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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### peril

*n.* serious and great danger or risk

*synonym*: hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**

Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

### deface

*v.* to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it

*synonym*: disfigure, blemish, wreck

(1) **deface** private property, (2) **deface** the wall with graffiti

The teacher warned the boys not to **deface** public property.

### curator

*n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

*synonym*: conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

### conservator

*n.* a person or organization whose job is to preserve works of art, buildings, and other things of cultural interest

*synonym*: curator, custodian, restorer

(1) art **conservator**, (2) **conservator** of the peace

We usually regard justices as peace **conservators**.

## drastic

*adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

*synonym*: extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

## heavy-handed

*adj.* clumsy, insensitive, or overly forceful

*synonym*: coercive, cruel, oppressive

(1) **heavy-handed** interference, (2) in a **heavy-handed** manner

The people got angry with the government's **heavy-handed** economic policies.

## contend

*v.* to struggle to win or surmount something

*synonym*: compete, oppose, argue

(1) **contend** that tobacco is nonaddictive, (2) **contend** for a championship

Tobacco companies have long **contended** that their product is not addictive.

## varnish

*n.* a liquid that is painted onto wood, metal, etc. and that forms a hard, clear, shiny surface when dry

(1) **varnish** oil, (2) fast-acting **varnish**

This **varnish** provides a long-lasting and durable gloss finish.

## dissolve

*v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

*synonym*: disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

## uncover

*v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

*synonym*: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

### overpaint

*v.* apply or cover with a layer of paint

(1) **overpaint** on the picture, (2) color can be **overpainted**  
X-ray inspection revealed that the artist **overpainted** his pieces several times.

### dab

*v.* to touch or apply something lightly, usually several times  
*synonym*: apply, pat, daub

(1) **dab** my cheek with powder, (2) **dab** paint on the wall  
She **dabbed** her face with a puff.

### dainty

*adj.* delicately small and charming

*synonym*: delicate, refined, exquisite

(1) a **dainty** dish, (2) **dainty** necklace

A dining table covered with a **dainty** breakfast.

### dynasty

*n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

(1) **dynasty** of China, (2) during the Ming **dynasty**

During the Habsburg **dynasty**, colonization began.

### makeover

*n.* the process or act of a complete transformation, especially relevant to the appearance of someone or something

*synonym*: renovation, refashioning, remodeling

(1) corporate **makeover**, (2) massive **makeover**

The company's drastic **makeover** is well known outside the industry.

### allegory

*n.* a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals

*synonym*: fable, apologue, parable

(1) political **allegory**, (2) subtle, multivalent **allegory**

By using this **allegory**, we can teach moral lessons.

## Venus

*n.* the planet second in order from the sun

(1) **Venus** orbiter, (2) surface of **Venus**

They launched a rocket toward **Venus**.

## deem

*v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way

*synonym*: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

## risque

*adj.* of story, comment, joke, etc. slightly offensive or surprising, especially since it is about sex

*synonym*: lewd, obscene, racy

(1) **risque** lyrics, (2) make a **risque** comment

The host of that show is famous for telling **risque** jokes.

## veil

*n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

*synonym*: cover, mask, (verb) conceal

(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face

He lifted her **veil** with both hands.

## crotch

*n.* the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals

*synonym*: groin, loin, genitals

(1) **crotch** portion, (2) **crotch** of trousers

She kicked him hard in the **crotch**.

## boast

*v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction

*synonym*: show off, brag, bluster

(1) **boast** of his success, (2) **boast** a long history

This town **boasts** a national park.

## provocative

*adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately

*synonym* : instigating, provoking, inciting

(1) **provocative** questions, (2) a **provocative** smile

His **provocative** style frequently sparked controversies.

## amputation

*n.* the act of cutting off a part of the body surgically

(1) **amputation** of leg, (2) hand **amputation**

**Amputation** of the limb is a last resort for the patient.

## stab

*v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

*synonym* : poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

## recreate

*v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

*synonym* : renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

## irrevocably

*adv.* in a way that is impossible to be changed, reversed, or recovered

*synonym* : decisively, permanently, definitely

(1) unconditionally and **irrevocably**, (2) change **irrevocably**

The evolution of civilization has **irrevocably** improved the quality of human life.

## painstaking

*adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort

*synonym* : detailed, meticulous, conscientious

(1) **painstaking** research, (2) a **painstaking** student  
The training of a hawk was a **painstaking** process.

## immortalize

v. to prevent someone or something from being forgotten permanently

*synonym*: eternalize, perpetuate, memorialize

(1) **immortalize** a person in verse, (2) **immortalize** his name

This melody **immortalized** its composer.

## priceless

*adj.* extremely valuable or important

*synonym*: invaluable, incalculable, precious

(1) **priceless** work of art, (2) **priceless** opportunity

Investigators discovered **priceless** documents throughout the house.

## artifact

*n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

*synonym*: antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

## counteract

v. to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it

*synonym*: balance, offset, compensate

(1) **counteract** the effect of poison, (2) **counteract** global warming

Our body's immune system produces antibodies to **counteract** disease.

## creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

*synonym*: crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse

Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.

## propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

*synonym*: drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. cr\_\_\_h portion *n.* the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals
2. color can be ov\_\_\_\_\_nted *v.* apply or cover with a layer of paint
3. dy\_\_\_\_\_y of China *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
4. pr\_\_\_\_\_ss work of art *adj.* extremely valuable or important
5. subtle, multivalent al\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals
6. re\_\_\_\_\_te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
7. v\_\_l of mystery *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
8. imm\_\_\_\_\_ze a person in verse *v.* to prevent someone or something from being forgotten permanently
9. cou\_\_\_\_\_ct the effect of poison *v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
10. s\_\_b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
11. d\_\_m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way

ANSWERS: 1. crotch, 2. overpaint, 3. dynasty, 4. priceless, 5. allegory, 6. recreate, 7. veil, 8. immortalize, 9. counteract, 10. stab, 11. deem



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| 12. Ve__s orbiter                        | <i>n.</i> the planet second in order from the sun  |
| 13. fast-acting va____h                  | <i>n.</i> a liquid that is painted onto wood, metal, etc. and that forms a hard, clear, shiny surface when dry                         |
| 14. massive ma____er                     | <i>n.</i> the process or act of a complete transformation, especially relevant to the appearance of someone or something               |
| 15. co____d that tobacco is nonaddictive | <i>v.</i> to struggle to win or surmount something   |
| 16. cou____ct global warming             | <i>v.</i> to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it   |
| 17. in a hea____ded manner               | <i>adj.</i> clumsy, insensitive, or overly forceful  |
| 18. political al____ry                   | <i>n.</i> a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals |
| 19. hea____ded interference              | <i>adj.</i> clumsy, insensitive, or overly forceful  |
| 20. art con____or                        | <i>n.</i> a person or organization whose job is to preserve works of art, buildings, and other things of cultural interest             |
| 21. pr____l growth                       | <i>v.</i> to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force                             |
| 22. change irr____ly                     | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is impossible to be changed, reversed, or recovered  |
| 23. paleolithic ar____cts                | <i>n.</i> a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest  |

ANSWERS: 12. Venus, 13. varnish, 14. makeover, 15. contend, 16. counteract, 17. heavy-handed, 18. allegory, 19. heavy-handed, 20. conservator, 21. propel, 22. irrevocably, 23. artifact

24. during the Ming dy\_\_\_\_y *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
25. re\_\_\_\_te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
26. dr\_\_\_\_c measures *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
27. ri\_\_\_\_e lyrics *adj.* of story, comment, joke, etc. slightly offensive or surprising, especially since it is about sex
28. make a ri\_\_\_\_e comment *adj.* of story, comment, joke, etc. slightly offensive or surprising, especially since it is about sex
29. pr\_\_\_\_l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
30. di\_\_\_\_ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
31. corporate ma\_\_\_\_er *n.* the process or act of a complete transformation, especially relevant to the appearance of someone or something
32. environmental pe\_\_l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
33. pai\_\_\_\_ng research *adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
34. con\_\_\_\_or of the peace *n.* a person or organization whose job is to preserve works of art, buildings, and other things of cultural interest

ANSWERS: 24. dynasty, 25. recreate, 26. drastic, 27. risque, 28. risque, 29. propel, 30. dissolve, 31. makeover, 32. peril, 33. painstaking, 34. conservator

35. un\_\_\_\_\_r the truth      *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
36. co\_\_\_\_\_d for a championship      *v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
37. a pai\_\_\_\_\_ng student      *adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
38. pr\_\_\_\_\_ss opportunity      *adj.* extremely valuable or important
39. surface of Ve\_\_s      *n.* the planet second in order from the sun
40. cr\_\_\_h of trousers      *n.* the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals
41. de\_\_\_e private property      *v.* to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it
42. a pro\_\_\_\_\_ve smile      *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
43. hand amp\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act of cutting off a part of the body surgically
44. officially di\_\_\_\_\_ved the marriage      *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
45. the pe\_\_l of the sea      *n.* serious and great danger or risk
46. a da\_\_\_y dish      *adj.* delicately small and charming
47. make dr\_\_\_\_\_c revision      *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
48. ov\_\_\_\_\_nt on the picture      *v.* apply or cover with a layer of paint

ANSWERS: 35. uncover, 36. contend, 37. painstaking, 38. priceless, 39. Venus, 40. crotch, 41. deface, 42. provocative, 43. amputation, 44. dissolve, 45. peril, 46. dainty, 47. drastic, 48. overpaint

49. d\_\_m wrong or inappropriate      *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
50. pro\_\_\_\_\_ve questions      *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
51. va\_\_\_\_\_h oil      *n.* a liquid that is painted onto wood, metal, etc. and that forms a hard, clear, shiny surface when dry
52. da\_\_\_y necklace      *adj.* delicately small and charming
53. bo\_\_t of his success      *v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
54. Peruvian ar\_\_\_\_\_cts      *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
55. v\_\_l her face      *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
56. cu\_\_\_\_\_r of a library      *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
57. cr\_\_p toward the mouse      *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
58. unconditionally and irr\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* in a way that is impossible to be changed, reversed, or recovered
59. un\_\_\_\_\_r a potential problem      *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
60. amp\_\_\_\_\_on of leg      *n.* the act of cutting off a part of the body surgically

ANSWERS: 49. deem, 50. provocative, 51. varnish, 52. dainty, 53. boast, 54. artifact, 55. veil, 56. curator, 57. creep, 58. irrevocably, 59. uncover, 60. amputation

61. d\_b my cheek with powder      v. to touch or apply something lightly, usually several times
62. s\_\_b at the enemy with a knife      v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
63. imm\_\_\_\_\_ze his name      v. to prevent someone or something from being forgotten permanently
64. bo\_\_t a long history      v. to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
65. d\_b paint on the wall      v. to touch or apply something lightly, usually several times
66. interim cu\_\_\_\_\_r      n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
67. de\_\_\_e the wall with graffiti      v. to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it
68. cr\_\_p along the leaf      v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

ANSWERS: 61. dab, 62. stab, 63. immortalize, 64. boast, 65. dab, 66. curator, 67. deface, 68. creep

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* serious and great danger or risk
2. Investigators discovered \_\_\_\_\_ documents throughout the house.  
*adj.* extremely valuable or important
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ her face with a puff.  
*v.* to touch or apply something lightly, usually several times
4. \_\_\_\_\_ of the limb is a last resort for the patient.  
*n.* the act of cutting off a part of the body surgically
5. He lifted her \_\_\_\_\_ with both hands.  
*n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
6. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were \_\_\_\_\_ unsafe.  
*v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
7. Aging \_\_\_\_\_ up slowly with time.  
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*n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
9. By using this \_\_\_\_\_ we can teach moral lessons.  
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ANSWERS: 1. peril, 2. priceless, 3. dabbed, 4. Amputation, 5. veil, 6. deemed, 7. creeps, 8. curator, 9. allegory,

10. The evolution of civilization has \_\_\_\_\_ improved the quality of human life.  
*adv.* in a way that is impossible to be changed, reversed, or recovered
11. They launched a rocket toward \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the planet second in order from the sun
12. Tobacco companies have long \_\_\_\_\_ that their product is not addictive.  
*v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
13. His \_\_\_\_\_ style frequently sparked controversies.  
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14. Our body's immune system produces antibodies to \_\_\_\_\_ disease.  
*v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
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*v.* apply or cover with a layer of paint
16. The host of that show is famous for telling \_\_\_\_\_ jokes.  
*adj.* of story, comment, joke, etc. slightly offensive or surprising, especially since it is about sex
17. An increase in employment helps \_\_\_\_\_ economic growth.  
*v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
18. The museum has a vast collection of Greek \_\_\_\_\_.  
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ANSWERS: 10. irrevocably, 11. Venus, 12. contended, 13. provocative, 14. counteract, 15. overpainted, 16. risqué, 17. propel, 18. artifacts

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ANSWERS: 19. dissolved, 20. dainty, 21. recreated, 22. crotch, 23. deface, 24. painstaking, 25. conservators, 26. immortalized, 27. varnish



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ANSWERS: 28. dynasty, 29. boasts, 30. drastic, 31. stabbed, 32. makeover, 33. heavy-handed, 34. uncovered