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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### ponder

*v.* to think deeply or carefully about something

*synonym*: think about, consider, reflect on

(1) **ponder** divine matters, (2) **ponder** life's meaning

She sat quietly, **pondering** the difficult decision.

### sect

*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

*synonym*: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

### outweigh

*v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

*synonym*: dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes

The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

### cadence

*n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something

*synonym* : rhythm, flow, beat

(1) **cadence** of footsteps, (2) regular **cadence**

The singer's voice had a beautiful **cadence**, and I couldn't help but sway to the rhythm.

## resilient

*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

*synonym* : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

## proverb

*n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

*synonym* : adage, saying, maxim

(1) a hackneyed **proverb**, (2) ancient **proverb**

The famous **proverb** "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

## sub-Saharan

*adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

## foodstuff

*n.* raw materials used for food production and preparation

*synonym* : provisions, supplies, provisions

(1) **foodstuff** additive, (2) perishable **foodstuff**

The market was filled with various **foodstuffs**, from fresh produce to dried spices.

## dispense

*v.* to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients

*synonym* : distribute, allocate, deal out

(1) **dispense** with ceremony, (2) **dispense** justice

The pharmacist started to **dispense** medication to patients.

## counterproductive

*adj.* having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted  
*synonym* : ineffective, inadequate, inefficient

(1) **counterproductive** approach, (2) highly **counterproductive** to performance

Territorial disputes between different countries are entirely **counterproductive** but common.

## hustle

*v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way

*synonym* : bustle, rush, haste

(1) **hustle** on business, (2) **hustle** up money

You must **hustle** and struggle on the court to win an acquittal.

## bartender

*n.* a person who serves drinks, especially alcoholic beverages, at a bar

*synonym* : barman, mixologist, server

(1) professional **bartender**, (2) moonlight as a **bartender**

The chief **bartender** mixed the ingredients to create a new and exciting cocktail.

## hairstylist

*n.* a person who cuts and styles hair for a living

*synonym* : stylist, coiffeur, beauty professional

(1) personal **hairstylist**, (2) get a haircut at a **hairstylist**

The world-famous **hairstylist** transformed her client's dull hair into a shiny and stylish new look.

## quitter

*n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

*synonym* : coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

## nuanced

*adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

*synonym* :

fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion  
The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

### **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.

### **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.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. highly cou_____ive to performance | <i>adj.</i> having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted  |
| 2. ou____gh our wishes               | <i>v.</i> to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something  |
| 3. re_____nt population              | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions  |
| 4. sub_____an Africa                 | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert  |
| 5. perishable fo_____ff              | <i>n.</i> raw materials used for food production and preparation  |
| 6. personal hai_____er               | <i>n.</i> a person who cuts and styles hair for a living  |
| 7. professional ba_____er            | <i>n.</i> a person who serves drinks, especially alcoholic beverages, at a bar  |
| 8. po____r life's meaning            | <i>v.</i> to think deeply or carefully about something  |
| 9. po____r divine matters            | <i>v.</i> to think deeply or carefully about something  |
| 10. get a haircut at a hai_____er    | <i>n.</i> a person who cuts and styles hair for a living  |
| 11. s__t beliefs                     | <i>n.</i> a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream |

ANSWERS: 1. counterproductive, 2. outweigh, 3. resilient, 4. sub-Saharan, 5. foodstuff, 6. hairdresser, 7. bartender, 8. ponder, 9. ponder, 10. hairdresser, 11. sect

12. the common but nu\_\_\_\_d opinion      *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
13. cou\_\_\_\_\_ive approach      *adj.* having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted
14. serial qu\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
15. easy qu\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
16. flexible mi\_\_\_\_t      *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
17. moonlight as a ba\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a person who serves drinks, especially alcoholic beverages, at a bar
18. a hackneyed pr\_\_\_\_b      *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
19. nu\_\_\_\_d view      *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
20. di\_\_\_\_se with ceremony      *v.* to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients
21. di\_\_\_\_se justice      *v.* to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients
22. regular ca\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
23. hu\_\_\_e on business      *v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way

ANSWERS: 12. nuanced, 13. counterproductive, 14. quitter, 15. quitter, 16. mindset, 17. bartender, 18. proverb, 19. nuanced, 20. dispense, 21. dispense, 22. cadence, 23. hustle

24. secret s\_\_t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
25. sub\_\_\_\_\_an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
26. the mi\_\_\_\_\_t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
27. int\_\_\_\_\_le pain *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
28. hu\_\_\_e up money *v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
29. int\_\_\_\_\_le situation *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
30. ou\_\_\_\_\_gh the benefit *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
31. ca\_\_\_\_\_e of footsteps *n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
32. ancient pr\_\_\_\_\_b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
33. a hard and re\_\_\_\_\_nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
34. fo\_\_\_\_\_ff additive *n.* raw materials used for food production and preparation

ANSWERS: 24. sect, 25. sub-Saharan, 26. mindset, 27. intractable, 28. hustle, 29. intractable, 30. outweigh, 31. cadence, 32. proverb, 33. resilient, 34. foodstuff

ANSWERS:



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The market was filled with various \_\_\_\_\_ from fresh produce to dried spices.  
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*n.* a person who cuts and styles hair for a living
3. Territorial disputes between different countries are entirely \_\_\_\_\_ but common.  
*adj.* having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted
4. The pharmacist started to \_\_\_\_\_ medication to patients.  
*v.* to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients
5. The coffee producers in \_\_\_\_\_ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.  
*adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
6. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.  
*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
7. The minority \_\_\_\_\_ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.  
*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
8. The chief \_\_\_\_\_ mixed the ingredients to create a new and exciting cocktail.  
*n.* a person who serves drinks, especially alcoholic beverages, at a bar

ANSWERS: 1. foodstuffs, 2. hairdresser, 3. counterproductive, 4. dispense, 5. sub-Saharan, 6. resilient, 7. sect, 8. bartender

9. You must \_\_\_\_\_ and struggle on the court to win an acquittal.  
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10. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial \_\_\_\_\_ in each individual.  
*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
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12. She sat quietly, \_\_\_\_\_ the difficult decision.  
*v.* to think deeply or carefully about something
13. The famous \_\_\_\_\_ "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.  
*n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ problem defied a solution.  
*adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
15. He was labeled as a \_\_\_\_\_ after he abandoned the project halfway.  
*n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
16. The advantages would undoubtedly \_\_\_\_\_ the disadvantages.  
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17. The singer's voice had a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ and I couldn't help but sway to the rhythm.  
*n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something

ANSWERS: 9. hustle, 10. mindset, 11. nuanced, 12. pondering, 13. proverb, 14. intractable, 15. quitter, 16. outweigh, 17. cadence,

ANSWERS: