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## Session 1: Word List

## philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy** Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

#### unveil

v. to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time

synonym: reveal, uncover, expose

(1) **unveil** a monument, (2) **unveil** a comprehensive plan The company plans to **unveil** its new product at the trade show next week.

#### trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical trait, (2) personality traits

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

#### mutable

adj. liable or subject to change; changeable; capable of being changed or altered

*synonym*: variable, changeable, unstable

(1) **mutable** opinions, (2) **mutable** weather conditions

The **mutable** nature of technology means that it's constantly

## evolving and changing.

#### excite

- v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate
- (1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion The news of her promotion **excited** her.

#### sweetheart

- an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
- synonym: darling, beloved, love
- (1) **sweetheart** deal, (2) **sweetheart** romance I can always rely on my **sweetheart** to lift my mood when feeling down.

#### caramel

- n. a sweet, dark brown, sticky substance made by heating sugar or syrup until it melts and then cooling it quicklysynonym: toffee, dulce de leche, butterscotch
- (1) **caramel** candy, (2) **caramel** topping
  The **caramel** sauce on the ice cream was the perfect finishing touch.

#### 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.

## **luminary**

 a person who is an exceptional and influential figure in a particular field or industry; a source of light, such as a celestial body or an artificial light

synonym: celebrity, star, icon

(1) scientific **luminary**, (2) business **luminary**The **luminary** novelist's latest book has received rave reviews from critics and readers alike.

#### industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effortsynonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) industrious worker, (2) industrious student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

adorable

adj. inspiring love, affection, or fondness; charming or delightful; cute, lovable

synonym: cute, lovely, charming

(1) adorable baby, (2) adorable puppy

My friend's daughter is **adorable**, with curly hair and big brown eyes.

**Jewish** 

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym: Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

#### multicultural

adj. relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)

synonym: diverse, varied, inclusive

(1) **multicultural** society, (2) **multicultural** education The school is known for its **multicultural** student body.

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

synonym: insult, hurt, anger

(1) offend his sensibilities, (2) offend a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) horrify audience, (2) horrify victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

banker

a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank

synonym:

dealer, broker, financier

(1) central bankers, (2) investment bankerBankers are only willing to lend with good security.

#### salute

v. to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way

synonym: greet, acknowledge, acclaim

(1) **salute** to the flag, (2) **salute** him in military fashion The soldiers stood at attention to **salute** their commanding officer.

## congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

*synonym*: praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation** 

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

## 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.

#### 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.

## acronym

 a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency

## Syndrome)

synonym: abbreviation, initialism, shortcut

(1) **acronym** definition, (2) use an **acronym** RADAR is an **acronym** for radio detection and ranging.

#### cofounder

- one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
- (1) cofounder of the university, (2) late cofounderHe is the cofounder and chairman of this tech company.

#### benevolent

- adj. well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
- synonym: kindly, compassionate, philanthropic
- (1) **benevolent** gesture, (2) a **benevolent** individual The **benevolent** donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.

#### moth

- an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
- (1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

## plethora

*n.* an overabundance or excess of something; a state of having too much of something

synonym: abundance, excess, surplus

(1) **plethora** of information, (2) **plethora** of opportunities The restaurant's menu offered a **plethora** of options for vegetarians.

chic

 a fashionable, stylish, and sophisticated elegance or gracefulness, particularly in dress or behavior; (adjective) sophisticated, elegant, and fashionable

synonym: style, fashion, trend

(1) chic boutique, (2) casual chic

She's always dressed in the latest **chic**, making her the envy of her friends.

#### ennui

 a feeling of boredom, weariness, or dissatisfaction arising from a lack of interest or stimulation; a sense of listlessness or apathy

synonym: boredom, tedium, listlessness

(1) boring **ennui**, (2) **ennui** during the long drive I feel a sense of **ennui** because of the monotony of my daily routine.

#### **futile**

adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointlesssynonym: useless, worthless, ineffective

(1) futile talk, (2) make a futile protest

It was **futile** to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

#### germ

 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.

#### unbearable

 adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

synonym: intolerable, insufferable, unendurable

(1) unbearable heat, (2) unbearable pain

The loss of his wife was an **unbearable** sorrow that he found hard to overcome.

#### precede

v. to happen or go before something or someone in time or space

synonym: lead, forego, antecede

(1) men often **precede** women when walking, (2) **precede** any discussion

Agricultural development generally **precedes** economic growth.

## mingle

v. to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner

synonym: mix, blend, merge

(1) **mingle** with colleagues, (2) **mingle** with the locals I decided to **mingle** with the crowd and converse with some new people.

#### tiresome

adj. causing weariness, boredom, or annoyance; dull, monotonous, or tedious

*synonym*: dreary, boring, tedious

(1) tiresome task, (2) a tiresome person

The **tiresome** argument between the two politicians seems to have no end.

#### accuse

 to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

#### confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## indulge

 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.

#### memorize

to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

#### **Arabic**

- the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
- (1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

## rhyme

 a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting

synonym: verse, poetry, meter

(1) rhyme poem, (2) write in rhyme

The poem had a consistent **rhyme** scheme throughout.

#### reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

# **Session 2: Spelling**

1. co\_\_\_r honor

2. Ar\_\_\_c cuisine

3. un\_\_\_l a comprehensive plan

4. mul\_\_\_\_ral education

5. op\_\_\_\_ne occasion

6. the cr\_\_\_or's claims

7. mi\_\_\_e with colleagues

8. central ba rs

9. ex e the crowd

10. ind us student

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

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

v. to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time

adj. relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)

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

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

v. to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner

a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 1. confer, 2. Arabic, 3. unveil, 4. multicultural, 5. opportune, 6. creditor, 7. mingle, 8. banker, 9. excite, 10. industrious

11.	coer of the university	n.	one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
12.	ine 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
13.	coe fantasy with reality	<i>v</i> .	to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
14.	a time person	adj.	causing weariness, boredom, or annoyance; dull, monotonous, or tedious
15.	ofd a customer	<i>v</i> .	to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
16.	cor degree	ν.	to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
17.	an opne remark	adj.	suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
18.	time task	adj.	causing weariness, boredom, or annoyance; dull, monotonous, or tedious
19.	ace his rudeness	<i>v</i> .	to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
20.	scientific lury	n.	a person who is an exceptional and influential figure in a particular field or industry; a source of light, such as a celestial body or an artificial light
21.	mulral society	adj.	relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs traditions, etc.)

ANSWERS: 11. cofounder, 12. indulge, 13. confuse, 14. tiresome, 15. offend, 16. confer, 17. opportune, 18. tiresome, 19. accuse, 20. luminary, 21. multicultural

22.	bankrupt cror	n.	a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
23.	casual cc	n.	a fashionable, stylish, and sophisticated elegance or gracefulness, particularly in dress or behavior; (adjective) sophisticated, elegant, and fashionable
24.	phiopy organization	n.	the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
25.	swert romance	n.	an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
26.	hoy audience	<i>v</i> .	to shock or disgust greatly
27.	unI a monument	ν.	to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
28.	rhe poem	n.	a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
29.	swert deal	n.	an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
30.	coe the listener	v.	to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
31.	m_h larva	n.	an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
32.	caI candy	n.	a sweet, dark brown, sticky substance made by heating sugar or syrup until it melts and then cooling it quickly

ANSWERS: 22. creditor, 23. chic, 24. philanthropy, 25. sweetheart, 26. horrify, 27. unveil, 28. rhyme, 29. sweetheart, 30. confuse, 31. moth, 32. caramel

33. lat	te coer	n.	one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
34. pl <sub>.</sub>	ra of opportunities	n.	an overabundance or excess of something; a state of having too much of something
35. in <sub>.</sub>	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
36. a	matter for conion	n.	the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
37. ac	cm definition	n.	a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
38. ma	ake a fue protest	adj.	incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
39. sa	ae him in military fashion	<i>v</i> .	to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way
40. mi	ie with the locals	<i>v</i> .	to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner
41. ac	dle puppy	adj.	inspiring love, affection, or fondness; charming or delightful; cute, lovable

ANSWERS: 33. cofounder, 34. plethora, 35. indulge, 36. congratulation, 37. acronym, 38. futile, 39. salute, 40. mingle, 41. adorable

42.	indus worker	adj.	hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
43.	caI topping	n.	a sweet, dark brown, sticky substance made by heating sugar or syrup until it melts and then cooling it quickly
44.	business lury	n.	a person who is an exceptional and influential figure in a particular field or industry; a source of light, such as a celestial body or an artificial light
45.	try hard to meze the lines	<i>v</i> .	to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
46.	sae to the flag	<i>v</i> .	to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way
47.	rent local dishes	<i>v</i> .	to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
48.	write in rhe	n.	a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
49.	mue weather conditions	adj.	liable or subject to change; changeable; capable of being changed or altered
50.	unble pain	adj.	not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
51.	exe rebellion	<i>v</i> .	to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 42. industrious, 43. caramel, 44. luminary, 45. memorize, 46. salute, 47. reinvent, 48. rhyme, 49. mutable, 50. unbearable, 51. excite

52.	pre any discussion	<i>v</i> .	to happen or go before something or someone in time or space
53.	conion on a promotion	n.	the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
54.	men often pre women when walking	ν.	to happen or go before something or someone in time or space
55.	plra of information	n.	an overabundance or excess of something; a state of having too much of something
56.	boring eni	n.	a feeling of boredom, weariness, or dissatisfaction arising from a lack of interest or stimulation; a sense of listlessness or apathy
57.	personality trts	n.	a particular feature of your nature
58.	use an acm	n.	a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
59.	a gm-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
60.	adle baby	adj.	inspiring love, affection, or fondness; charming or delightful; cute, lovable
61.	Arc language	n.	the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

ANSWERS: 52. precede, 53. congratulation, 54. precede, 55. plethora, 56. ennui, 57. trait, 58. acronym, 59. germ, 60. adorable, 61. Arabic

a particular feature of your nature 62. chemical tr t n. 63. ac e each other to charge or criticize someone with a ν. crime or wrongdoing 64. me\_\_\_ze musical scores to learn something carefully so that you ν. will remember it exactly 65. private phi\_\_\_\_opy the practice of voluntarily helping the n. poor, especially by giving money 66. re\_\_\_\_nt our life to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new 67. Je\_\_\_h culture adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism 68. ho\_\_\_\_y victims to shock or disgust greatly ν. 69. ben nt gesture adj. well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose an insect with wings similar to a 70. m h attracted to the light n. butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light 71. of d his sensibilities to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed 72. fu\_\_\_e talk adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless 73. a ben\_\_\_\_nt individual adj. well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose 74. Je\_\_h history adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism a very tiny living that causes the 75. antibiotic-resistant g m n.

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ANSWERS: 76. chic, 77. ennui, 78. mutable, 79. unbearable, 80. banker

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

1. The phone rang at the most time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. I'm studying calligraphy as part of my art class.
n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
3. The is a serious threat to the farm's output.
n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted t light
4. 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
5. The argument between the two politicians seems to have no end.
adj. causing weariness, boredom, or annoyance; dull, monotonous, or tedious
6. I feel a sense of because of the monotony of my daily routine.
<ul> <li>a feeling of boredom, weariness, or dissatisfaction arising from a lack of interest or stimulation; a sense of listlessness or apathy</li> </ul>
7. The novelist's latest book has received rave reviews from critics and readers alike.
<ul> <li>a person who is an exceptional and influential figure in a particular field or industry; a source of light, such as a celestial body or an artificial light</li> </ul>
ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. Arabic, 3. moth, 4. confer, 5. tiresome, 6. ennui, 7. luminary

8.	The company plans to its new product at the trade show next week.
<i>v</i> .	to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
9.	He is the and chairman of this tech company.
n.	one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
10.	The nature of technology means that it's constantly evolving and changing.
adj	liable or subject to change; changeable; capable of being changed or altered
11.	The soldiers stood at attention to their commanding officer.
v.	to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way
12.	The witness the defendant of committing the robbery.
ν.	to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
13.	I decided to with the crowd and converse with some new people.
v.	to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner
14.	I asked the lawyer to initiate negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n.	a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
15.	Her remarks the debate.
ν.	to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
16.	I can always rely on my to lift my mood when feeling down.
n.	an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
	SWERS: 8. unveil, 9. cofounder, 10. mutable, 11. salute, 12. accused, 13. mingle creditor, 15. confused, 16. sweetheart

17.	She's always dressed in the latest making her the envy of her friends.
n.	a fashionable, stylish, and sophisticated elegance or gracefulness, particularly in dress or behavior; (adjective) sophisticated, elegant, and fashionable
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adj.	inspiring love, affection, or fondness; charming or delightful; cute, lovable
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23.	The sauce on the ice cream was the perfect finishing touch.
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	SWERS: 17. chic, 18. plethora, 19. adorable, 20. benevolent, 21. precedes, 22. m, 23. caramel, 24. philanthropy

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