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# **Session 1: Word List**

gore

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound

synonym: pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

underestimate

 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.

irreversible

*adj.* impossible to change or return to a previous condition *synonym*: irrevocable, unrecoverable, permanent

(1) avoid **irreversible** damage, (2) an **irreversible** change The development of agricultural technology has had an

irreversible impact on humanity.

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym: fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

#### mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

# compulsive

adj. relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

synonym: compelling, obsessive, uncontrollable

(1) **compulsive** gambling, (2) **compulsive** behavior He had a **compulsive** need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.

# 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.

#### avian

adj. relating to or characteristic of birdssynonym: bird-like, feathered, winged

(1) avian influenza, (2) avian habitat

The expert on **avian** species studied the behavior of different types of birds.

# personalize

 to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something

synonym: customize, individualize, tailor

(1) personalize social media profile, (2) personalize my

# workspace

I like to **personalize** my phone case with a picture of my dog.

#### 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.

# superstar

- n. a very famous and successful performer or athletesynonym: celebrity, icon, megastar
- (1) **superstar** athlete, (2) jazz **superstar** She is a **superstar** in the music industry.

# refrigeration

 the process of cooling or freezing something, especially food, to preserve it

synonym: cooling, freezing, preservation

(1) **refrigeration** car, (2) **refrigeration** technology

The supermarket had a large **refrigeration** section with all kinds of fresh produce.

# skylight

- n. a window or opening in a roof or ceiling that allows natural light to enter a room or space from above
   synonym: roof window, light well
- (1) **skylight** window, (2) dome **skylight**The **skylight** in the room added natural light and a beautiful view of the stars at night.

# refrigerate

v. to cool or preserve food or other items by using a refrigerator or other cold storage device; to keep something at a low temperature to prevent spoilage or degradation

synonym: chill, cool, freeze

(1) **refrigerate** perishable, (2) **refrigerate** medicine We need to **refrigerate** the leftovers to keep them from spoiling.

### 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.

## supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile;
 adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

*synonym*: flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) supple muscles, (2) supple leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

# payoff

the outcome or result of an action or series of actions;
 the return or reward gained from an investment, effort,
 or risk

synonym: reward, compensation, return

(1) financial payoff, (2) emotional payoff
The payoff for all my hard work was finally getting a promotion.

# pretension

 the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

# paramount

adj. more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position

synonym: central, major, crucial

(1) the lord **paramount**, (2) **paramount** to all the others This country became a country of **paramount** geostrategic importance to us.

#### techie

 a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

synonym: geek, technician, computer expert

(1) gadget techies, (2) aspiring techies

Our company hired a **techie** consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.

# legislator

 a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

synonym: lawmaker, lawgiver, administrator

(1) a **legislator** appointed by the party, (2) incumbent **legislator** 

Corporate executives and **legislators** are still overwhelmingly men.

### passe

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

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) passe entertainment, (2) passe trend

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

emit

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

synonym: give off, radiate, expel

(1) emit a gamma ray, (2) emit air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

### paltry

adj. lacking in importance, value, or quality; insignificant; meager or inadequate

*synonym*: insignificant, worthless, meager

(1) paltry sum, (2) paltry excuse

After working long hours for a **paltry** paycheck, the employee began to search for a new job.

#### microbe

 a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease

synonym: germ, microorganism, bacterium

(1) pathogenic **microbe**, (2) **microbes** sterilizer **Microbes** thrive on the surface of the human skin.

#### biofuel

 a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels

synonym: renewable energy, green fuel, alternative fuel

(1) **biofuel** production, (2) **biofuel** technology

The airplane was powered by a **biofuel** made from plant-based materials.

#### excrete

v. to discharge waste matter, such as urine or feces, from the body or a cell or gland

synonym: eliminate, expel, secrete

(1) **excrete** a sticky liquid, (2) **excrete** waste products The body **excretes** excess salt through urine to maintain proper electrolyte balance.

### disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

# geothermal

adj. relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth

synonym: underground, thermal, subterranean

geothermal activity, (2) geothermal drilling
 The town is exploring using geothermal energy to power its

homes and buildings.

billion tons

#### stabilize

to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

synonym: brace, steady, secure

- (1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.
- a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of gigaton TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one
  - (1) gigaton-class bomb, (2) half a gigaton of CO2 The earthquake that hit the Pacific Ocean last night is said to have released about 30 gigatons of energy.

# capita

a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

*synonym*: head, headcount, person

(1) per capita sales, (2) the agricultural yield per capita GDP per capita shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

# profligate

adj. recklessly extravagant, wasteful, or indulgent in the pursuit of pleasure or luxury; shamelessly immoral or dissipated

synonym: wasteful, extravagant, reckless

(1) profligate use of resources, (2) profligate spending Her profligate drinking habits caused her to lose her job and relationships.

doe

a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe** Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

#### moreover

 adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

*synonym*: furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

#### methane

- a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH4 with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
- (1) atmospheric **methane**, (2) reduce **methane** emissions The ignition of **methane** gas in the plant killed five employees.

# trajectory

*n*. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

*synonym*: course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

#### 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.

# **Session 2: Spelling**

career tra\_\_\_\_ry
 su\_\_\_e leather
 financial pa\_\_\_f
 ref\_\_\_\_\_ion car
 reduce me\_\_\_\_e emissions
 gadget te\_\_\_es

- 7. av\_\_n habitat
- 8. per\_\_\_\_ze my workspace

- n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space
- adj. flexible and easy to bend or move;gracefully agile; adaptable orresponsive to change or new ideas
- n. the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk
- the process of cooling or freezing something, especially food, to preserve it
- a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH4 with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
- a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
- adj. relating to or characteristic of birds
- v. to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something

ANSWERS: 1. trajectory, 2. supple, 3. payoff, 4. refrigeration, 5. methane, 6. techie, 7. avian, 8. personalize

9.	but moer, they work well together	adv.	indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
10.	undate the probability	<i>v</i> .	to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
11.	pathogenic mie	n.	a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
12.	moze cooperation	ν.	to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
13.	gin-class bomb	n.	a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one billion tons
14.	mies sterilizer	n.	a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
15.	elfy a manufacturing process	ν.	to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
16.	baseless preon	n.	the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
17.	preon to authority	n.	the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 9. moreover, 10. underestimate, 11. microbe, 12. mobilize, 13. gigaton, 14. microbe, 15. electrify, 16. pretension, 17. pretension

18.	emotional paf	n.	the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk
19.	pae trend	adj.	no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
20.	geoal drilling	adj.	relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth
21.	et air pollution	<i>v</i> .	to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
22.	d_e rabbit	n.	a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
23.	atmospheric mee	n.	a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH4 with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
24.	dit sleep	v.	to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
25.	elfy the audience	ν.	to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
26.	comve behavior	adj.	relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

ANSWERS: 18. payoff, 19. passe, 20. geothermal, 21. emit, 22. doe, 23. methane, 24. disrupt, 25. electrify, 26. compulsive

27.	exe waste products	ν.	to discharge waste matter, such as urine or feces, from the body or a cell or gland
28.	dit a well-ordered condition	<i>v</i> .	to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
29.	per caa sales	n.	a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
30.	bankrupt cror	n.	a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
31.	undate an enemy	<i>v</i> .	to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
32.	an opne remark	adj.	suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
33.	perze social media profile	ν.	to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something
34.	pay sum	adj.	lacking in importance, value, or quality; insignificant; meager or inadequate
35.	suar athlete	n.	a very famous and successful performe or athlete
36.	exe a sticky liquid	<i>v</i> .	to discharge waste matter, such as urine or feces, from the body or a cell or gland

ANSWERS: 27. excrete, 28. disrupt, 29. capita, 30. creditor, 31. underestimate, 32. opportune, 33. personalize, 34. paltry, 35. superstar, 36. excrete

37.	comve gambling	adj.	relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
38.	meal chemistry	adj.	of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
39.	biI technology	n.	a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels
40.	a legor appointed by the party	n.	a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
41.	incumbent legor	n.	a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
42.	geoal activity	adj.	relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth
43.	prote spending	adj.	recklessly extravagant, wasteful, or indulgent in the pursuit of pleasure or luxury; shamelessly immoral or dissipated
44.	refte medicine	ν.	to cool or preserve food or other items by using a refrigerator or other cold storage device; to keep something at a low temperature to prevent spoilage or degradation
45.	moer, she decided to go	adv.	indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

ANSWERS: 37. compulsive, 38. medicinal, 39. biofuel, 40. legislator, 41. legislator, 42. geothermal, 43. profligate, 44. refrigerate, 45. moreover

46.	skht window	n.	a window or opening in a roof or ceiling that allows natural light to enter a room or space from above
47.	sue muscles	adj.	flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
48.	stze prices	<i>v</i> .	to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
49.	pant to all the others	adj.	more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
50.	buck and d_e	n.	a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
51.	a trary missile	n.	the curved path followed by an object moving through space
52.	the cror's claims	n.	a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
53.	traditional meal	adj.	of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
54.	the lord pant	adj.	more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
55.	opne occasion	adj.	suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
56.	avn influenza	adj.	relating to or characteristic of birds
57.	g_e him with a weapon	v.	to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound

ANSWERS: 46. skylight, 47. supple, 48. stabilize, 49. paramount, 50. doe, 51. trajectory, 52. creditor, 53. medicinal, 54. paramount, 55. opportune, 56. avian, 57. gore

58.	avoid irrble damage	adj.	impossible to change or return to a previous condition
59.	g_e scene	v.	to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
60.	the agricultural yield per caa	n.	a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
61.	dome skht	n.	a window or opening in a roof or ceiling that allows natural light to enter a room or space from above
62.	half a gin of CO2	n.	a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one billion tons
63.	prote use of resources	adj.	recklessly extravagant, wasteful, or indulgent in the pursuit of pleasure or luxury; shamelessly immoral or dissipated
64.	aspiring tees	n.	a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
65.	refion technology	n.	the process of cooling or freezing something, especially food, to preserve it
66.	victim of cathic injuries	adj.	extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
67.	refte perishable	v.	to cool or preserve food or other items by using a refrigerator or other cold storage device; to keep something at a low temperature to prevent spoilage or degradation

ANSWERS: 58. irreversible, 59. gore, 60. capita, 61. skylight, 62. gigaton, 63. profligate, 64. techie, 65. refrigeration, 66. catastrophic, 67. refrigerate

68.	moze a stiff joint	<i>v</i> .	to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
69.	stze blood sugar levels	<i>v</i> .	to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
70.	cathic climate change	adj.	extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
71.	pae entertainment	adj.	no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
72.	jazz suar	n.	a very famous and successful performer or athlete
73.	an irrble change	adj.	impossible to change or return to a previous condition
74.	biI production	n.	a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels
75.	et a gamma ray	<i>v</i> .	to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
76.	pay excuse	adj.	lacking in importance, value, or quality; insignificant; meager or inadequate

ANSWERS: 68. mobilize, 69. stabilize, 70. catastrophic, 71. passe, 72. superstar, 73. irreversible, 74. biofuel, 75. emit, 76. paltry

# **Session 3: Fill in the Blanks**

1.	thrive on the surface of the human skin.
n.	a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
2.	We need to the leftovers to keep them from spoiling.
ν.	to cool or preserve food or other items by using a refrigerator or other cold storage device; to keep something at a low temperature to prevent spoilage or degradation
3.	The expert on species studied the behavior of different types of birds.
adj	relating to or characteristic of birds
4.	The hunter the deer with an arrow.
<i>v</i> .	to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
5.	During the unloading, the container box a clicking sound.
ν.	to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
6.	The airplane was powered by a made from plant-based materials.
n.	a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels
7.	The for all my hard work was finally getting a promotion.
n.	the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk
	SWERS: 1. Microbes, 2. refrigerate, 3. avian, 4. gored, 5. emits, 6. biofuel, 7.

8.	The ballerina's movements left the audience mesmerized.
adj.	flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
	The company is environmentally conscious, and it uses sustainable materials in its products.
adv	indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
10.	GDP per shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.
n.	a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
11.	Her drinking habits caused her to lose her job and relationships.
adj.	recklessly extravagant, wasteful, or indulgent in the pursuit of pleasure or luxury; shamelessly immoral or dissipated
	The earthquake that hit the Pacific Ocean last night is said to have released about 30 of energy.
n.	a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one billion tons
13.	The military troops to the border.
v.	to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
14.	I asked the lawyer to initiate negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n.	a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
15.	The company has shown an excellent growth over the years.
n.	the curved path followed by an object moving through space
	SWERS: 8. supple, 9. moreover, 10. capita, 11. profligate, 12. gigatons, 13. bilized, 14. creditor, 15. trajectory

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adj. e	extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
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	/ERS: 16. catastrophic, 17. disrupt, 18. opportune, 19. stabilizes, 20. sions, 21. paltry, 22. legislators, 23. excretes

ANSWERS: 24. methane, 25. passe, 26. electrify, 27. paramount, 28. superstar, 29. techie, 30. doe

ANSWERS: 31. skylight, 32. underestimated, 33. personalize, 34. irreversible, 35. compulsive, 36. medicinal, 37. geothermal

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38.	The supermarket had a large section with all kinds of fresh produce.
n.	the process of cooling or freezing something, especially food, to preserve it
AN	SWERS: 38. refrigeration