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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### filmmaking

*n.* the process or art of making movies

*synonym* : movie-making, film production, cinema

(1) **filmmaking** industry, (2) retire from **filmmaking**

The history of **filmmaking** dates back to the late 19th century when motion pictures were first shown to audiences.

### blare

*v.* to make a loud, harsh noise; to sound loudly and harshly

*synonym* : blast, screech, trumpet

(1) **blare** music, (2) **blare** a horn

The music **blared** from the car's open windows.

### steer

*v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

*synonym* : guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

### pistol

*n.* a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand

*synonym* : revolver, handgun, firearm

(1) **pistol** grip, (2) **pistol** shot

The robbers were armed with **pistols** and demanded money.

## storytelling

*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

*synonym*: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

## filmmaker

*n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession

*synonym*: director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

## blush

*v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty

*synonym*: flush, redden, glow

(1) **blush** bright red, (2) **blush** for my mistake

She **blushed** when the boy complimented her.

## instruct

*v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

*synonym*: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

## behead

*v.* to cut off the head of a person or animal

*synonym*: decapitate, execute, chop off

(1) **behead** a prisoner, (2) **behead** several hostages

The king ordered the executioner to **behead** the traitor.

## 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.

## exhaustion

*n.* the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength

*synonym*: fatigue, weariness, tiredness

(1) **exhaustion** of energy, (2) emotional **exhaustion**

The long work hours were taking a toll on her mental **exhaustion**.

## tiring

*adj.* causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom

*synonym*: exhausting, fatiguing, draining

(1) mentally **tiring**, (2) **tiring** day

The **tiring** hike through the mountains was worth it for the stunning views.

## plight

*n.* a difficult or unfortunate situation

*synonym*: crisis, predicament, trouble

(1) miserable **plight**, (2) the **plight** of the poor

The government has ignored the **plight** of the homeless population.

## amnesty

*n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes

*synonym*: pardon, clemency, reprieve

(1) grant an **amnesty**, (2) **amnesty** for debt

The government declared **amnesty** for all political prisoners.

## mahram

*n.* a close relative, usually male, who is forbidden as a marriage partner in Islamic culture

*synonym*: family, bond, relative

(1) **mahram** escort, (2) **mahram** family member

The role of a **mahram** can vary depending on the culture and interpretation of Islamic law.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. mentally ti___g          | <i>adj.</i> causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom   |
| 2. pi___l grip              | <i>n.</i> a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand                                     |
| 3. bl___e a horn            | <i>v.</i> to make a loud, harsh noise; to sound loudly and harshly                                  |
| 4. bl___e music             | <i>v.</i> to make a loud, harsh noise; to sound loudly and harshly                                  |
| 5. ma___m family member     | <i>n.</i> a close relative, usually male, who is forbidden as a marriage partner in Islamic culture |
| 6. an op_____ne remark      | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 7. grant an am_____y        | <i>n.</i> a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes                                  |
| 8. miserable pl___t         | <i>n.</i> a difficult or unfortunate situation  |
| 9. emotional exh_____on     | <i>n.</i> the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength                         |
| 10. fil_____ng industry     | <i>n.</i> the process or art of making movies   |
| 11. be___d several hostages | <i>v.</i> to cut off the head of a person or animal   |
| 12. non-fiction fi_____er   | <i>n.</i> a person who makes films, typically as a profession                                       |
| 13. sto_____ing performance | <i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories  |

ANSWERS: 1. tiring, 2. pistol, 3. blare, 4. blare, 5. mahram, 6. opportune, 7. amnesty, 8. plight, 9. exhaustion, 10. filmmaking, 11. behead, 12. filmmaker, 13. storytelling

14. st\_\_r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
15. a successful fi\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
16. pi\_\_\_l shot *n.* a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand
17. courtroom sto\_\_\_\_\_ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
18. exh\_\_\_\_\_on of energy *n.* the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength
19. retire from fil\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the process or art of making movies
20. in\_\_\_\_\_ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
21. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
22. in\_\_\_\_\_ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
23. ma\_\_\_m escort *n.* a close relative, usually male, who is forbidden as a marriage partner in Islamic culture
24. am\_\_\_\_\_y for debt *n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
25. st\_\_r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

ANSWERS: 14. steer, 15. filmmaker, 16. pistol, 17. storytelling, 18. exhaustion, 19. filmmaking, 20. instruct, 21. opportune, 22. instruct, 23. mahram, 24. amnesty, 25. steer

26. bl\_\_h bright red
27. ti\_\_\_g day
28. the pl\_\_\_t of the poor
29. be\_\_\_d a prisoner
30. bl\_\_h for my mistake
- v. to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
- adj.* causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom
- n.* a difficult or unfortunate situation
- v. to cut off the head of a person or animal
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ANSWERS: 26. blush, 27. tiring, 28. plight, 29. behead, 30. blush

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The history of \_\_\_\_\_ dates back to the late 19th century when motion pictures were first shown to audiences.  
*n.* the process or art of making movies
2. The king ordered the executioner to \_\_\_\_\_ the traitor.  
*v.* to cut off the head of a person or animal
3. The captain told him to \_\_\_\_\_ the ship north.  
*v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
4. The role of a \_\_\_\_\_ can vary depending on the culture and interpretation of Islamic law.  
*n.* a close relative, usually male, who is forbidden as a marriage partner in Islamic culture
5. The music \_\_\_\_\_ from the car's open windows.  
*v.* to make a loud, harsh noise; to sound loudly and harshly
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ hike through the mountains was worth it for the stunning views.  
*adj.* causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom
7. The government declared \_\_\_\_\_ for all political prisoners.  
*n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
8. The robbers were armed with \_\_\_\_\_ and demanded money.  
*n.* a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand

ANSWERS: 1. filmmaking, 2. behead, 3. steer, 4. mahram, 5. blared, 6. tiring, 7. amnesty, 8. pistols

9. The long work hours were taking a toll on her mental \_\_\_\_\_.
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10. The government has ignored the \_\_\_\_\_ of the homeless population.
- n.* a difficult or unfortunate situation
11. She was skilled in \_\_\_\_\_ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
- n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
12. The facility manager \_\_\_\_\_ the security guards to be on high alert.
- v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
13. The renowned \_\_\_\_\_ won several awards for his latest film.
- n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
14. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
15. She \_\_\_\_\_ when the boy complimented her.
- v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty

ANSWERS: 9. exhaustion, 10. plight, 11. storytelling, 12. instructed, 13. filmmaker, 14. opportune, 15. blushed