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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### mala

*n.* a set of prayer beads used in Hinduism and Buddhism; (adjective, also mala fide) illegal or dishonest

*synonym*: necklace, rosary, garland

(1) **mala** meditation, (2) a **mala** fide abuse

She wore a beautiful **mala** necklace made of jasper and rose quartz.

### windmill

*n.* a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity

*synonym*: wind turbine, aerogenerator

(1) **windmill** blades, (2) **windmill** energy

The countryside was dotted with picturesque **windmills**.

### aft

*adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

### blade

*n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting

*synonym*: knife, sword, cutter

(1) a **blade** of grass, (2) the **blade** of a turbine

The **blade** of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.

## frame

*n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

*synonym*: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

## pulley

*n.* a wheel or set of wheels with a grooved rim around which a cord or rope runs, used to change the direction or point of application of a force, especially to lift heavy objects

*synonym*: block and tackle, hoist, lift

(1) **pulley** system, (2) movable **pulley**

The construction worker used a fixed **pulley** to lift the heavy equipment to the top floor.

## slide

*v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

*synonym*: glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

## 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**.

## generate

*v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

*synonym*: create, yield, produce

(1) **generate** more electricity, (2) **generate** \$100 a month

The economic stimulation program would **generate** a lot of new jobs.

## electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym*: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

## watt

n. a standard unit for measuring electrical power

(1) 30- **watt** light bulb, (2) **watt** per square meter

Several hectares of land are needed to generate more than 1-mega **watt** solar power.

## bulb

n. a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball

(1) wet- **bulb** thermometer, (2) a lily **bulb**

The light **bulb** has burned out.

## par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

*synonym*: equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

## impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

*synonym*: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

## pump

v. to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities

*synonym*: drain, inject, send

(1) **pump** a secret out of success, (2) **pump** blood throughout the body

He was alert and could not **pump** any critical information out of him.

## irrigation

*n.* the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well

(1) an **irrigation** ditch, (2) underground **irrigation** system

Archaeologists found traces of agricultural **irrigation** channels at the historic site.

## crop

*n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

*synonym*: output, produce, product

(1) **crop** field, (2) **crop** herbicide

Sow early for an early **crop**.

## honor

*n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality;  
(verb) to show respect towards someone

*synonym*: integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

## 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. el_____fy a manufacturing process | <i>v.</i> to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something                                                  |
| 2. w__t per square meter             | <i>n.</i> a standard unit for measuring electrical power                                                                                                                                  |
| 3. imp_____ve performances           | <i>adj.</i> arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill                                                                                                                            |
| 4. a m__a fide abuse                 | <i>n.</i> a set of prayer beads used in Hinduism and Buddhism; (adjective, also mala fide) illegal or dishonest                                                                           |
| 5. the fr__e of the policy           | <i>n.</i> a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window                                                               |
| 6. movable pu___y                    | <i>n.</i> a wheel or set of wheels with a grooved rim around which a cord or rope runs, used to change the direction or point of application of a force, especially to lift heavy objects |
| 7. an imp_____ve array of facts      | <i>adj.</i> arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill                                                                                                                            |
| 8. m__a meditation                   | <i>n.</i> a set of prayer beads used in Hinduism and Buddhism; (adjective, also mala fide) illegal or dishonest                                                                           |
| 9. c__p field                        | <i>n.</i> a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food                                                                                                              |

ANSWERS: 1. electrify, 2. watt, 3. impressive, 4. mala, 5. frame, 6. pulley, 7. impressive, 8. mala, 9. crop

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| 10. ge____te more electricity      | v. | to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction                                                                                                                     |
| 11. p__p blood throughout the body | v. | to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities |
| 12. begin to r_t                   | v. | to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually                                                                                                                        |
| 13. a picture fr__e                | n. | a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window                                                                     |
| 14. sl__e a glance                 | v. | to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption                                                                                                                |
| 15. an irr_____on ditch            | n. | the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well                                                                              |
| 16. co___r honor                   | v. | to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something                                                                             |
| 17. 30-w__t light bulb             | n. | a standard unit for measuring electrical power                                                                                                                                        |
| 18. wet-b__b thermometer           | n. | a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball                  |
| 19. sl__e a card across the table  | v. | to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption                                                                                                                |

ANSWERS: 10. generate, 11. pump, 12. rot, 13. frame, 14. slide, 15. irrigation, 16. confer, 17. watt, 18. bulb, 19. slide

20. wi\_\_\_\_\_ll energy *n.* a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity
21. a lily b\_\_b *n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
22. a\_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
23. ge\_\_\_\_\_te \$100 a month *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
24. a bl\_\_e of grass *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
25. wi\_\_\_\_\_ll blades *n.* a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity
26. p\_\_p a secret out of success *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
27. the bl\_\_e of a turbine *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
28. c\_\_p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

ANSWERS: 20. windmill, 21. bulb, 22. aft, 23. generate, 24. blade, 25. windmill, 26. pump, 27. blade, 28. crop

29. pu\_\_\_y system *n.* a wheel or set of wheels with a grooved rim around which a cord or rope runs, used to change the direction or point of application of a force, especially to lift heavy objects
30. above p\_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
31. r\_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
32. not up to p\_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
33. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
34. womanly ho\_\_r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
35. co\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
36. underground irr\_\_\_\_\_on system *n.* the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well
37. a\_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 29. pulley, 30. par, 31. rot, 32. par, 33. electrify, 34. honor, 35. confer, 36. irrigation, 37. aft



38. ho\_\_r our ancestors

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ANSWERS: 38. honor

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The economic stimulation program would \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of new jobs.  
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4. Archaeologists found traces of agricultural \_\_\_\_\_ channels at the historic site.  
*n.* the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well
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6. The product developed through years of research continues to \_\_\_\_\_ the market.  
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7. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window \_\_\_\_\_.  
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ANSWERS: 8. pump, 9. rot, 10. confer, 11. blade, 12. crop, 13. bulb, 14. par, 15. impressive

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