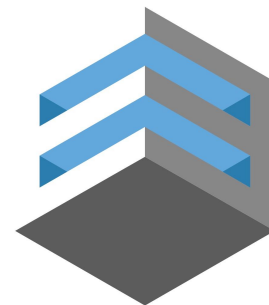


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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### intertwine

v. to twist together or become twisted together

*synonym*: interweave, interlace, entwine

(1) **intertwine** thread, (2) **intertwine** story

The vines **intertwine** to form a thick canopy overhead.

### imitate

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

*synonym*: mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds

He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

### 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.

### stateless

adj. having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government

*synonym*: without citizenship, homeless

(1) become **stateless**, (2) **stateless** person

The **stateless** refugees were not allowed to enter the country.

## queer

*adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

*synonym*: strange, odd, unusual

(1) **queer** money, (2) **queer** fashion

The behavior of the clown at the party was quite **queer**.

## embody

*v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

*synonym*: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

## gulf

*n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

*synonym*: chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

## raft

*n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer

*synonym*: flatboat, boat, barge

(1) a **raft** for carrying horses, (2) a life **raft**

The rubber **raft** was swept out to sea.

## neutrino

*n.* a very small and electrically neutral particle with a very small mass that rarely reacts with other matter

(1) **neutrino** capture, (2) sterile **neutrinos**

This laboratory has a pool consisting of thousands of **neutrino** detectors.

## pretension

- n.* 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.

## meltdown

- n.* a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically

*synonym* : collapse, disaster, failure

(1) **meltdown** disaster, (2) economic **meltdown**

The nuclear **meltdown** in the country was a disaster with far-reaching consequences.

## waterfall

- n.* a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock

*synonym* : cascade, falls, rapids

(1) scenic **waterfall**, (2) a **waterfall** with a fall of ten feet

Years of river erosion have formed the uniquely shaped **waterfall** basin.

## crux

- n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

*synonym* : heart, core, essence

(1) main **crux**, (2) the **crux** of the argument

The **crux** of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.

## imitation

- n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something

*synonym* : fabrication, replica, fake

(1) **imitation** antique, (2) artificial **imitation**

Many individuals believe that children learn languages through **imitation**.

## empower

*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

*synonym*: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## mediate

*v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

*synonym*: arbitrate, reconcile, intervene

(1) **mediate** allergic reaction, (2) **mediate** a negotiation

The teacher had to **mediate** a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.

## aspiration

*n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

*synonym*: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. become st_____ss                    | <i>adj.</i> having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government  |
| 2. a wa_____ll with a fall of ten feet | <i>n.</i> a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock   |
| 3. im_____e painting styles            | <i>v.</i> to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something                                |
| 4. int_____ne thread                   | <i>v.</i> to twist together or become twisted together  |
| 5. main c__x                           | <i>n.</i> the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue       |
| 6. g__f war                            | <i>n.</i> a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land                                    |
| 7. em___y my goal                      | <i>v.</i> to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea                        |
| 8. artificial im_____on                | <i>n.</i> a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something |
| 9. em_____r my life                    | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something  |
| 10. me_____e allergic reaction         | <i>v.</i> to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict                |

ANSWERS: 1. stateless, 2. waterfall, 3. imitate, 4. intertwine, 5. crux, 6. gulf, 7. embody, 8. imitation, 9. empower, 10. mediate

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| 11. pre_____on to authority  | <i>n.</i> the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition  |
| 12. corporate ma_____er      | <i>n.</i> the process or act of a complete transformation, especially relevant to the appearance of someone or something   |
| 13. the c__x of the argument | <i>n.</i> the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue  |
| 14. no asp_____on for fame   | <i>n.</i> a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath  |
| 15. st_____ss person         | <i>adj.</i> having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government   |
| 16. qu__r money              | <i>adj.</i> strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way  |
| 17. ne_____no capture        | <i>n.</i> a very small and electrically neutral particle with a very small mass that rarely reacts with other matter   |
| 18. economic me_____wn       | <i>n.</i> a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically |
| 19. qu__r fashion            | <i>adj.</i> strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way  |

ANSWERS: 11. pretension, 12. makeover, 13. crux, 14. aspiration, 15. stateless, 16. queer, 17. neutrino, 18. meltdown, 19. queer

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| 20. baseless pre_____on                   | <i>n.</i> the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition |
| 21. g__f stream                           | <i>n.</i> a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land  |
| 22. im_____on antique                     | <i>n.</i> a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something                                       |
| 23. a life r__t                           | <i>n.</i> a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer                               |
| 24. a r__t for carrying horses            | <i>n.</i> a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer                               |
| 25. em_____r the secretary to do the same | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something  |
| 26. massive ma_____er                     | <i>n.</i> the process or act of a complete transformation, especially relevant to the appearance of someone or something                              |
| 27. sterile ne_____nos                    | <i>n.</i> a very small and electrically neutral particle with a very small mass that rarely reacts with other matter                                  |
| 28. im_____e animal sounds                | <i>v.</i> to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something  |
| 29. me_____e a negotiation                | <i>v.</i> to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict  |

ANSWERS: 20. pretension, 21. gulf, 22. imitation, 23. raft, 24. raft, 25. empower, 26. makeover, 27. neutrino, 28. imitate, 29. mediate

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| 30. me_____wn disaster          | <i>n.</i> a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically |
| 31. int_____ne story            | <i>v.</i> to twist together or become twisted together   |
| 32. asp_____on into the lungs   | <i>n.</i> a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath  |
| 33. em____y a spirit of charity | <i>v.</i> to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea   |
| 34. scenic wa_____ll            | <i>n.</i> a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock  |

ANSWERS: 30. meltdown, 31. intertwine, 32. aspiration, 33. embody, 34. waterfall



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company \_\_\_\_\_ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.  
*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
2. The vines \_\_\_\_\_ to form a thick canopy overhead.  
*v.* to twist together or become twisted together
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.  
*n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ refugees were not allowed to enter the country.  
*adj.* having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government
5. The company's new products \_\_\_\_\_ the values of innovation and sustainability.  
*v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
6. The company's drastic \_\_\_\_\_ is well known outside the industry.  
*n.* the process or act of a complete transformation, especially relevant to the appearance of someone or something
7. Years of river erosion have formed the uniquely shaped \_\_\_\_\_ basin.  
*n.* a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock
8. His \_\_\_\_\_ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.  
*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 1. empowered, 2. intertwine, 3. crux, 4. stateless, 5. embody, 6. makeover, 7. waterfall, 8. pretensions

9. The rubber \_\_\_\_\_ was swept out to sea.  
*n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
10. He has an \_\_\_\_\_ to become a doctor.  
*n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
11. The behavior of the clown at the party was quite \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
12. This laboratory has a pool consisting of thousands of \_\_\_\_\_ detectors.  
*n.* a very small and electrically neutral particle with a very small mass that rarely reacts with other matter
13. Many individuals believe that children learn languages through \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.  
*n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
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*n.* a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically
16. The teacher had to \_\_\_\_\_ a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.  
*v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

ANSWERS: 9. raft, 10. aspiration, 11. queer, 12. neutrino, 13. imitation, 14. Gulf, 15. meltdown, 16. mediate

17. He \_\_\_\_\_ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

ANSWERS: 17. imitated