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## Session 1: Word List

### subconscious

*adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

*synonym* : unconscious, latent, hidden

(1) **subconscious** influence, (2) **subconscious** behavior

The **subconscious** mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.

### stalk

*v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

*synonym* : follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room

The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking the shot

### sustenance

*n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body

*synonym* : nourishment, livelihood, nutrition

(1) scanty **sustenance**, (2) **sustenance** allowance

A regular job is often a spiritual **sustenance**.

## transcend

*v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something  
*synonym*: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

## kiosk

*n.* a small, often freestanding structure or booth, typically used as a retail outlet or information center, particularly in a public space or high-traffic area

*synonym*: booth, stand, counter

(1) outdoor **kiosk**, (2) information **kiosk**

I ordered some snacks at the **kiosk** before boarding my flight.

## adaptable

*adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations

*synonym*: flexible, adjustable, elastic

(1) **adaptable** enough for the environment, (2) an **adaptable** person

We seek a candidate who possesses **adaptable** fighting potential.

## situ

*adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

*synonym*: situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

## 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.

## illiterate

*adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

*synonym* : unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

## mast

*n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails

(1) **mast** height, (2) built-up **mast**

The main cabin is located in front of the **mast**.

## earner

*n.* an individual who earns money through their work or employment

*synonym* : breadwinner, provider, supporter

(1) self-employed **earner**, (2) high **earner** tax

As a full-time **earner**, I must work hard to support my family.

## passee

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

*synonym* : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

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

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

## rudimentary

*adj.* relating to basic facts or principles; fundamental

*synonym* : essential, fundamental, elementary

(1) a **rudimentary** plant, (2) **rudimentary** understanding

He has only a **rudimentary** knowledge of this topic.

## sophistication

*n.* the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined

*synonym* : refinement, culture, elegance

(1) cultural **sophistication**, (2) linguistic **sophistication**  
The new technology added a level of **sophistication** to the manufacturing process.

### microcredit

*n.* small loans, typically less than \$50,000, given to individuals or groups, particularly those who lack access to traditional banking services, to start or expand small businesses or other income-generating activities

*synonym*: microfinance, microloan, small loan

(1) **microcredit** lender, (2) **microcredit** program

The government has established a **microcredit** scheme to stimulate entrepreneurship and create job opportunities.

### workbench

*n.* a sturdy table or bench designed for carrying out manual work, particularly in a workshop or garage context

*synonym*: worktable, bench, desk

(1) **workbench** design, (2) wooden **workbench**

I must organize my tools on the **workbench** before starting my project.

### churning

*n.* the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy

*synonym*: agitation, turmoil, commotion

(1) butter **churning**, (2) **churning** emotions

The **churning** of the waves on the beach made it difficult to swim.

### screwdriver

*n.* a tool used for turning screws, typically consisting of a handle and a metal rod with a flattened tip that fits into the slot on the head of a screw; a popular cocktail made with vodka and orange juice

*synonym*: screw, driver, wrench

(1) open the can with a **screwdriver**, (2) electric **screwdriver**

I need a flathead **screwdriver** to tighten the loose screws on

this cabinet.

## toothbrush

*n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth  
*synonym* : brush, scrubber, cleaner

(1) **toothbrush** stand, (2) power **toothbrush**

My **toothbrush** with end-rounded bristles is excellent for gently cleaning my teeth and gums.

## backstreet

*adj.* located in a less prominent or central area of a city or town, often associated with poorer or seedier neighborhoods or establishments

*synonym* : underground, illicit, shady

(1) **backstreet** bar, (2) **backstreet** deals

The concert was held on a **backstreet** stage, giving it a unique and intimate atmosphere.

## prioritize

*v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

*synonym* : rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

## numb

*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

*synonym* : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

## shack

*n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

*synonym* : shanty, cabin, hut

(1) humble **shack**, (2) beach **shack**

The fisherman lived in a small **shack** by the lake.

## chai

*n.* a type of spiced tea originating from India, typically made with black tea, milk, and a variety of spices such

as cinnamon, ginger, and cardamom

*synonym*: tea, masala tea, spiced tea

(1) spiced **chai**, (2) **chai** latte

I love to start my day off with a hot cup of **chai** tea.

## intertwine

v. to twist together or become twisted together

*synonym*: interweave, interlace, entwine

(1) **intertwine** thread, (2) **intertwine** story

The vines **intertwine** to form a thick canopy overhead.

## conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

*synonym*: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

## innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

*synonym*: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

## infuse

v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

*synonym*: instill, fill, permeate

(1) **infuse** with spirit, (2) **infuse** life with meaning

She **infused** fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. sub\_\_\_\_\_ous influence *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
2. int\_\_\_\_\_ne thread *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
3. built-up m\_\_t *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
4. pri\_\_\_\_\_ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
5. in\_\_\_\_\_te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
6. rud\_\_\_\_\_ry understanding *adj.* relating to basic facts or principles; fundamental
7. st\_\_k from the room *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
8. wo\_\_\_\_\_ch design *n.* a sturdy table or bench designed for carrying out manual work, particularly in a workshop or garage context
9. butter ch\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy

ANSWERS: 1. subconscious, 2. intertwine, 3. mast, 4. prioritize, 5. innovate, 6. rudimentary, 7. stalk, 8. workbench, 9. churning

10. tr\_\_\_\_\_nd limits      *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
11. 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
12. co\_\_\_\_\_ve of an idea      *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
13. bac\_\_\_\_\_et deals      *adj.* located in a less prominent or central area of a city or town, often associated with poorer or seedier neighborhoods or establishments
14. electric scr\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a tool used for turning screws, typically consisting of a handle and a metal rod with a flattened tip that fits into the slot on the head of a screw; a popular cocktail made with vodka and orange juice
15. information ki\_\_k      *n.* a small, often freestanding structure or booth, typically used as a retail outlet or information center, particularly in a public space or high-traffic area
16. ill\_\_\_\_\_te population      *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
17. in\_\_\_e with spirit      *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
18. wooden wo\_\_\_\_\_ch      *n.* a sturdy table or bench designed for carrying out manual work, particularly in a workshop or garage context

ANSWERS: 10. transcend, 11. gravitation, 12. conceive, 13. backstreet, 14. screwdriver, 15. kiosk, 16. illiterate, 17. infuse, 18. workbench



19. co\_\_\_\_ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
20. ad\_\_\_\_\_le enough for the environment *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
21. linguistic sop\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined
22. in\_\_\_\_\_te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
23. c\_\_i latte *n.* a type of spiced tea originating from India, typically made with black tea, milk, and a variety of spices such as cinnamon, ginger, and cardamom
24. self-employed ea\_\_\_\_r *n.* an individual who earns money through their work or employment
25. mic\_\_\_\_\_it lender *n.* small loans, typically less than \$50,000, given to individuals or groups, particularly those who lack access to traditional banking services, to start or expand small businesses or other income-generating activities
26. n\_\_b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
27. power too\_\_\_\_\_sh *n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
28. pa\_\_e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

ANSWERS: 19. conceive, 20. adaptable, 21. sophistication, 22. innovate, 23. chai, 24. earner, 25. microcredit, 26. numb, 27. toothbrush, 28. passe

29. tr\_\_\_\_\_nd boundaries      *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
30. spiced c\_\_i      *n.* a type of spiced tea originating from India, typically made with black tea, milk, and a variety of spices such as cinnamon, ginger, and cardamom
31. st\_\_k of celery      *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
32. 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
33. sub\_\_\_\_\_ous behavior      *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
34. ex-s\_\_u conservation      *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
35. high ea\_\_\_r tax      *n.* an individual who earns money through their work or employment
36. a n\_\_b mind      *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 29. transcend, 30. chai, 31. stalk, 32. gravitation, 33. subconscious, 34. situ, 35. earner, 36. numb

37. int\_\_\_\_\_ne story                      *v.*    to twist together or become twisted together
38. cultural sop\_\_\_\_\_ion                      *n.*    the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined
39. beach sh\_\_k                                      *n.*    a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
40. sus\_\_\_\_\_ce allowance                      *n.*    food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
41. m\_\_t height                                      *n.*    a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
42. a rud\_\_\_\_\_ry plant                              *adj.* relating to basic facts or principles; fundamental
43. open the can with a scr\_\_\_\_\_er                      *n.*    a tool used for turning screws, typically consisting of a handle and a metal rod with a flattened tip that fits into the slot on the head of a screw; a popular cocktail made with vodka and orange juice
44. bac\_\_\_\_\_et bar                                      *adj.* located in a less prominent or central area of a city or town, often associated with poorer or seedier neighborhoods or establishments
45. in\_\_\_e life with meaning                      *v.*    to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
46. an ad\_\_\_\_\_le person                              *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations

ANSWERS: 37. intertwine, 38. sophistication, 39. shack, 40. sustenance, 41. mast, 42. rudimentary, 43. screwdriver, 44. backstreet, 45. infuse, 46. adaptable

47. ch\_\_\_\_\_ng emotions *n.* the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy
48. computer-ill\_\_\_\_\_te *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
49. too\_\_\_\_\_sh stand *n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
50. pri\_\_\_\_\_ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
51. scanty sus\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
52. humble sh\_\_k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
53. in-s\_\_u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
54. mic\_\_\_\_\_it program *n.* small loans, typically less than \$50,000, given to individuals or groups, particularly those who lack access to traditional banking services, to start or expand small businesses or other income-generating activities
55. outdoor ki\_\_k *n.* a small, often freestanding structure or booth, typically used as a retail outlet or information center, particularly in a public space or high-traffic area

ANSWERS: 47. churning, 48. illiterate, 49. toothbrush, 50. prioritize, 51. sustenance, 52. shack, 53. situ, 54. microcredit, 55. kiosk

56. pa\_\_e entertainment

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

ANSWERS: 56. passe

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.  
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2. The hunter quietly \_\_\_\_\_ the deer for hours before taking the shot  
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*v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
  
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ANSWERS: 1. numb, 2. stalked, 3. intertwine, 4. transcended, 5. conceive, 6. prioritized, 7. kiosk

8. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently \_\_\_\_\_ the emerging technologies.
- v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
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ANSWERS: 8. innovate, 9. situ, 10. workbench, 11. churning, 12. sophistication, 13. infused, 14. subconscious

15. He has only a \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge of this topic.

*adj.* relating to basic facts or principles; fundamental

16. Despite attending school, he remained \_\_\_\_\_ and unable to read or write.

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ANSWERS: 15. rudimentary, 16. illiterate, 17. toothbrush, 18. passe, 19. shack, 20. microcredit, 21. adaptable, 22. chai



23. The main cabin is located in front of the \_\_\_\_\_.
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