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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- acidification** *n.* the act or process of becoming acid or making something become acid  
(1) **acidification** of soil, (2) stream **acidification**  
Ocean **acidification** leads to a decrease in tiny sea snails.
- seaweed** *n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae  
*synonym*: kelp, algae  
(1) floating **seaweed**, (2) **seaweed** broth  
She soaked **seaweed** in water until tender.
- repaint** *v.* to apply a new or fresh coat of paint  
(1) **repaint** the wall, (2) **repaint** a house  
She tried to **repaint** an incorrectly painted object.
- drainpipe** *n.* a pipe that carries rainwater, dirty water, or sewage away from buildings  
*synonym*: sewer, gutter  
(1) cleaning of **drainpipe**, (2) **drainpipe** jeans  
The exterior **drainpipe** is choked up with rubbish.
- psychopathic** *adj.* relating to or suffering from a serious, and often undiagnosed, mental disorder with extreme or violent social behavior

*synonym* : psychotic, crazy, insane

(1) high levels of **psychopathic** traits, (2) **psychopathic** issues

He is going to play a **psychopathic** killer in this movie.

## **weave**

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

*synonym* : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

## **plectrum**

n. a small and thin piece of plastic, metal, etc., used to pluck a stringed instrument such as a guitar or harp

*synonym* : pick

(1) a **plectrum** for lyre playing, (2) use a **plectrum**

She struck the strings with a **plectrum** carefully.

## **pluck**

v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

*synonym* : grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

## **lyre**

n. an ancient musical instrument with strings fastened in a frame used by ancient Greeks for accompaniment

*synonym* : harp

(1) twang the **lyre**, (2) **lyre** snakes

The recitations of the ancient Greeks were accompanied by **lyre** playing.

## **rummage**

v. to search for something thoroughly by moving things around unsystematically and carelessly

*synonym* : search, ransack, dig up

(1) **rummage** about in the room, (2) **rummage** through his mind

The police **rummaged** through his belongings, looking for illegal drugs.

## shelve

v. to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently

*synonym*: defer, postpone, freeze

(1) **shelve** a book, (2) **shelve** a bill

Considering the recent increase in interest rates, we must **shelve** our plans to buy a new house.

## enfeeble

v. to make someone or something very weak

*synonym*: attenuate, weaken, sap

(1) **enfeeble** the public administration, (2) **enfeeble** the power of control

The recurrence of that disease **enfeebled** her.

## infantilize

v. to treat someone as if that person were a child or in a way that denies their maturity in age or experience

(1) **infantilize** their daughter, (2) **infantilize** the public

The teen-pop industry tends to **infantilize** its stars.

## unbroken

*adj.* continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded

*synonym*: intact, unchanged, continuing

(1) an **unbroken** horse, (2) **unbroken** chain

He enjoyed the **unbroken** quiet of the afternoon at the villa.

## pinpoint

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

*synonym*: name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation

This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. stream aci_____ion                  | <i>n.</i> the act or process of becoming acid or making something become acid   |
| 2. inf_____ze their daughter           | <i>v.</i> to treat someone as if that person were a child or in a way that denies their maturity in age or experience                                 |
| 3. inf_____ze the public               | <i>v.</i> to treat someone as if that person were a child or in a way that denies their maturity in age or experience                                 |
| 4. pl__k out weeds                     | <i>v.</i> to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers   |
| 5. use a pl_____um                     | <i>n.</i> a small and thin piece of plastic, metal, etc., used to pluck a stringed instrument such as a guitar or harp                                |
| 6. psy_____hic issues                  | <i>adj.</i> relating to or suffering from a serious, and often undiagnosed, mental disorder with extreme or violent social behavior                   |
| 7. cleaning of dr_____pe               | <i>n.</i> a pipe that carries rainwater, dirty water, or sewage away from buildings   |
| 8. sh___e a bill                       | <i>v.</i> to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently |
| 9. en_____le the public administration | <i>v.</i> to make someone or something very weak  |
| 10. floating se_____d                  | <i>n.</i> a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae   |

ANSWERS: 1. acidification, 2. infantilize, 3. infantilize, 4. pluck, 5. plectrum, 6. psychopathic, 7. drainpipe, 8. shelve, 9. enfeeble, 10. seaweed

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| 11. aci_____ion of soil               | <i>n.</i> the act or process of becoming acid or making something become acid   |
| 12. un_____en chain                   | <i>adj.</i> continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded  |
| 13. high levels of psy_____hic traits | <i>adj.</i> relating to or suffering from a serious, and often undiagnosed, mental disorder with extreme or violent social behavior                   |
| 14. re_____t a house                  | <i>v.</i> to apply a new or fresh coat of paint   |
| 15. sh_____e a book                   | <i>v.</i> to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently |
| 16. l____e snakes                     | <i>n.</i> an ancient musical instrument with strings fastened in a frame used by ancient Greeks for accompaniment                                     |
| 17. dr_____pe jeans                   | <i>n.</i> a pipe that carries rainwater, dirty water, or sewage away from buildings   |
| 18. we____e a story                   | <i>v.</i> to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them   |
| 19. we____e on a loom                 | <i>v.</i> to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them   |
| 20. en_____le the power of control    | <i>v.</i> to make someone or something very weak  |
| 21. re_____t the wall                 | <i>v.</i> to apply a new or fresh coat of paint   |

ANSWERS: 11. acidification, 12. unbroken, 13. psychopathic, 14. repaint, 15. shelf, 16. lyre, 17. drainpipe, 18. weave, 19. weave, 20. enfeeble, 21. repaint

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| 22. a pl____um for lyre playing    | <i>n.</i> a small and thin piece of plastic, metal, etc., used to pluck a stringed instrument such as a guitar or harp |
| 23. pi____nt the problem           | <i>v.</i> to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something                                       |
| 24. pi____nt signs of manipulation | <i>v.</i> to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something                                       |
| 25. ru____e about in the room      | <i>v.</i> to search for something thoroughly by moving things around unsystematically and carelessly                   |
| 26. se____d broth                  | <i>n.</i> a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae                      |
| 27. an un____en horse              | <i>adj.</i> continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded                     |
| 28. ru____e through his mind       | <i>v.</i> to search for something thoroughly by moving things around unsystematically and carelessly                   |
| 29. pl__k a gray hair              | <i>v.</i> to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers                      |
| 30. twang the l__e                 | <i>n.</i> an ancient musical instrument with strings fastened in a frame used by ancient Greeks for accompaniment      |

ANSWERS: 22. plectrum, 23. pinpoint, 24. pinpoint, 25. rummage, 26. seaweed, 27. unbroken, 28. rummage, 29. pluck, 30. lyre

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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6. She struck the strings with a \_\_\_\_\_ carefully.  
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15. He enjoyed the \_\_\_\_\_ quiet of the afternoon at the villa.

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ANSWERS: 8. enfeebled, 9. psychopathic, 10. repaint, 11. lyre, 12. drainpipe, 13. plucked, 14. pinpoints, 15. unbroken