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## Session 1: Word List

### snare

*n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks

*synonym*: trap, noose, entanglement

(1) **snare** drum, (2) fall into a **snare**

The thief was caught in a **snare** set by the police.

### motorbike

*n.* a lightweight, two-wheeled vehicle with an engine designed for use on roads; also known as a motorcycle

*synonym*: motorcycle, bike, two-wheeler

(1) **motorbike** ride, (2) stolen **motorbike**

She identified the **motorbike** thief using the CCTV footage.

### marimba

*n.* a musical instrument in the percussion family, consisting of wooden bars of varying lengths that are struck with mallets, arranged similarly to a piano keyboard, with resonators or tubes placed beneath them to amplify the sound

*synonym*: percussion instrument, xylophone

(1) **marimba** band, (2) traditional **marimba** music

I love the sound of the **marimba** in this jazz piece.

## timpani

*n.* a set of kettledrums (= large metal drums) played with soft-headed mallets

*synonym* : kettle drums, drum

(1) **timpani** drums, (2) **timpani** player

The **timpani** roll during the climax of the symphony was so powerful that it made the entire hall vibrate.

## scalp

*n.* the skin that covers the top of a person's head, together with the hair growing on it; also, the part of the body that is most vulnerable to an attack

*synonym* : hair cover, pelt, epidermis

(1) **scalp** massage, (2) **scalp** condition

I have an itchy **scalp** and need to switch to a different shampoo.

## kettle

*n.* a metal container with a lid and handle, used for boiling water or other liquids over a heat source, commonly used for making tea or cooking pasta or soup

*synonym* : pot, cauldron, timpani

(1) electric **kettle**, (2) whistle **kettle**

The **kettle** on the stove started to whistle, signaling that the water was boiling.

## amplification

*n.* the process of increasing the volume or intensity of something; the expansion or elaboration of a concept or idea

*synonym* : enlargement, expansion, intensification

(1) **amplification** system, (2) sound **amplification**

The political debate was an **amplification** of the candidates' views on key issues.

## 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.

## audition

*n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position

*synonym* : tryout, test

(1) music **audition**, (2) dance **audition**

I have an **audition** for a role in a play tomorrow.

## medicinal

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

*synonym* : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

## lad

*n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way

*synonym* : boy, youth, youngster

(1) working-class **lad**, (2) local **lad**

The older man gave the young **lad** some helpful life advice.

## resonate

*v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

*synonym* : echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

## rustle

*v.* to make a soft, crackling sound, like the sound caused by the movement of dry leaves or paper; to move quietly or furtively to avoid being heard or noticed

*synonym* : swish, whisper, murmur

(1) **rustle** up a meal, (2) **rustle** paper

The leaves **rustled** in the wind, creating a peaceful sound in the forest.

## kaleidoscope

*n.* a toy or optical instrument made up of mirrors and pieces of colored glass or plastic, which produce changing patterns and images when rotated; a constantly changing succession of different things or

events

(1) **kaleidoscope** of cultures, (2) **kaleidoscope** pattern  
The **kaleidoscope** of colors in the sunset was breathtaking.

## acoustics

*n.* a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound

(1) specialize in **acoustics**, (2) the engineer of **acoustics**  
The physicist specializes in **acoustics**.

## 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**.

## 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.

## lug

*v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion  
*synonym*: carry, haul, transport

(1) **lug** a hose, (2) **lug** my son into a room  
He had to **lug** the heavy suitcase up the stairs.

## bruise

*n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin  
*synonym*: contusion, injury, wound

(1) livid **bruise**, (2) earlier emotional **bruise**  
She had a **bruise** on her arm from where she fell on the playground.

## 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.

## exhilarate

*v.* to make someone feel very happy, animated, or excited; to fill with energy or a sense of euphoria

*synonym*: excite, stimulate, invigorate

(1) **exhilarate** the crowd, (2) **exhilarate** the audience

The sense of accomplishment from completing a challenging hike can **exhilarate** those who love the great outdoors

## mallet

*n.* a tool used to strike or tap an object, typically with a wooden, rubber, or plastic head; a percussion instrument consisting of a handle and a head, often used in orchestral percussion and marimba

*synonym*: hammer, stick, beater

(1) percussion **mallet**, (2) lucky **mallet**

The percussionist switched from sticks to **mallets** for a softer sound.

## confer

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym*: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. stolen mo_____ke                    | <i>n.</i> a lightweight, two-wheeled vehicle with an engine designed for use on roads; also known as a motorcycle   |
| 2. c__p my hands                       | <i>v.</i> to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise  |
| 3. traditional ma_____a music          | <i>n.</i> a musical instrument in the percussion family, consisting of wooden bars of varying lengths that are struck with mallets, arranged similarly to a piano keyboard, with resonators or tubes placed beneath them to amplify the sound |
| 4. ti_____i player                     | <i>n.</i> a set of kettledrums (= large metal drums) played with soft-headed mallets  |
| 5. hu___e race                         | <i>n.</i> a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome   |
| 6. music au_____on                     | <i>n.</i> a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position   |
| 7. im___r my health                    | <i>v.</i> to damage something or make it weaker or worse  |
| 8. deeply re_____te with the consumers | <i>v.</i> to be filled with a deep echoing sound  |
| 9. ru___e up a meal                    | <i>v.</i> to make a soft, crackling sound, like the sound caused by the movement of dry leaves or paper; to move quietly or furtively to avoid being heard or noticed   |

ANSWERS: 1. motorbike, 2. clap, 3. marimba, 4. timpani, 5. hurdle, 6. audition, 7. impair, 8. resonate, 9. rustle

10. kal\_\_\_\_\_ope pattern *n.* a toy or optical instrument made up of mirrors and pieces of colored glass or plastic, which produce changing patterns and images when rotated; a constantly changing succession of different things or events
11. the engineer of ac\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound
12. specialize in ac\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound
13. percussion ma\_\_\_\_t *n.* a tool used to strike or tap an object, typically with a wooden, rubber, or plastic head; a percussion instrument consisting of a handle and a head, often used in orchestral percussion and marimba
14. exh\_\_\_\_\_te the audience *v.* to make someone feel very happy, animated, or excited; to fill with energy or a sense of euphoria
15. local l\_d *n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way
16. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
17. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 10. kaleidoscope, 11. acoustics, 12. acoustics, 13. mallet, 14. exhilarate, 15. lad, 16. medicinal, 17. determinant

18. co\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
19. exh\_\_\_\_\_te the crowd *v.* to make someone feel very happy, animated, or excited; to fill with energy or a sense of euphoria
20. overcome hu\_\_\_es *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
21. sound amp\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the process of increasing the volume or intensity of something; the expansion or elaboration of a concept or idea
22. 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
23. working-class l\_d *n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way
24. 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
25. electric ke\_\_\_e *n.* a metal container with a lid and handle, used for boiling water or other liquids over a heat source, commonly used for making tea or cooking pasta or soup
26. ti\_\_\_\_\_i drums *n.* a set of kettledrums (= large metal drums) played with soft-headed mallets
27. ru\_\_\_e paper *v.* to make a soft, crackling sound, like the sound caused by the movement of dry leaves or paper; to move quietly or furtively to avoid being heard or noticed

ANSWERS: 18. confer, 19. exhilarate, 20. hurdle, 21. amplification, 22. determinant, 23. lad, 24. clap, 25. kettle, 26. timpani, 27. rustle



28. livid br\_\_\_e *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
29. sc\_\_p condition *n.* the skin that covers the top of a person's head, together with the hair growing on it; also, the part of the body that is most vulnerable to an attack
30. dance au\_\_\_\_on *n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
31. im\_\_\_r insulin sensitivity *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
32. sn\_\_e drum *n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks
33. kal\_\_\_\_\_ope of cultures *n.* a toy or optical instrument made up of mirrors and pieces of colored glass or plastic, which produce changing patterns and images when rotated; a constantly changing succession of different things or events
34. sc\_\_p massage *n.* the skin that covers the top of a person's head, together with the hair growing on it; also, the part of the body that is most vulnerable to an attack
35. fall into a sn\_\_e *n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks

ANSWERS: 28. bruise, 29. scalp, 30. audition, 31. impair, 32. snare, 33. kaleidoscope, 34. scalp, 35. snare

36. l\_g a hose
- v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
37. lucky ma\_\_\_t
- n.* a tool used to strike or tap an object, typically with a wooden, rubber, or plastic head; a percussion instrument consisting of a handle and a head, often used in orchestral percussion and marimba
38. co\_\_\_r honor
- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
39. ma\_\_\_\_\_a band
- n.* a musical instrument in the percussion family, consisting of wooden bars of varying lengths that are struck with mallets, arranged similarly to a piano keyboard, with resonators or tubes placed beneath them to amplify the sound
40. mo\_\_\_\_\_ke ride
- n.* a lightweight, two-wheeled vehicle with an engine designed for use on roads; also known as a motorcycle
41. whistle ke\_\_\_e
- n.* a metal container with a lid and handle, used for boiling water or other liquids over a heat source, commonly used for making tea or cooking pasta or soup
42. l\_g my son into a room
- v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
43. earlier emotional br\_\_\_e
- n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin

ANSWERS: 36. lug, 37. mallet, 38. confer, 39. marimba, 40. motorbike, 41. kettle, 42. lug, 43. bruise

44. me\_\_\_\_\_al chemistry                      *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
45. re\_\_\_\_\_te in the same frequency                      *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
46. amp\_\_\_\_\_ion system                      *n.* the process of increasing the volume or intensity of something; the expansion or elaboration of a concept or idea

ANSWERS: 44. medicinal, 45. resonate, 46. amplification

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of colors in the sunset was breathtaking.
  - n.* a toy or optical instrument made up of mirrors and pieces of colored glass or plastic, which produce changing patterns and images when rotated; a constantly changing succession of different things or events
2. I have an itchy \_\_\_\_\_ and need to switch to a different shampoo.
  - n.* the skin that covers the top of a person's head, together with the hair growing on it; also, the part of the body that is most vulnerable to an attack
3. The physicist specializes in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the stove started to whistle, signaling that the water was boiling.
  - n.* a metal container with a lid and handle, used for boiling water or other liquids over a heat source, commonly used for making tea or cooking pasta or soup
5. She identified the \_\_\_\_\_ thief using the CCTV footage.
  - n.* a lightweight, two-wheeled vehicle with an engine designed for use on roads; also known as a motorcycle
6. She had a \_\_\_\_\_ on her arm from where she fell on the playground.
  - n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
7. The accident made his vision \_\_\_\_\_.
  - v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse

ANSWERS: 1. kaleidoscope, 2. scalp, 3. acoustics, 4. kettle, 5. motorbike, 6. bruise, 7. impaired

8. The leaves \_\_\_\_\_ in the wind, creating a peaceful sound in the forest.
- v. to make a soft, crackling sound, like the sound caused by the movement of dry leaves or paper; to move quietly or furtively to avoid being heard or noticed
9. The sound \_\_\_\_\_ well in this theater.
- v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ roll during the climax of the symphony was so powerful that it made the entire hall vibrate.
- n. a set of kettledrums (= large metal drums) played with soft-headed mallets
11. I love the sound of the \_\_\_\_\_ in this jazz piece.
- n. a musical instrument in the percussion family, consisting of wooden bars of varying lengths that are struck with mallets, arranged similarly to a piano keyboard, with resonators or tubes placed beneath them to amplify the sound
12. The percussionist switched from sticks to \_\_\_\_\_ for a softer sound.
- n. a tool used to strike or tap an object, typically with a wooden, rubber, or plastic head; a percussion instrument consisting of a handle and a head, often used in orchestral percussion and marimba
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
14. The sense of accomplishment from completing a challenging hike can \_\_\_\_\_ those who love the great outdoors
- v. to make someone feel very happy, animated, or excited; to fill with energy or a sense of euphoria

ANSWERS: 8. rustled, 9. resonates, 10. timpani, 11. marimba, 12. mallets, 13. medicinal, 14. exhilarate

15. The thief was caught in a \_\_\_\_\_ set by the police.

- n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks

16. We \_\_\_\_\_ along with the singer's song.

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

17. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

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

18. I have an \_\_\_\_\_ for a role in a play tomorrow.

- n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position

19. The political debate was an \_\_\_\_\_ of the candidates' views on key issues.

- n.* the process of increasing the volume or intensity of something; the expansion or elaboration of a concept or idea

20. The older man gave the young \_\_\_\_ some helpful life advice.

- n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way

21. He had to \_\_\_\_ the heavy suitcase up the stairs.

- v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion

ANSWERS: 15. snare, 16. clapped, 17. determinant, 18. audition, 19. amplification, 20. lad, 21. lug

22. The company faced several \_\_\_\_\_ in the development of its new product.
- n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
23. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.
- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 22. hurdles, 23. confer