
48. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

ANSWERS: 40. astronomer, 41. napkin, 42. passe, 43. devise, 44. devise, 45. coma, 46. unexplained, 47. fixate, 48. motto

49. theoretical ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
50. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
51. co_____e in midair *v.* to hit something violently when moving
52. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
53. behave like an i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
54. sp_____al shape *adj.* having the shape of a sphere; round, spherical, or ball-shaped in appearance
55. e__t air pollution *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
56. mi___e illusion *n.* an optical phenomenon caused by the refraction of light in the Earth's atmosphere, creating a false or distorted image of distant objects or landscapes, often appears as a shimmering or floating appearance, typically seen in deserts or over hot surfaces
57. gra_____nal waves *adj.* relating to or caused by gravity (= the force that attracts objects towards one another)
58. redness of the ey_____l *n.* the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen

ANSWERS: 49. physicist, 50. passe, 51. collide, 52. rot, 53. imp, 54. spherical, 55. emit, 56. mirage, 57. gravitational, 58. eyeball

59. ann_____te all doubts *v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
60. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
61. une_____ed disappearance *adj.* not able to be explained or understood, lacking explanation or justification for something unknown or mysterious
62. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
63. st_____ng earthquake shocks *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
64. fi___e on a picture *v.* to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image
65. st__w garbage *v.* to scatter or spread things over an area; to scatter something in an untidy way
66. di_____t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

ANSWERS: 59. annihilate, 60. sect, 61. unexplained, 62. rot, 63. startling, 64. fixate, 65. strew, 66. distort

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.
n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space
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ANSWERS: 1. trajectory, 2. unexplained, 3. hawk, 4. rot, 5. extrapolates, 6. asymptotic, 7. napkins

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ANSWERS: 8. gravitational, 9. mirage, 10. devise, 11. passe, 12. fixate, 13. emits, 14. persuasive

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22. The mischievous _____ caused trouble wherever it went.
- n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore

ANSWERS: 15. motto, 16. sect, 17. deflect, 18. physicist, 19. deduced, 20. distort, 21. eyeball, 22. imp

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v. to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
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