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## Session 1: Word List

### secondly

*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

*synonym*: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

### 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.

### 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.

### indulge

*v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat

*synonym* : pamper, gratify, entertain

(1) **indulge** in debauchery, (2) **indulge** children

She **indulged** in a warm bath after a long day at work.

## unstructured

*adj.* not having a clear organization or arrangement

*synonym* : unorganized, unarranged, formless

(1) **unstructured** text, (2) **unstructured** information

The **unstructured** data took a lot of work to analyze and interpret.

## recognizable

*adj.* easy to become aware of or identify

*synonym* : noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark

His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

## juxtapose

*v.* to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity

*synonym* : place side by side, compare, contrast

(1) **juxtapose** images, (2) **juxtapose** two ideas

The artist likes to **juxtapose** different styles and colors in her paintings.

## scatter

*v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions

*synonym* : disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

## reintroduce

*v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

*synonym* : bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

## 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.

## doodle

*v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs

*synonym* : scribble, sketch, draw

(1) **doodle** my way through life, (2) **doodle** in a notebook

When on the phone, he likes to **doodle** little sketches in the margins of his notepad.

## skeptical

*adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful

*synonym* : doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

## orderly

*adj.* clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way

*synonym* : tidy, tidied, neat

(1) **orderly** and fair market, (2) **orderly** manner

The elections were handled in a timely and **orderly** manner.

## tangle

*n.* a confused mass of something twisted together

*synonym* : knot, snarl, entanglement

(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires

The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

## depict

*v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

*synonym* : illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

## sunburn

*n.* a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays

*synonym* : burn, tan, redness

(1) get a **sunburn**, (2) **sunburn** cream

I forgot to put on sunscreen, and now I have a painful **sunburn** on my back.

## untitled

*adj.* not named or titled; not given a title or official designation

*synonym*: nameless, unidentified, anonymous

(1) **untitled** song, (2) **untitled** manuscript

The exhibit featured several **untitled** paintings by the famous artist.

## categorize

*v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

*synonym*: classify, pigeonhole, sort

(1) **categorize** the image, (2) **categorize** the cause of failure

The biologist **categorized** the viruses into four groups.

## jasper

*n.* a dense, opaque variety of quartz that is typically red, brown, or yellow in color and often used as a gemstone or in decorative objects

*synonym*: opal, agate, chalcedony

(1) **jasper** gemstone, (2) **jasper** bracelet

She adorned her necklace with a beautiful **jasper** pendant.

## embark

*v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

*synonym*: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## 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.

## inwardly

*adv.* in one's inner thoughts, feelings, emotions, or mental states; about one's internal or subjective experience

*synonym*: internally, inward, inside

(1) protest **inwardly**, (2) **inwardly** happy

She **inwardly** wished that she had prepared more for the exam.

## handicraft

*n.* a skill or trade that involves making things by hand, often using traditional methods and materials, which include activities such as woodworking, sewing, pottery, and weaving

*synonym*: craft, handmade, artisanry

(1) **handicraft** workshop, (2) traditional **handicrafts**

She spent her free time making **handicrafts** like pottery and crocheting to sell at the local market.

## time-consuming

*adj.* requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete

*synonym*: lengthy, prolonged, protracted

(1) **time-consuming** project, (2) **time-consuming** process

Writing a research paper can be a **time-consuming** task.

## pollack

*n.* (also "pollock") a variety of freshwater fish related to the cod, or a member of a North Atlantic family of marine fish, typically greenish-gray in color

(1) **pollack** fillet, (2) Alaska **pollack**

The restaurant serves a delicious **pollack** stew.

## pointillism

*n.* a technique in art primarily associated with the Neo-Impressionist movement, where small, distinct dots or points of pure color are applied in patterns or groups

to create an overall image or optical blending effect  
when seen from a distance

*synonym* : dotting, stippling, speckling

(1) **pointillism** technique, (2) **pointillism** style

The artist's use of **pointillism** created a unique and striking  
composition.

## afterward

*adv.* after the time mentioned

*synonym* : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem  
**afterward**.

## downstairs

*adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building

*synonym* : below

(1) creep **downstairs**, (2) escort him **downstairs**

Please get the desk **downstairs**.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. Alaska po____k                | <i>n.</i> (also "pollock") a variety of freshwater fish related to the cod, or a member of a North Atlantic family of marine fish, typically greenish-gray in color |
| 2. creep dow_____rs              | <i>adv.</i> on or to a lower or ground floor of a building  |
| 3. 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  |
| 4. antibiotic-resistant g__m     | <i>n.</i> 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     |
| 5. in_____e children             | <i>v.</i> to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat                            |
| 6. em___k on a foolish adventure | <i>v.</i> to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something   |
| 7. un_____ed song                | <i>adj.</i> not named or titled; not given a title or official designation  |
| 8. su_____n cream                | <i>n.</i> a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays  |
| 9. rei_____ce species            | <i>v.</i> to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued  |

ANSWERS: 1. pollack, 2. downstairs, 3. clap, 4. germ, 5. indulge, 6. embark, 7. untitled, 8. sunburn, 9. reintroduce

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| 10. de___t a scene                | <i>v.</i> to illustrate someone or something in a photograph  |
| 11. ja___r gemstone               | <i>n.</i> a dense, opaque variety of quartz that is typically red, brown, or yellow in color and often used as a gemstone or in decorative objects  |
| 12. or_____y manner               | <i>adj.</i> clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way   |
| 13. sc_____r around the internet  | <i>v.</i> to cause to separate and go in different directions   |
| 14. a_t view                      | <i>adj.</i> (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle  |
| 15. poi_____sm style              | <i>n.</i> a technique in art primarily associated with the Neo-Impressionist movement, where small, distinct dots or points of pure color are applied in patterns or groups to create an overall image or optical blending effect when seen from a distance |
| 16. uns_____red information       | <i>adj.</i> not having a clear organization or arrangement  |
| 17. un_____ed manuscript          | <i>adj.</i> not named or titled; not given a title or official designation  |
| 18. rei_____ce capital punishment | <i>v.</i> to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued  |
| 19. do___e my way through life    | <i>v.</i> to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs  |
| 20. in_____e in debauchery        | <i>v.</i> to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat  |

ANSWERS: 10. depict, 11. jasper, 12. orderly, 13. scatter, 14. aft, 15. pointillism, 16. unstructured, 17. untitled, 18. reintroduce, 19. doodle, 20. indulge



21. get a su\_\_\_\_n *n.* a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays
22. a\_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
23. cat\_\_\_\_\_ze the image *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
24. se\_\_\_\_\_ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
25. do\_\_\_\_e in a notebook *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
26. to a rec\_\_\_\_\_ble degree *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
27. or\_\_\_\_\_y and fair market *adj.* clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way
28. escort him dow\_\_\_\_\_rs *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
29. rec\_\_\_\_\_ble landmark *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
30. em\_\_\_\_k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
31. in a ta\_\_\_\_e *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
32. ju\_\_\_\_\_se images *v.* to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity

ANSWERS: 21. sunburn, 22. aft, 23. categorize, 24. secondly, 25. doodle, 26. recognizable, 27. orderly, 28. downstairs, 29. recognizable, 30. embark, 31. tangle, 32. juxtapose

33. traditional han\_\_\_\_\_fts *n.* a skill or trade that involves making things by hand, often using traditional methods and materials, which include activities such as woodworking, sewing, pottery, and weaving
34. 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
35. protest in\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in one's inner thoughts, feelings, emotions, or mental states; about one's internal or subjective experience
36. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
37. ja\_\_\_\_r bracelet *n.* a dense, opaque variety of quartz that is typically red, brown, or yellow in color and often used as a gemstone or in decorative objects
38. tim\_\_\_\_\_ing project *adj.* requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete
39. se\_\_\_\_\_ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
40. 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
41. cat\_\_\_\_\_ze the cause of failure *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

ANSWERS: 33. handicraft, 34. clap, 35. inwardly, 36. opportune, 37. jasper, 38. time-consuming, 39. secondly, 40. germ, 41. categorize

42. tim\_\_\_\_\_ing process *adj.* requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete
43. a few years af\_\_\_\_\_rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
44. in\_\_\_\_\_ly happy *adv.* in one's inner thoughts, feelings, emotions, or mental states; about one's internal or subjective experience
45. ju\_\_\_\_\_se two ideas *v.* to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity
46. power too\_\_\_\_\_sh *n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
47. uns\_\_\_\_\_red text *adj.* not having a clear organization or arrangement
48. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
49. han\_\_\_\_\_ft workshop *n.* a skill or trade that involves making things by hand, often using traditional methods and materials, which include activities such as woodworking, sewing, pottery, and weaving
50. de\_\_\_\_t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
51. a sk\_\_\_\_\_al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
52. ta\_\_\_\_e wires *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together

ANSWERS: 42. time-consuming, 43. afterward, 44. inwardly, 45. juxtapose, 46. toothbrush, 47. unstructured, 48. opportune, 49. handicraft, 50. depict, 51. skeptical, 52. tangle

53. poi\_\_\_\_\_sm technique *n.* a technique in art primarily associated with the Neo-Impressionist movement, where small, distinct dots or points of pure color are applied in patterns or groups to create an overall image or optical blending effect when seen from a distance
54. go there af\_\_\_\_\_rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
55. po\_\_\_\_\_k fillet *n.* (also "pollock") a variety of freshwater fish related to the cod, or a member of a North Atlantic family of marine fish, typically greenish-gray in color
56. too\_\_\_\_\_sh stand *n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
57. sk\_\_\_\_\_al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
58. sc\_\_\_\_\_r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions

ANSWERS: 53. pointillism, 54. afterward, 55. pollack, 56. toothbrush, 57. skeptical, 58. scatter

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
  
2. The biologist \_\_\_\_\_ the viruses into four groups.
  - v. to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
  
3. His son had accurately \_\_\_\_\_ the bloom.
  - v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
  
4. She \_\_\_\_\_ in a warm bath after a long day at work.
  - v. to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat
  
5. The artist's use of \_\_\_\_\_ created a unique and striking composition.
  - n. a technique in art primarily associated with the Neo-Impressionist movement, where small, distinct dots or points of pure color are applied in patterns or groups to create an overall image or optical blending effect when seen from a distance
  
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ data took a lot of work to analyze and interpret.
  - adj. not having a clear organization or arrangement
  
7. She adorned her necklace with a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ pendant.
  - n. a dense, opaque variety of quartz that is typically red, brown, or yellow in color and often used as a gemstone or in decorative objects

ANSWERS: 1. clapped, 2. categorized, 3. depicted, 4. indulged, 5. pointillism, 6. unstructured, 7. jasper

8. The artist likes to \_\_\_\_\_ different styles and colors in her paintings.
- v. to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity
9. We \_\_\_\_\_ on a new project.
- v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
10. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem \_\_\_\_\_.
- adv. after the time mentioned
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14. Please get the desk \_\_\_\_\_.
- adv. on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
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- adj. easy to become aware of or identify

ANSWERS: 8. juxtapose, 9. embarked, 10. afterward, 11. germ, 12. handicrafts, 13. aft, 14. downstairs, 15. recognizable

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*v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
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*n.* a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays
21. The cords behind my computer were a \_\_\_\_\_ mess.  
*n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
22. The elections were handled in a timely and \_\_\_\_\_ manner.  
*adj.* clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way
23. My \_\_\_\_\_ with end-rounded bristles is excellent for gently cleaning my teeth and gums.  
*n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth

ANSWERS: 16. pollack, 17. doodle, 18. opportune, 19. reintroduce, 20. sunburn, 21. tangled, 22. orderly, 23. toothbrush

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*adv.* in one's inner thoughts, feelings, emotions, or mental states; about one's internal or subjective experience

ANSWERS: 24. scattered, 25. time-consuming, 26. untitled, 27. skeptical, 28. secondly, 29. inwardly