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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### poplar

*n.* a type of deciduous tree with tall, straight trunks and broadly oval leaves, widely grown in temperate regions for its wood

*synonym* : cottonwood, aspen, balsam

(1) **poplar** bark, (2) **poplar** forest

The forest was filled with tall **poplar** trees.

### contraction

*n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount

*synonym* : shrinking, compression, reduction

(1) **contraction** of a disease, (2) **contraction** in the industry

The **contraction** of the economy has led to job losses.

### donna

*n.* an Italian term used as a term of address for a woman, equivalent to "madam" or "ma'am"

*synonym* : lady, woman, miss

(1) **donna's** friends, (2) **donna's** love for her family

The prima **donna** was dressed in a beautiful gown for the ball.

### patron

*n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular

customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

*synonym*: contributor, sponsor, supporter

(1) the **patron** saint of a place, (2) political **patron**

They have been a **patron** of this restaurant for many years.

## purported

*adj.* claimed or said to be true but not yet proven or confirmed

*synonym*: supposed, claimed, reputed

(1) **purported** evidence, (2) a **purported** biography

The **purported** cure for the disease has yet to be proven effective.

## untenable

*adj.* cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible

*synonym*: indefensible, unsustainable

(1) **untenable** situation, (2) **untenable** amount of debt

The proposal was deemed **untenable** due to financial constraints.

## allege

*v.* to state or claim that something is the case, often without proof

*synonym*: claim, assert, state

(1) **allege** misconduct, (2) **allege** his guilt

The company has been accused of violating the law, but they **allege** they have done nothing wrong.

## dubious

*adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain

*synonym*: uncertain, questionable, skeptical

(1) **dubious** credibility, (2) direct a **dubious** look

The evidence presented in court had a **dubious** origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

## hazy

*adj.* not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something

*synonym*: blurred, clouded, foggy

(1) **hazy** dream, (2) **hazy** atmosphere

My memories of the holiday were **hazy**.

### **demeanor**

*n.* the way in which a person behaves or conducts themselves, especially in public

*synonym*: behavior, conduct, comportment

(1) an improper **demeanor**, (2) affable **demeanor**

His calm **demeanor** put everyone at ease during the tense meeting.

### **reappear**

*v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time

*synonym*: come again, repeat, re-emerge

(1) **reappear** on the surface, (2) **reappear** throughout this book

Cancer has **reappeared** at the same site.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. un\_\_\_\_\_le situation *adj.* cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible
2. do\_\_a's love for her family *n.* an Italian term used as a term of address for a woman, equivalent to "madam" or "ma'am"
3. un\_\_\_\_\_le amount of debt *adj.* cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible
4. affable de\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* the way in which a person behaves or conducts themselves, especially in public
5. po\_\_\_\_r forest *n.* a type of deciduous tree with tall, straight trunks and broadly oval leaves, widely grown in temperate regions for its wood
6. a pu\_\_\_\_\_ed biography *adj.* claimed or said to be true but not yet proven or confirmed
7. the pa\_\_\_\_n saint of a place *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
8. h\_\_y atmosphere *adj.* not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something
9. re\_\_\_\_\_ar on the surface *v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time

ANSWERS: 1. untenable, 2. donna, 3. untenable, 4. demeanor, 5. poplar, 6. purported, 7. patron, 8. hazy, 9. reappear

10. con\_\_\_\_\_on in the industry      *n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount
11. do\_\_a's friends      *n.* an Italian term used as a term of address for a woman, equivalent to "madam" or "ma'am"
12. an improper de\_\_\_\_\_or      *n.* the way in which a person behaves or conducts themselves, especially in public
13. political pa\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
14. po\_\_\_\_r bark      *n.* a type of deciduous tree with tall, straight trunks and broadly oval leaves, widely grown in temperate regions for its wood
15. re\_\_\_\_\_ar throughout this book      *v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
16. h\_\_y dream      *adj.* not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something
17. direct a du\_\_\_\_\_s look      *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
18. du\_\_\_\_\_s credibility      *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
19. con\_\_\_\_\_on of a disease      *n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount
20. al\_\_\_\_e his guilt      *v.* to state or claim that something is the case, often without proof

ANSWERS: 10. contraction, 11. donna, 12. demeanor, 13. patron, 14. poplar, 15. reappear, 16. hazy, 17. dubious, 18. dubious, 19. contraction, 20. allege

21. pu\_\_\_\_\_ed evidence

*adj.* claimed or said to be true but not yet proven or confirmed

22. al\_\_\_e misconduct

*v.* to state or claim that something is the case, often without proof

ANSWERS: 21. purported, 22. allege

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Cancer has \_\_\_\_\_ at the same site.  
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2. The company has been accused of violating the law, but they \_\_\_\_\_ they have done nothing wrong.  
*v.* to state or claim that something is the case, often without proof
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the economy has led to job losses.  
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4. They have been a \_\_\_\_\_ of this restaurant for many years.  
*n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
5. The proposal was deemed \_\_\_\_\_ due to financial constraints.  
*adj.* cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ cure for the disease has yet to be proven effective.  
*adj.* claimed or said to be true but not yet proven or confirmed
7. The forest was filled with tall \_\_\_\_\_ trees.  
*n.* a type of deciduous tree with tall, straight trunks and broadly oval leaves, widely grown in temperate regions for its wood
8. His calm \_\_\_\_\_ put everyone at ease during the tense meeting.  
*n.* the way in which a person behaves or conducts themselves, especially in public

ANSWERS: 1. reappeared, 2. allege, 3. contraction, 4. patron, 5. untenable, 6. purported, 7. poplar, 8. demeanor

9. The prima \_\_\_\_\_ was dressed in a beautiful gown for the ball.

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10. My memories of the holiday were \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something

11. The evidence presented in court had a \_\_\_\_\_ origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

*adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain

ANSWERS: 9. donna, 10. hazy, 11. dubious