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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### disobedience

*n.* the act of refusing or failing to follow orders or rules

*synonym*: rebelliousness, insubordination, defiance

(1) **disobedience** to authority, (2) civil **disobedience**

The **disobedience** of the soldiers resulted in a court martial.

### midterm

*adj.* referring to the middle of a term or period, especially in politics or education

*synonym*: intermediate, central, halfway

(1) **midterm** election, (2) leave school in the **midterm**

The **midterm** exams determined how much students had learned so far.

### convene

*v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity

*synonym*: assemble, gather, summon

(1) **convene** a press conference, (2) **convene** the council

The parliament will **convene** at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

### industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work

late into the night.

## stranglehold

*n.* a grip that strangles or suffocates; an excessive grip or control

*synonym*: grip, tight control, hold

(1) escape their **stranglehold**, (2) information **stranglehold**

The monopoly has a **stranglehold** on the market, making it difficult for new businesses to compete.

## elector

*n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election

*synonym*: voter, constituent, citizen

(1) presidential **elector**, (2) qualified for an **elector**

The **elector** cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

## aisle

*n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

*synonym*: corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

## footprint

*n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

*synonym*: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

## urgently

*adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

*synonym*: promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required

I need to send this email **urgently**.

## intractable

*adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

*synonym*: obstinate, stubborn, unyielding

(1) **intractable** pain, (2) **intractable** situation  
The **intractable** problem defied a solution.

## ignite

v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning  
*synonym*: light, set fire to, ignite

(1) **ignite** a boom, (2) **ignite** passion  
He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

## flare

v. to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface  
*synonym*: blaze, ignite, light up

(1) **flare** up into a major crisis, (2) the **flare** of a match  
The Sun **flared** and caused a sudden brightening in the sky.

## methane

n. a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

(1) atmospheric **methane**, (2) reduce **methane** emissions  
The ignition of **methane** gas in the plant killed five employees.

## immigrate

v. to come to live permanently in a foreign country  
*synonym*: migrate, relocate, settle

(1) **immigrate** to the country, (2) **immigrate** through available legal processes  
He **immigrated** to the United States in search of a better life.

## humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee  
*synonym*: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird  
The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

**braggy**

*adj.* boastful or excessively proud; tending to show off or boast

*synonym* : boastful, showy

(1) **braggy** salesman, (2) **braggy** about her new car

He was considered a **braggy** person due to his tendency to boast about his accomplishments constantly.

**pollute**

*v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

*synonym* : contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

**doe**

*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

*synonym* : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

**jade**

*n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse

*synonym* : gemstone, stone, mineral

(1) a **jade** accessory, (2) decorated with **jade**

The **jade** sculpture was worth a fortune.

**hurtle**

*v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way

*synonym* : throw, hurl, fling

(1) **hurtle** into a tunnel, (2) **hurtle** through life

The car **hurtled** down the highway at breakneck speed.

**envision**

*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

*synonym* : anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success  
We cannot **envision** her as President.

## specie

*n.* coins or notes in a currency, as distinct from paper money; a chemical substance or group made up of identical molecules

*synonym*: coinage, mintage

(1) **specie** reserve, (2) ground-state **specie**

The store only accepts payment in cash, no credit or debit cards, only **specie**.

## brink

*n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

*synonym*: edge, verge, threshold

(1) **brink** of war, (2) on the **brink**

We were on the **brink** of a financial crisis.

## rebound

*v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched

*synonym*: spring back, resile, recover

(1) **rebound** from a setback, (2) **rebound** back into positive growth

The basketball bounced off the rim and **rebounded** to the player.

## snowcap

*n.* a covering of snow on the top of a mountain or hill

(1) the winter **snowcap**, (2) glacial **snowcap**

The **snowcap** on the mountain was visible from miles away.

## misogyny

*n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women

*synonym*: sexism, chauvinism

(1) **misogyny** issue, (2) the **misogyny** of medieval Christianity

His speech was filled with **misogyny** and caused widespread outrage.

## mindset

*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

*synonym* : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

## arrogance

*n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance

*synonym* : hubris, haughtiness, conceit

(1) brazen **arrogance**, (2) **arrogance** of power

He acted with **arrogance** and was not well-liked by his colleagues.

## greedy

*adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

*synonym* : avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

## patriarchy

*n.* a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property

*synonym* : male-dominated society, male domination

(1) **patriarchy** system, (2) ancient **patriarchy**

The feminist movement aims to challenge and dismantle **patriarchy** society and promote gender equality.

## 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.

## chemo

*n.* short for chemotherapy, a treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells

*synonym* : chemotherapy, antineoplastic

(1) **chemo** patient, (2) **chemo-radiotherapy**

The side effects of **chemo**, such as nausea and hair loss, were a major concern for the patient.

## shave

*v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

*synonym*: trim, cut down, prune

(1) **shave** my head, (2) **shave** cheese

That supermarket tried to **shave** certain costs by saving electricity.

## reclaim

*v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

*synonym*: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

## antidote

*n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

*synonym*: remedy, treatment, restorative

(1) the **antidote** to the poison, (2) the **antidote** for aging  
Knowledge is the **antidote** to fear.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. mi\_\_\_\_ny issue *n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
2. int\_\_\_\_\_le situation *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
3. pat\_\_\_\_\_hy system *n.* a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property
4. int\_\_\_\_\_le pain *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
5. mi\_\_\_\_\_m election *adj.* referring to the middle of a term or period, especially in politics or education
6. co\_\_\_\_\_e a press conference *v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
7. the an\_\_\_\_\_te for aging *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
8. qualified for an el\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
9. tackle the problem ur\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
10. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. misogyny, 2. intractable, 3. patriarchy, 4. intractable, 5. midterm, 6. convene, 7. antidote, 8. elector, 9. urgently, 10. opportune





23. co\_\_\_\_e the council *v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
24. en\_\_\_\_on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
25. sp\_\_\_\_e reserve *n.* coins or notes in a currency, as distinct from paper money; a chemical substance or group made up of identical molecules
26. reduce me\_\_\_\_e emissions *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
27. ancient pat\_\_\_\_hy *n.* a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property
28. glacial sn\_\_\_\_p *n.* a covering of snow on the top of a mountain or hill
29. escape their str\_\_\_\_old *n.* a grip that strangles or suffocates; an excessive grip or control
30. ig\_\_\_\_e passion *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
31. atmospheric me\_\_\_\_e *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
32. po\_\_\_\_e the thread *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
33. fl\_\_e up into a major crisis *v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface

ANSWERS: 23. convene, 24. envision, 25. specie, 26. methane, 27. patriarchy, 28. snowcap, 29. stranglehold, 30. ignite, 31. methane, 32. pollute, 33. flare

34. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
35. civil dis\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the act of refusing or failing to follow orders or rules
36. the mi\_\_\_\_\_t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
37. the center ai\_\_e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
38. flexible mi\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
39. brazen ar\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance
40. the fo\_\_\_\_\_nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
41. dis\_\_\_\_\_nce to authority *n.* the act of refusing or failing to follow orders or rules
42. im\_\_\_\_\_te through available legal processes *v.* to come to live permanently in a foreign country
43. ai\_\_e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
44. the mi\_\_\_\_\_ny of medieval Christianity *n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women

ANSWERS: 34. opportune, 35. disobedience, 36. mindset, 37. aisle, 38. mindset, 39. arrogance, 40. footprint, 41. disobedience, 42. immigrate, 43. aisle, 44. misogyny

45. ground-state sp\_\_\_e *n.* coins or notes in a currency, as distinct from paper money; a chemical substance or group made up of identical molecules
46. hu\_\_\_\_g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
47. the an\_\_\_\_te to the poison *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
48. br\_\_k of war *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
49. information str\_\_\_\_\_old *n.* a grip that strangles or suffocates; an excessive grip or control
50. the winter sn\_\_\_\_p *n.* a covering of snow on the top of a mountain or hill
51. gr\_\_\_y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
52. a j\_\_e accessory *n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse
53. re\_\_\_\_m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
54. re\_\_\_\_d from a setback *v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched
55. gr\_\_\_y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

ANSWERS: 45. specie, 46. humming, 47. antidote, 48. brink, 49. stranglehold, 50. snowcap, 51. greedy, 52. jade, 53. reclaim, 54. rebound, 55. greedy

56. re\_\_\_\_d back into positive growth      *v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched
57. sh\_\_e cheese      *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
58. leave school in the mi\_\_\_\_m      *adj.* referring to the middle of a term or period, especially in politics or education
59. ig\_\_\_e a boom      *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
60. buck and d\_e      *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
61. ch\_\_o-radiotherapy      *n.* short for chemotherapy, a treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells
62. d\_e rabbit      *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
63. re\_\_\_\_m a competitive position      *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
64. ur\_\_\_\_ly required      *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
65. br\_\_\_y salesman      *adj.* boastful or excessively proud; tending to show off or boast
66. on the br\_\_k      *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
67. ar\_\_\_\_ce of power      *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance

ANSWERS: 56. rebound, 57. shave, 58. midterm, 59. ignite, 60. doe, 61. chemo, 62. doe, 63. reclaim, 64. urgently, 65. braggy, 66. brink, 67. arrogance

68. decorated with j\_\_e                      *n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse
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70. ch\_\_o patient                      *n.* short for chemotherapy, a treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells

ANSWERS: 68. jade, 69. pollute, 70. chemo

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ sculpture was worth a fortune.  
*n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse
  
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*v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
  
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*n.* a covering of snow on the top of a mountain or hill
  
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