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## Session 1: Word List

### podium

*n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards

*synonym*: lectern, stand, dais

(1) win a **podium** position, (2) **podium** finisher

The speaker stood confidently on the **podium** while delivering their speech.

### cubicle

*n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting

*synonym*: compartment, booth, workspace

(1) **cubicle** partition, (2) camping **cubicle**

I worked in an office **cubicle** surrounded by walls and fluorescent lights.

### pomp

*n.* a display of ceremonial splendor; formal or ostentatious display or a show of magnificence

*synonym*: splendor, grandeur, ceremony

(1) imperial **pomp**, (2) devoid of **pomp**

The coronation ceremony of the king was filled with **pomp** and grandeur.

### tempting

*adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

*synonym* : alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

## virtuoso

*n.* a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit

*synonym* : master, artist, expert

(1) versatile **virtuoso**, (2) a **virtuoso** on the guitar

He was a **virtuoso** pianist and played with incredible skill and precision.

## philharmonic

*adj.* relating to a symphony orchestra or group of musicians playing classical music

*synonym* : symphonic, musical, harmonious

(1) national **philharmonic**, (2) **philharmonic** concert

The **philharmonic** orchestra played an incredible concert last night.

## clap

*v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

*synonym* : applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

## Arthurian

*adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances

The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

## annoy

*v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

*synonym* : aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

## unseen

*adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived

*synonym* : invisible, hidden, undercover

(1) **unseen** danger, (2) an **unseen** force

The consequences of the pandemic remain **unseen** as scientists continue to research the virus.

## sanction

*n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

*synonym* : approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

## resign

*v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable

*synonym* : quit, relinquish, retire

(1) **resign** all hopes, (2) **resign** to fate

After a long battle with her health, the teacher had no choice but to **resign** from her position.

## trombone

*n.* a musical instrument in the brass family that is played by sliding a telescoping tube in and out to change the pitch while blowing air through the mouthpiece

*synonym* : horn, brass instrument, bugle

(1) play the **trombone**, (2) a jazz **trombone** player

The jazz band featured a spectacular **trombone** solo during the performance.

## senile

*adj.* showing signs of old age, specifically mental decline or deterioration associated with advanced age

*synonym* : senescent, aged, elderly

(1) mildly **senile**, (2) **senile** atrophy

The older man's increasingly **senile** behavior worried his

family, as he seemed to forget important details and became easily confused.

## superconductor

*n.* a material that conducts electricity with zero resistance when cooled to very low temperatures or when subjected to high pressure or strong magnetic fields; a substance with the unique ability to transmit electric current with no energy loss

*synonym* : zero-resistance material

(1) **superconductor** material, (2) high-temperature **superconductor**

The development of high-temperature **superconductors** revolutionized the field of electrical engineering.

## germ

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym* : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## cynicism

*n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest

*synonym* : distrust, skepticism, pessimism

(1) **cynicism** towards politics, (2) intellectual **cynicism**

His constant **cynicism** made it difficult for him to connect with others.

## maestro

*n.* a title used to refer to a master or skilled practitioner of a particular art, often used to describe a distinguished musician or conductor; someone who is highly accomplished in their field

*synonym* : master, virtuoso, conductor

(1) guitar **maestro**, (2) orchestral **maestro**

Fortunately, The orchestra had a **maestro** conductor leading them through the complex symphony.

## smashing

*adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

*synonym* : great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

## rollercoaster

*n.* a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages

*synonym* : turbulence, upheaval

(1) emotional **rollercoaster**, (2) wooden **rollercoaster**

We finally divorced after experiencing a **rollercoaster** marriage.

## sanatorium

*n.* a medical facility or institution for the long-term treatment or care of people with chronic illnesses or diseases, especially tuberculosis

*synonym* : health resort, rehab center

(1) military **sanatorium**, (2) **sanatorium** resort

In the early 1900s, tuberculosis patients would check into a **sanatorium** for treatment.

## tiring

*adj.* causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom

*synonym* : exhausting, fatiguing, draining

(1) mentally **tiring**, (2) **tiring** day

The **tiring** hike through the mountains was worth it for the stunning views.

## hyperactive

*adj.* excessively or abnormally active, restless, or easily excitable, particularly about children or animals with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

*synonym* : hyperkinetic, overactive, restless

(1) **hyperactive** child, (2) **hyperactive** imagination

The **hyperactive** dog was running around the house, knocking things over.

## soloist

*n.* a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer

*synonym*: solo performer, solo artist

(1) a vocal **soloist**, (2) **soloist** musician

The **soloist's** performance was the highlight of the concert.

## singe

*v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

*synonym*: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

## gravitation

*n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass

*synonym*: attraction, pull, gravity

(1) terrestrial **gravitation**, (2) universal **gravitation**

The force of **gravitation** keeps the planets in our solar system in orbit around the sun.

## oboe

*n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a narrow conical bore, double reed, and a piercing, high-pitched sound

*synonym*: cor anglais, english horn, heckelphone

(1) an alto **oboe**, (2) **oboe** reed

The **oboe** player was tuning her instrument before the concert.

## Jewish

*adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

*synonym*: Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah

every year.

## **baton**

*n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race

*synonym*: staff, stick, wand

(1) conducting **baton**, (2) twirl the **baton**

The police officer used his **baton** to disperse the crowd.

## **storytelling**

*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

*synonym*: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. an un\_\_\_n force *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
2. si\_\_e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
3. sup\_\_\_\_\_tor material *n.* a material that conducts electricity with zero resistance when cooled to very low temperatures or when subjected to high pressure or strong magnetic fields; a substance with the unique ability to transmit electric current with no energy loss
4. cu\_\_\_\_\_e partition *n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
5. intellectual cy\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest
6. orchestral ma\_\_\_\_\_o *n.* a title used to refer to a master or skilled practitioner of a particular art, often used to describe a distinguished musician or conductor; someone who is highly accomplished in their field
7. an\_\_y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
8. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 1. unseen, 2. singe, 3. superconductor, 4. cubicle, 5. cynicism, 6. maestro, 7. annoy, 8. germ



9. o\_\_e reed *n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a narrow conical bore, double reed, and a piercing, high-pitched sound
10. cy\_\_\_\_sm towards politics *n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest
11. re\_\_\_n all hopes *v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable
12. wooden rol\_\_\_\_\_ter *n.* a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages
13. an\_\_y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
14. po\_\_\_m finisher *n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
15. a vocal so\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer
16. guitar ma\_\_\_\_o *n.* a title used to refer to a master or skilled practitioner of a particular art, often used to describe a distinguished musician or conductor; someone who is highly accomplished in their field
17. give sm\_\_\_\_ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

ANSWERS: 9. oboe, 10. cynicism, 11. resign, 12. rollercoaster, 13. annoy, 14. podium, 15. soloist, 16. maestro, 17. smashing

18. win a po\_\_\_m position *n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
19. a g\_\_m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
20. the Ar\_\_\_\_\_an cycle *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
21. so\_\_\_\_\_t musician *n.* a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer
22. versatile vi\_\_\_\_\_so *n.* a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit
23. te\_\_\_\_\_ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
24. military san\_\_\_\_\_um *n.* a medical facility or institution for the long-term treatment or care of people with chronic illnesses or diseases, especially tuberculosis
25. sto\_\_\_\_\_ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
26. terrestrial gra\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass
27. twirl the ba\_\_n *n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race

ANSWERS: 18. podium, 19. germ, 20. Arthurian, 21. soloist, 22. virtuoso, 23. tempting, 24. sanatorium, 25. storytelling, 26. gravitation, 27. baton

28. emotional rol\_\_\_\_\_ter *n.* a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages
29. a jazz tr\_\_\_\_\_ne player *n.* a musical instrument in the brass family that is played by sliding a telescoping tube in and out to change the pitch while blowing air through the mouthpiece
30. a vi\_\_\_\_\_so on the guitar *n.* a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit
31. ti\_\_\_\_\_g day *adj.* causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom
32. hyp\_\_\_\_\_ve imagination *adj.* excessively or abnormally active, restless, or easily excitable, particularly about children or animals with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
33. play the tr\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a musical instrument in the brass family that is played by sliding a telescoping tube in and out to change the pitch while blowing air through the mouthpiece
34. hyp\_\_\_\_\_ve child *adj.* excessively or abnormally active, restless, or easily excitable, particularly about children or animals with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
35. Imperial sa\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

ANSWERS: 28. rollercoaster, 29. trombone, 30. virtuoso, 31. tiring, 32. hyperactive, 33. trombone, 34. hyperactive, 35. sanction

36. un\_\_\_n danger *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
37. c\_\_p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
38. a sm\_\_\_\_\_ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
39. c\_\_p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
40. imperial p\_\_p *n.* a display of ceremonial splendor; formal or ostentatious display or a show of magnificence
41. se\_\_\_e atrophy *adj.* showing signs of old age, specifically mental decline or deterioration associated with advanced age
42. sound very te\_\_\_\_\_ng *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
43. an alto o\_\_e *n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a narrow conical bore, double reed, and a piercing, high-pitched sound
44. camping cu\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
45. devoid of p\_\_p *n.* a display of ceremonial splendor; formal or ostentatious display or a show of magnificence
46. si\_\_e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

ANSWERS: 36. unseen, 37. clap, 38. smashing, 39. clap, 40. pomp, 41. senile, 42. tempting, 43. oboe, 44. cubicle, 45. pomp, 46. singe

47. Ar\_\_\_\_\_an romances *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
48. mildly se\_\_\_e *adj.* showing signs of old age, specifically mental decline or deterioration associated with advanced age
49. san\_\_\_\_\_um resort *n.* a medical facility or institution for the long-term treatment or care of people with chronic illnesses or diseases, especially tuberculosis
50. national phi\_\_\_\_\_nic *adj.* relating to a symphony orchestra or group of musicians playing classical music
51. mentally ti\_\_\_g *adj.* causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom
52. high-temperature sup\_\_\_\_\_tor *n.* a material that conducts electricity with zero resistance when cooled to very low temperatures or when subjected to high pressure or strong magnetic fields; a substance with the unique ability to transmit electric current with no energy loss
53. Je\_\_\_h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
54. re\_\_\_n to fate *v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable
55. Je\_\_\_h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
56. popular sa\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

ANSWERS: 47. Arthurian, 48. senile, 49. sanatorium, 50. philharmonic, 51. tiring, 52. superconductor, 53. Jewish, 54. resign, 55. Jewish, 56. sanction

57. courtroom sto\_\_\_\_\_ing                      *n.*    the act or art of narrating or writing stories
58. phi\_\_\_\_\_nic concert                      *adj.* relating to a symphony orchestra or group of musicians playing classical music
59. conducting ba\_\_n                      *n.*    a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
60. universal gra\_\_\_\_\_on                      *n.*    the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass

ANSWERS: 57. storytelling, 58. philharmonic, 59. baton, 60. gravitation

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His constant \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for him to connect with others.  
*n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest
2. The force of \_\_\_\_\_ keeps the planets in our solar system in orbit around the sun.  
*n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ player was tuning her instrument before the concert.  
*n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a narrow conical bore, double reed, and a piercing, high-pitched sound
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ performance was the highlight of the concert.  
*n.* a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer
5. The chocolate cake was too \_\_\_\_\_ for me to resist.  
*adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
6. The government imposed economic \_\_\_\_\_ on the country.  
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7. My friend is a \_\_\_\_\_ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.  
*adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

ANSWERS: 1. cynicism, 2. gravitation, 3. oboe, 4. soloist's, 5. tempting, 6. sanctions, 7. Jewish

8. The speaker stood confidently on the \_\_\_\_\_ while delivering their speech.  
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16. The band's new album was a \_\_\_\_\_ success, reaching the top of the charts.  
*adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
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20. We \_\_\_\_\_ along with the singer's song.  
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ANSWERS: 16. smashing, 17. superconductors, 18. germ, 19. unseen, 20. clapped, 21. cubicle, 22. baton

23. We finally divorced after experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_ marriage.
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ANSWERS: 23. rollercoaster, 24. senile, 25. resign, 26. hyperactive, 27. maestro, 28. virtuoso, 29. philharmonic

30. Her constant chatter was starting to \_\_\_\_\_ the neighbors.

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

ANSWERS: 30. annoy