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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### rainwater

*n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

*synonym*: precipitation, drizzle, showers

(1) **rainwater** acidity, (2) **rainwater** drainage

The company installed a **rainwater** harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.

### transgression

*n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle

*synonym*: misdeed, crime, wrongdoing

(1) inexcusable **transgression**, (2) commit a **transgression**

Reporters questioned the politician about his past **transgression**.

### disgust

*n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

*synonym*: nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

### pajama

*n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging

*synonym*: nightgown, nightdress

(1) care **pajama**, (2) **pajama** pants

My little sister loves to have **pajama** parties with her friends on the weekends.

### tweet

*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

*synonym* : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

### delinquent

*n.* a person who regularly engages in minor criminal or antisocial activities, especially a young person; a person who has failed to neglect one's duty

*synonym* : offender, lawbreaker, criminal

(1) a juvenile **delinquent**, (2) **delinquent** payments

The high rate of **delinquents** in the community has led to increased crime.

### 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.

### brag

*v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior

*synonym* : boast, swagger, vaunt

(1) **brag** to each other, (2) **brag** about my knowledge

Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from **bragging** about his success.

### abundantly

*adv.* in large quantities; plentifully

*synonym* : plentifully, copiously, lavishly

(1) **abundantly** clear, (2) **abundantly** available

The policy change resulted in an **abundantly** positive outcome for the company.

## overarch

*v.* to be central or dominant; to form an arch over  
(1) **overarched** the road, (2) **overarch** the stream  
This scene **overarches** the entire first act.

## imperfectly

*adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way  
*synonym*: amiss, insufficiently, clumsily  
(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease  
He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

## contagious

*adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease  
*synonym*: infectious, transmissible, communicable  
(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus  
The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

## annoy

*v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly  
*synonym*: aggravate, irritate, unsettle  
(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else  
Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

## hasty

*adj.* done or acting with excessive speed or urgency and without sufficient thought or consideration  
*synonym*: rushed, impulsive, prompt  
(1) a **hasty** temper, (2) **hasty** commitment  
The **hasty** conclusion drawn by the researchers resulted in flawed study findings.

## fleeting

*adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time  
*synonym*: temporary, brief, transitory  
(1) for a **fleeting** moment, (2) **fleeting** opportunity  
She savored the **fleeting** happiness she felt during the vacation.

## 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.

## benevolent

*adj.* well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose

*synonym*: kindly, compassionate, philanthropic

(1) **benevolent** gesture, (2) a **benevolent** individual  
The **benevolent** donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.

## enthusiastically

*adv.* in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval

*synonym*: fervently, eagerly, passionately

(1) **enthusiastically** applauded, (2) discuss **enthusiastically**

The study participants **enthusiastically** participated in the discussion, showing genuine interest.

## ripple

*n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

*synonym*: wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water  
Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

## compassionate

*adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

*synonym*: empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave  
My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

## policymaker

*n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

*synonym*: lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**  
**Policymakers** struggle to develop various laws and

regulations to address international trade conflicts.

**evict**

v. to expel someone from a property, especially with the support of the law

*synonym*: oust, expel, eject

(1) **evict** a person from his home, (2) **evict** squatter

The landlord may **evict** tenants for violations of the lease agreement.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. ra\_\_\_\_\_er drainage *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
3. an\_\_y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
4. a ri\_\_\_e of laughter *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
5. ov\_\_\_\_\_ch the stream *v.* to be central or dominant; to form an arch over
6. ra\_\_\_\_\_er acidity *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
7. imp\_\_\_\_\_ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
8. his latest tw\_\_ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
9. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
10. ent\_\_\_\_\_lly applauded *adv.* in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval
11. education pol\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. rainwater, 3. annoy, 4. ripple, 5. overarch, 6. rainwater, 7. imperfectly, 8. tweet, 9. opportune, 10. enthusiastically, 11. policymaker

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 12. del_____nt payments     | <i>n.</i> a person who regularly engages in minor criminal or antisocial activities, especially a young person; a person who has failed to neglect one's duty |
| 13. ov_____ched the road    | <i>v.</i> to be central or dominant; to form an arch over   |
| 14. discuss ent_____lly     | <i>adv.</i> in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval  |
| 15. ri___e in the water     | <i>n.</i> a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind   |
| 16. pa___a pants            | <i>n.</i> a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging  |
| 17. inexcusable tra_____ion | <i>n.</i> the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle  |
| 18. a juvenile del_____nt   | <i>n.</i> a person who regularly engages in minor criminal or antisocial activities, especially a young person; a person who has failed to neglect one's duty |
| 19. a ben_____nt individual | <i>adj.</i> well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose  |
| 20. fl_____ng opportunity   | <i>adj.</i> brief or temporary, lasting only a short time   |
| 21. an__y at the time       | <i>v.</i> to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly  |
| 22. ev__t squatter          | <i>v.</i> to expel someone from a property, especially with the support of the law  |
| 23. public di_____t         | <i>n.</i> a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval  |

ANSWERS: 12. delinquent, 13. overarch, 14. enthusiastically, 15. ripple, 16. pajama, 17. transgression, 18. delinquent, 19. benevolent, 20. fleeting, 21. annoy, 22. evict, 23. disgust

24. em\_\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same  
*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
25. com\_\_\_\_\_ate leave  
*adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
26. imp\_\_\_\_\_ly developed  
*adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
27. show di\_\_\_\_\_t at his actions  
*n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
28. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life  
*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
29. for a fl\_\_\_\_\_ng moment  
*adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
30. abu\_\_\_\_\_ly available  
*adv.* in large quantities; plentifully
31. con\_\_\_\_\_us enthusiasm  
*adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
32. b\_\_g to each other  
*v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
33. b\_\_g about my knowledge  
*v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
34. commit a tra\_\_\_\_\_ion  
*n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
35. care pa\_\_\_a  
*n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
36. a com\_\_\_\_\_ate heart  
*adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

ANSWERS: 24. empower, 25. compassionate, 26. imperfectly, 27. disgust, 28. empower, 29. fleeting, 30. abundantly, 31. contagious, 32. brag, 33. brag, 34. transgression, 35. pajama, 36. compassionate



37. a chick's tw\_\_t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
38. ha\_\_y commitment *adj.* done or acting with excessive speed or urgency and without sufficient thought or consideration
39. ben\_\_\_\_\_nt gesture *adj.* well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
40. ev\_\_t a person from his home *v.* to expel someone from a property, especially with the support of the law
41. regional pol\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
42. a ha\_\_y temper *adj.* done or acting with excessive speed or urgency and without sufficient thought or consideration
43. con\_\_\_\_\_us virus *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
44. abu\_\_\_\_\_ly clear *adv.* in large quantities; plentifully

ANSWERS: 37. tweet, 38. hasty, 39. benevolent, 40. evict, 41. policymaker, 42. hasty, 43. contagious, 44. abundantly

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The study participants \_\_\_\_\_ participated in the discussion, showing genuine interest.  
*adv.* in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval
2. This scene \_\_\_\_\_ the entire first act.  
*v.* to be central or dominant; to form an arch over
3. The disease is highly \_\_\_\_\_ and spreads quickly.  
*adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
4. He created an \_\_\_\_\_ shaped torso.  
*adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
5. The landlord may \_\_\_\_\_ tenants for violations of the lease agreement.  
*v.* to expel someone from a property, especially with the support of the law
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.  
*adj.* well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
7. \_\_\_\_\_ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.  
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ANSWERS: 1. enthusiastically, 2. overarches, 3. contagious, 4. imperfectly, 5. evict, 6. benevolent, 7. Policymakers, 8. ripple

9. My father has a serious and \_\_\_\_\_ personality.  
*adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
10. 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
11. He was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ and fear for the threat of war.  
*n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
12. The company installed a \_\_\_\_\_ harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.  
*n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ conclusion drawn by the researchers resulted in flawed study findings.  
*adj.* done or acting with excessive speed or urgency and without sufficient thought or consideration
14. The high rate of \_\_\_\_\_ in the community has led to increased crime.  
*n.* a person who regularly engages in minor criminal or antisocial activities, especially a young person; a person who has failed to neglect one's duty
15. The policy change resulted in an \_\_\_\_\_ positive outcome for the company.  
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16. My little sister loves to have \_\_\_\_\_ parties with her friends on the weekends.  
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ANSWERS: 9. compassionate, 10. empowered, 11. disgust, 12. rainwater, 13. hasty, 14. delinquents, 15. abundantly, 16. pajama

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