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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### impair

v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse

*synonym*: degrade, mar, deface

(1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity

The accident made his vision **impaired**.

### intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

*synonym*: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

### squeal

v. to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure

*synonym*: scream, shriek, yelp

(1) **squeal** with delight, (2) **squeal** in agony

The children were playing and **squealing** with excitement in the park.

### clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

*synonym*: applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut  
We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

## 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.

## stigma

*n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

*synonym* : mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity  
The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

## meltdown

*n.* a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically

*synonym* : collapse, disaster, failure

(1) **meltdown** disaster, (2) economic **meltdown**  
The nuclear **meltdown** in the country was a disaster with far-reaching consequences.

## slur

*v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements

*synonym* : defame, slander, denigrate

(1) **slur** a drink, (2) **slur** his reputation  
He shouldn't be allowed to **slur** people based on race or sexuality.

## retard

*v.* to hinder, delay, or slow down the progress or development of something; to cause someone or something to be delayed or held back

*synonym* : delay, hinder, impede

(1) **retard** progress, (2) **retard** the growth

Excessive alcohol consumption may confuse time, blur vision, dim alertness, and **retard** response.

## intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

*synonym* : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

## appall

v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay

*synonym* : shock, disgust, dismay

(1) **appall** the tourists, (2) **appall** me

The news of the massacre **appalled** the entire nation.

## ivy

n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

(1) poison **ivy**, (2) **ivy** plant

The overgrown **ivy** cleaved to the ruined castle walls.

## pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

*synonym* : center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

## interconnect

v. to connect similar things

*synonym* : interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

## stereotype

*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

## segregate

*v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

*synonym*: isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

## intersect

*v.* to meet or cross one another

*synonym*: cross, bisect, cut

(1) **intersect** at a point, (2) railways **intersect** the country

Her multidisciplinary works **intersect** music and picture with writing.

## crosswalk

*n.* a designated path usually marked with horizontal lines on a street or road, used by pedestrians to cross safely

*synonym*: pedestrian crossing, zebra crossing, crossway

(1) stop at the **crosswalk**, (2) zebra **crosswalk**

Pedestrians waiting to cross the busy street should use the **crosswalk** for safety.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. re\_\_\_d the growth  
*v.* to hinder, delay, or slow down the progress or development of something; to cause someone or something to be delayed or held back
2. s\_\_r his reputation  
*v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements
3. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct  
*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
4. c\_\_p my hands  
*v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
5. im\_\_\_r my health  
*v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
6. zebra cr\_\_\_\_\_lk  
*n.* a designated path usually marked with horizontal lines on a street or road, used by pedestrians to cross safely
7. economic me\_\_\_\_\_wn  
*n.* a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically
8. stop at the cr\_\_\_\_\_lk  
*n.* a designated path usually marked with horizontal lines on a street or road, used by pedestrians to cross safely

ANSWERS: 1. retard, 2. slur, 3. intellect, 4. clap, 5. impair, 6. crosswalk, 7. meltdown, 8. crosswalk

9. negative ste\_\_\_\_\_pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
10. avoid ste\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
11. social st\_\_\_a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
12. re\_\_\_d progress *v.* to hinder, delay, or slow down the progress or development of something; to cause someone or something to be delayed or held back
13. ap\_\_\_l the tourists *v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
14. sq\_\_\_l in agony *v.* to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure
15. directly int\_\_\_\_\_ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
16. medical in\_\_\_n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 9. stereotype, 10. stereotype, 11. stigma, 12. retard, 13. appall, 14. squeal, 15. interconnect, 16. intern

17. me\_\_\_\_\_wn disaster *n.* a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically
18. st\_\_\_a against obesity *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
19. in\_\_\_\_\_ct at a point *v.* to meet or cross one another
20. sq\_\_\_l with delight *v.* to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure
21. se\_\_\_\_\_te by race *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
22. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
23. pi\_\_t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
24. i\_y plant *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
25. in\_\_\_n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 17. meltdown, 18. stigma, 19. intersect, 20. squeal, 21. segregate, 22. opportune, 23. pivot, 24. ivy, 25. intern

26. s\_\_r a drink *v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements
27. se\_\_\_\_\_te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
28. center-pi\_\_t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
29. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
30. human activities int\_\_\_\_\_ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
31. railways in\_\_\_\_\_ct the country *v.* to meet or cross one another
32. c\_\_p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
33. ap\_\_\_l me *v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
34. poison i\_y *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
35. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 26. slur, 27. segregate, 28. pivot, 29. intellect, 30. interconnect, 31. intersect, 32. clap, 33. appall, 34. ivy, 35. opportune



36. im\_\_\_r insulin sensitivity

v. to damage something or make it weaker  
or worse

ANSWERS: 36. impair

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The team needed to come up with a \_\_\_\_\_ strategy to turn things around.  
*n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
  
2. Changing \_\_\_\_\_ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.  
*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
  
3. The overgrown \_\_\_\_ cleaved to the ruined castle walls.  
*n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
  
4. Pedestrians waiting to cross the busy street should use the \_\_\_\_\_ for safety.  
*n.* a designated path usually marked with horizontal lines on a street or road, used by pedestrians to cross safely
  
5. Our system can now \_\_\_\_\_ with other databases.  
*v.* to connect similar things
  
6. Excessive alcohol consumption may confuse time, blur vision, dim alertness, and \_\_\_\_\_ response.  
*v.* to hinder, delay, or slow down the progress or development of something; to cause someone or something to be delayed or held back
  
7. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.  
*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 1. pivot, 2. stereotypes, 3. ivy, 4. crosswalk, 5. interconnect, 6. retard, 7. intellect

8. The navy \_\_\_\_\_ ships of defeated nations.
- v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
9. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
10. The children were playing and \_\_\_\_\_ with excitement in the park.
- v. to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure
11. The accident made his vision \_\_\_\_\_.
- v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse
12. The mental health \_\_\_\_\_ often prevents people from seeking treatment.
- n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
13. The news of the massacre \_\_\_\_\_ the entire nation.
- v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
14. Her multidisciplinary works \_\_\_\_\_ music and picture with writing.
- v. to meet or cross one another
15. He shouldn't be allowed to \_\_\_\_\_ people based on race or sexuality.
- v. to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements

ANSWERS: 8. interned, 9. opportune, 10. squealing, 11. impaired, 12. stigma, 13. appalled, 14. intersect, 15. slur

16. We \_\_\_\_\_ along with the singer's song.

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17. The nuclear \_\_\_\_\_ in the country was a disaster with far-reaching consequences.

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18. The school board decided to \_\_\_\_\_ students by the ability to meet their needs better.

- v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

ANSWERS: 16. clapped, 17. meltdown, 18. segregate