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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### gentle

*adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

*synonym* : mild, delicate, soft

(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

### leadership

*n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization

*synonym* : captaincy, direction, initiative

(1) under his **leadership**, (2) **leadership** by politicians

The country's **leadership** has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.

### movement

*n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

*synonym* : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

### dissect

*v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail

*synonym* : analyze, examine, study

(1) **dissect** the data, (2) **dissect** a personality

The scientist **dissected** the frog to study its internal organs.

## gutsy

*adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

*synonym* : courageous, brave, daring

(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance

It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.

## ridicule

*n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

*synonym* : derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

## crucial

*adj.* extremely vital or necessary

*synonym* : essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

## embrace

*v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;  
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

*synonym* : grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

## plural

*n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person

*synonym* : multiple, numerous, several

(1) **plural** form, (2) **plural** culture

We use **plural** nouns when there is more than one of something

## underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

*synonym*: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

## transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

*synonym*: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

## lone

*adj.* solitary or single

*synonym*: solitary, single, alone

(1) a **lone** flight, (2) a **lone** house in the field

The **lone** traveler walked along the deserted road.

## emulate

v. to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else

*synonym*: impersonate, mimic, imitate

(1) **emulate** a successful business model, (2) **emulate** his watercolors

They intend to **emulate** the footsteps of successful software companies.

## immediately

*adv.* now or without delay

*synonym*: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

## momentum

*n.* the force or power that is gained by a moving object; a strength or impetus gained through a process of development or activity

*synonym* : impetus, drive, thrust

(1) angular **momentum**, (2) **momentum** toward democracy

The team gained **momentum** after scoring their first goal.

## tip

*n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

*synonym* : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

## risky

*adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

*synonym* : dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

## fence

*n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

*synonym* : barrier, wall, hedge

(1) **fence** post, (2) a brushwood **fence**

She planted a hedge to serve as a natural **fence** around her garden.

## in-crowd

*n.* a group of people who are considered popular, influential, or well-connected, particularly within a specific social context or community

*synonym* : elite, popular crowd, inner circle

(1) exclusive **in-crowd**, (2) fashion **in-crowd**

The **in-crowd** at the party knew everyone and had all the connections.

## prefer

*v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

*synonym*: choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat  
The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

## stick

*v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

*synonym*: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

## eventually

*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

*synonym*: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

## recap

*v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.

*synonym*: outline, summarize, abstract

(1) **recap** key points, (2) **recap** briefly

Let me quickly **recap** these results.

## standing

*adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

*synonym*: upright, vertical, (noun) position

(1) **standing** water, (2) his social **standing**

The **standing** concert was packed with fans.

## importance

*n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note

*synonym*: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**  
I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

## nurture

*v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

*synonym*: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

## glorify

*v.* to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position

*synonym*: exalt, celebrate, honor

(1) **glorify** god, (2) **glorify** violence

Religious leaders often **glorify** their messengers to encourage people to follow their teachings.

## creditor

*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

## ineffective

*adj.* not producing any significant or intended effect or result

*synonym*: useless, feeble, fruitless

(1) an **ineffective** speech, (2) pull an **ineffective** player

These treatments were **ineffective** against a virus.

## courage

*n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

*synonym*: bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. re\_\_p briefly  
*v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
2. under his lea\_\_\_\_\_ip  
*n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
3. em\_\_\_\_\_e his watercolors  
*v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
4. high imp\_\_\_\_\_ce  
*n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
5. em\_\_\_\_\_e an opportunity  
*v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
6. fashion in\_\_\_\_\_wd  
*n.* a group of people who are considered popular, influential, or well-connected, particularly within a specific social context or community
7. gl\_\_\_\_\_y god  
*v.* to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position
8. re\_\_p key points  
*v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
9. eve\_\_\_\_\_ly succeed  
*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 1. recap, 2. leadership, 3. emulate, 4. importance, 5. embrace, 6. in-crowd, 7. glorify, 8. recap, 9. eventually

10. di\_\_\_\_t the data                    *v.*    to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
11. a brushwood fe\_\_e                    *n.*    a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
12. nu\_\_\_\_e love                    *v.*    to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
13. give the waiter a t\_p.                    *n.*    the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
14. a l\_\_e flight                    *adj.* solitary or single
15. gl\_\_\_\_y violence                    *v.*    to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position
16. pull an ine\_\_\_\_ve player                    *adj.* not producing any significant or intended effect or result
17. fe\_\_e post                    *n.*    a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
18. tr\_\_\_\_rm heat into power                    *v.*    to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 10. dissect, 11. fence, 12. nurture, 13. tip, 14. lone, 15. glorify, 16. ineffective, 17. fence, 18. transform



19. st\_\_k a key in a lock  
*v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
20. a ri\_\_y enterprise  
*adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
21. fire st\_\_k  
*v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
22. mo\_\_\_\_\_nt of troops  
*n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
23. di\_\_\_\_\_t a personality  
*v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
24. his social st\_\_\_\_\_ng  
*adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
25. tr\_\_\_\_\_rm an education system  
*v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
26. pr\_\_\_r a window seat  
*v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
27. st\_\_\_\_\_ng water  
*adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
28. the t\_p of a paintbrush  
*n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

ANSWERS: 19. stick, 20. risky, 21. stick, 22. movement, 23. dissect, 24. standing, 25. transform, 26. prefer, 27. standing, 28. tip

29. pl\_\_\_l form *n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person
30. change ri\_\_\_y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
31. a cr\_\_\_\_\_l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
32. a warm em\_\_\_\_\_e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
33. und\_\_\_\_\_ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
34. pr\_\_\_r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
35. und\_\_\_\_\_ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
36. the cr\_\_\_\_\_or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
37. bankrupt cr\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
38. pl\_\_\_l culture *n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person
39. lea\_\_\_\_\_ip by politicians *n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
40. write him an answer imm\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* now or without delay
41. mo\_\_\_\_\_um toward democracy *n.* the force or power that is gained by a moving object; a strength or impetus gained through a process of development or activity

ANSWERS: 29. plural, 30. risky, 31. crucial, 32. embrace, 33. underestimate, 34. prefer, 35. underestimate, 36. creditor, 37. creditor, 38. plural, 39. leadership, 40. immediately, 41. momentum

42. a circular mo\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
43. exclusive in\_\_\_\_wd      *n.* a group of people who are considered popular, influential, or well-connected, particularly within a specific social context or community
44. an ine\_\_\_\_ve speech      *adj.* not producing any significant or intended effect or result
45. eve\_\_\_\_ly become obsolete      *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
46. ri\_\_\_\_le at his expense      *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
47. a man of imp\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
48. em\_\_\_\_e a successful business model      *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
49. angular mo\_\_\_\_um      *n.* the force or power that is gained by a moving object; a strength or impetus gained through a process of development or activity
50. inspire co\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

ANSWERS: 42. movement, 43. in-crowd, 44. ineffective, 45. eventually, 46. ridicule, 47. importance, 48. emulate, 49. momentum, 50. courage

51. cr\_\_\_\_l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
52. gu\_\_y performance *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
53. gu\_\_y move *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
54. in a ge\_\_\_e voice *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
55. ge\_\_\_e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
56. public ri\_\_\_\_le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
57. nu\_\_\_\_\_e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
58. imm\_\_\_\_\_ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
59. a l\_\_e house in the field *adj.* solitary or single
60. mental co\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

ANSWERS: 51. crucial, 52. gutsy, 53. gutsy, 54. gentle, 55. gentle, 56. ridicule, 57. nurture, 58. immediately, 59. lone, 60. courage

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I will introduce some \_\_\_\_\_ on learning English in this class.  
*n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
2. The corporation \_\_\_\_\_ dominated the entire tobacco business.  
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5. The \_\_\_\_\_ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.  
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*n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person

ANSWERS: 1. tips, 2. eventually, 3. courage, 4. ineffective, 5. ridicule, 6. stick, 7. plural

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13. The woods \_\_\_\_\_ the house.
- v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
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ANSWERS: 8. glorify, 9. prefer, 10. emulate, 11. lone, 12. nurture, 13. embrace, 14. immediately, 15. fence

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ANSWERS: 16. underestimated, 17. crucial, 18. gutsy, 19. movement, 20. risky, 21. leadership, 22. in-crowd, 23. creditor



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ANSWERS: 24. recap, 25. momentum, 26. dissected, 27. gentle, 28. importance, 29. standing, 30. transformed