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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### holla

*v.* to shout or call out loudly, particularly as a greeting or to get someone's attention, often used as an exclamation to express excitement, joy, or agreement

*synonym* : shout, yell, call out

(1) **holla** back, (2) **holla** at you on the app

Don't forget to **holla** at me when you get back to town

### repulsion

*n.* a feeling of intense disgust or dislike; a physical force that resists the approach or contact of two objects

*synonym* : dislike, disgust, repugnance

(1) **repulsion** force, (2) sense of **repulsion**

The sight of spiders fills me with **repulsion**.

### 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.

### subsidize

*v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

*synonym* : finance, endow, sponsor

(1) **subsidize** the project, (2) **subsidize** the cost  
Governments **subsidize** renewable energy generation in various ways.

## predominate

*v.* to be the most powerful, important, or frequent; to be more common or prevalent than others

*synonym*: reign, prevail, rule

(1) **predominate** in the army, (2) **predominate** religion  
In this particular field, his work **predominated** over all others.

## pawnshop

*n.* a business where loans are made in exchange for personal property that serves as collateral; typically, the property is resold if the loan is not repaid

*synonym*: pawnbroker, pledge store, second-hand shop

(1) **pawnshop** theft, (2) **pawnshop** owner

I sold my old jewelry at the **pawnshop** to make some extra cash.

## underprivileged

*adj.* lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success

*synonym*: poor, disadvantaged, destitute

(1) poor and **underprivileged** elderly, (2) **underprivileged** communities

The **underprivileged** children were in dire need of food, clothing, and shelter.

## grind

*v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

*synonym*: mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

## libertarian

*n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a

person who advocates those beliefs

*synonym* : latitudinarian

(1) **libertarian** group, (2) civil **libertarian**

Western liberal democracy serves as the foundation for the **libertarian** philosophy of the media.

## enslave

*v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

*synonym* : coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

## savage

*adj.* extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized

*synonym* : brutal, fierce, barbarous

(1) reply in a **savage** voice, (2) **savage** attack

The animal was injured and became **savage**, attacking anyone who approached.

## unaddressed

*adj.* not dealt with, resolved, or attended to; lacking attention or consideration

*synonym* : unanswered, ignored, neglected

(1) **unaddressed** risks, (2) **unaddressed** letter

The community is frustrated with the **unaddressed** issue of crime in the area.

## predatory

*adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

*synonym* : raptorial, hunting, greedy

(1) a **predatory** bird, (2) **predatory** warfare

The domesticated cat still has its **predatory** instincts.

## 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.

## reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

*synonym*: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

## wherein

*adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that

(1) progress to a level **wherein**, (2) **wherein** he is mistaken

The court ruled in favor of the plaintiff, **wherein** they were awarded damages for the defendant's negligence.

## gentrify

v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses

*synonym*: revitalize, renovate, renew

(1) **gentrify** a community, (2) **gentrify** a street

The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to **gentrify** the neighborhood.

## nudge

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

*synonym*: bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**

The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

## accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

*synonym*: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

## liquidate

v. to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely

*synonym*: sell off, close down, dispose of

(1) **liquidate** debt, (2) **liquidate** a company

The company had to **liquidate** its assets due to bankruptcy.

## entice

v. to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting

*synonym*: lure, tempt, attract

(1) **entice** foreign investment, (2) **entice** shoppers

The salesperson tried to **entice** the customer into buying a new car.

## privatize

v. to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization

*synonym*: deregulate, denationalize

(1) **privatize** post offices, (2) **privatize** healthcare

The government wants to **privatize** specific industries to boost their efficiency.

## landless

*adj.* lacking ownership or possession of land or property; without a fixed or permanent home or residence

*synonym*: land-free, homeless

(1) **landless** peasants, (2) **landless** laborer

Many **landless** farmers struggle to make ends meet.

## exacerbate

v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

*synonym*: worsen, aggravate, escalate

(1) **exacerbate** the situation, (2) **exacerbate** symptoms

The heat wave **exacerbated** the drought conditions.

## incarceration

*n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail

*synonym*: confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

## aspiring

*adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

*synonym* : hopeful, ambitious, eager

(1) **aspiring** prime minister, (2) have **aspiring** eyes

He was extremely generous to the **aspiring** young artist.

## speculator

*n.* a person who invests in a venture with the hope of making a profit, often taking on significant risks; someone who engages in speculation

*synonym* : investor, trader, gambler

(1) risky **speculator**, (2) stock market **speculator**

The land **speculator** purchased large tracts of land in anticipation of future development.

## ken

*n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know

*synonym* : knowledge, understanding, familiarity

(1) within my **ken**, (2) **ken** of the person

He had a good **ken** of the city and could easily find his way around.

## rehabilitate

*v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

*synonym* : reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

## blight

*v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting

*synonym* : devastate, ruin, decimate

(1) **blight** his life, (2) **blight** a crop

The abandoned factory was **blighted** by vandalism and graffiti.

## livelihood

*n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

*synonym*: occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

## kelp

*n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters

*synonym*: seaweed, marine algae

(1) **kelp** forest, (2) giant **kelp**

The coast was lined with beds of **kelp** swaying in the tide.

## ancestral

*adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past

*synonym*: hereditary, inherited, patrimonial

(1) an **ancestral** graveyard, (2) **ancestral** roots

The **ancestral** home has been in the family for generations.

## bioplastic

*n.* a type of plastic derived from natural materials, particularly biologically-based sources such as cornstarch or sugarcane, rather than petroleum-based sources, generally biodegradable and eco-friendly

*synonym*: biodegradable plastic, eco-plastic, plant-based plastic

(1) **bioplastic** container, (2) **bioplastic** utensils

Companies are beginning to use **bioplastics** as an eco-friendly alternative to traditional plastic.

## 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.

## satchel

*n.* a bag, often made of leather, with a strap for carrying over the shoulder or across the body; typically used to

carry personal belongings, such as books or a laptop  
*synonym*: bag, knapsack, backpack

(1) **satchel** bag, (2) brown **satchel**

I packed my books in my school **satchel** and headed to class.

## quinceanera

*n.* a traditional celebration in Latin American cultures to mark a girl's 15th birthday, often celebrated with a religious ceremony, a fancy dress, and a formal party with family and friends

(1) **quinceanera** dress, (2) **quinceanera** party

The family spent months planning every detail of the **quinceanera** to ensure it was memorable.

## manifestation

*n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

*synonym*: expression, embodiment, presentation

(1) **manifestation** of a deeper problem, (2) **manifestation** of psychological stress

The **manifestation** of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

## sham

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

*synonym*: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. pr\_\_\_\_\_ry warfare *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
2. brown sa\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a bag, often made of leather, with a strap for carrying over the shoulder or across the body; typically used to carry personal belongings, such as books or a laptop
3. nu\_\_e price levels up *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
4. bl\_\_\_\_t his life *v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
5. li\_\_\_\_\_te a company *v.* to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely
6. as\_\_\_\_\_ng prime minister *adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
7. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. predatory, 2. satchel, 3. nudge, 4. blight, 5. liquidate, 6. aspiring, 7. opportune

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| 8. atmospheric me_____e   | <i>n.</i> a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH <sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel   |
| 9. bl____t a crop         | <i>v.</i> to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; ( <i>noun</i> ) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting                   |
| 10. k__p forest           | <i>n.</i> a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters  |
| 11. a pr_____ry bird      | <i>adj.</i> living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive  |
| 12. give a person a nu__e | <i>v.</i> to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; ( <i>noun</i> ) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior |
| 13. liv_____od assistance | <i>n.</i> a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.  |
| 14. ac___e each other     | <i>v.</i> to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing  |
| 15. la_____ss peasants    | <i>adj.</i> lacking ownership or possession of land or property; without a fixed or permanent home or residence  |
| 16. reh_____ate prisoners | <i>v.</i> to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment                         |

ANSWERS: 8. methane, 9. blight, 10. kelp, 11. predatory, 12. nudge, 13. livelihood, 14. accuse, 15. landless, 16. rehabilitate

17. sense of re\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a feeling of intense disgust or dislike; a physical force that resists the approach or contact of two objects
18. wh\_\_\_\_\_n he is mistaken *adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that
19. k\_n of the person *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
20. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
21. gr\_\_d your teeth *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
22. ge\_\_\_\_\_fy a street *v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
23. sa\_\_\_e attack *adj.* extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized
24. und\_\_\_\_\_ged communities *adj.* lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success
25. ac\_\_\_e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
26. qui\_\_\_\_\_ra party *n.* a traditional celebration in Latin American cultures to mark a girl's 15th birthday, often celebrated with a religious ceremony, a fancy dress, and a formal party with family and friends

ANSWERS: 17. repulsion, 18. wherein, 19. ken, 20. opportune, 21. grind, 22. gentrify, 23. savage, 24. underprivileged, 25. accuse, 26. quinceanera

27. man\_\_\_\_\_ion of psychological stress  
*n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
28. pre\_\_\_\_\_te in the army  
*v.* to be the most powerful, important, or frequent; to be more common or prevalent than others
29. within my k\_n  
*n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
30. exa\_\_\_\_\_te symptoms  
*v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
31. una\_\_\_\_\_ed letter  
*adj.* not dealt with, resolved, or attended to; lacking attention or consideration
32. civil lib\_\_\_\_\_an  
*n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
33. gr\_\_d away at my work  
*v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
34. 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
35. exa\_\_\_\_\_te the situation  
*v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
36. poor and und\_\_\_\_\_ged elderly  
*adj.* lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success

ANSWERS: 27. manifestation, 28. predominate, 29. ken, 30. exacerbate, 31. unaddressed, 32. libertarian, 33. grind, 34. methane, 35. exacerbate, 36. underprivileged

37. una\_\_\_\_\_ed risks *adj.* not dealt with, resolved, or attended to; lacking attention or consideration
38. pre\_\_\_\_\_te religion *v.* to be the most powerful, important, or frequent; to be more common or prevalent than others
39. ho\_\_a at you on the app *v.* to shout or call out loudly, particularly as a greeting or to get someone's attention, often used as an exclamation to express excitement, joy, or agreement
40. progress to a level wh\_\_\_\_\_n *adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that
41. qui\_\_\_\_\_ra dress *n.* a traditional celebration in Latin American cultures to mark a girl's 15th birthday, often celebrated with a religious ceremony, a fancy dress, and a formal party with family and friends
42. inc\_\_\_\_\_ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
43. an\_\_\_\_\_al roots *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
44. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
45. sa\_\_\_\_\_l bag *n.* a bag, often made of leather, with a strap for carrying over the shoulder or across the body; typically used to carry personal belongings, such as books or a laptop
46. man\_\_\_\_\_ion of a deeper problem *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

ANSWERS: 37. unaddressed, 38. predominate, 39. holla, 40. wherein, 41. quinceanera, 42. incarceration, 43. ancestral, 44. industrious, 45. satchel, 46. manifestation

47. ge\_\_\_\_fy a community      *v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
48. su\_\_\_\_\_ze the cost      *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
49. re\_\_\_\_\_nt our life      *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
50. pa\_\_\_\_\_op owner      *n.* a business where loans are made in exchange for personal property that serves as collateral; typically, the property is resold if the loan is not repaid
51. la\_\_\_\_\_ss laborer      *adj.* lacking ownership or possession of land or property; without a fixed or permanent home or residence
52. lib\_\_\_\_\_an group      *n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
53. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
54. a s\_\_m battle      *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 47. gentrify, 48. subsidize, 49. reinvent, 50. pawnshop, 51. landless, 52. libertarian, 53. industrious, 54. sham

55. en\_\_\_\_e indigenous people      *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
56. re\_\_\_\_\_on force      *n.* a feeling of intense disgust or dislike; a physical force that resists the approach or contact of two objects
57. pr\_\_\_\_\_ze healthcare      *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
58. an an\_\_\_\_\_al graveyard      *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
59. have as\_\_\_\_\_ng eyes      *adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
60. giant k\_\_p      *n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters
61. en\_\_\_e shoppers      *v.* to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
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63. en\_\_\_\_e poor peasants      *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
64. turn out to be all s\_\_m      *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 55. enslave, 56. repulsion, 57. privatize, 58. ancestral, 59. aspiring, 60. kelp, 61. entice, 62. subsidize, 63. enslave, 64. sham

65. risky spe\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who invests in a venture with the hope of making a profit, often taking on significant risks; someone who engages in speculation
66. ho\_\_a back *v.* to shout or call out loudly, particularly as a greeting or to get someone's attention, often used as an exclamation to express excitement, joy, or agreement
67. reh\_\_\_\_\_ate wildlife *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
68. bio\_\_\_\_\_ic utensils *n.* a type of plastic derived from natural materials, particularly biologically-based sources such as cornstarch or sugarcane, rather than petroleum-based sources, generally biodegradable and eco-friendly
69. stock market spe\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who invests in a venture with the hope of making a profit, often taking on significant risks; someone who engages in speculation
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ANSWERS: 65. speculator, 66. holla, 67. rehabilitate, 68. bioplastic, 69. speculator, 70. reinvent, 71. livelihood, 72. pawnshop



73. bio\_\_\_\_\_ic container *n.* a type of plastic derived from natural materials, particularly biologically-based sources such as cornstarch or sugarcane, rather than petroleum-based sources, generally biodegradable and eco-friendly
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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her beauty \_\_\_\_\_ me completely.
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ANSWERS: 7. exacerbated, 8. accused, 9. privatize, 10. blighted, 11. opportune, 12. wherein, 13. ancestral, 14. underprivileged

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23. I could no longer earn my own \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
24. He had a good \_\_\_\_ of the city and could easily find his way around.
- n. knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
25. They have tried to \_\_\_\_\_ their grocery stores.
- v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
26. The company had to \_\_\_\_\_ its assets due to bankruptcy.
- v. to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely
27. The salesperson tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the customer into buying a new car.
- v. to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
28. Governments \_\_\_\_\_ renewable energy generation in various ways.
- v. to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
29. I packed my books in my school \_\_\_\_\_ and headed to class.
- n. a bag, often made of leather, with a strap for carrying over the shoulder or across the body; typically used to carry personal belongings, such as books or a laptop

ANSWERS: 22. grind, 23. livelihood, 24. ken, 25. reinvent, 26. liquidate, 27. entice, 28. subsidize, 29. satchel

30. Many \_\_\_\_\_ farmers struggle to make ends meet.

*adj.* lacking ownership or possession of land or property; without a fixed or permanent home or residence

31. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

*n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

32. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.

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

33. The sight of spiders fills me with \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a feeling of intense disgust or dislike; a physical force that resists the approach or contact of two objects

34. The coast was lined with beds of \_\_\_\_\_ swaying in the tide.

*n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters

35. I sold my old jewelry at the \_\_\_\_\_ to make some extra cash.

*n.* a business where loans are made in exchange for personal property that serves as collateral; typically, the property is resold if the loan is not repaid

36. The judge sentenced him to five years of \_\_\_\_\_ for embezzlement.

*n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail

37. The organization works to \_\_\_\_\_ drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

*v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

ANSWERS: 30. landless, 31. manifestation, 32. industrious, 33. repulsion, 34. kelp, 35. pawnshop, 36. incarceration, 37. rehabilitate

38. The ignition of \_\_\_\_\_ gas in the plant killed five employees.

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

39. The family spent months planning every detail of the \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure it was memorable.

- n.* a traditional celebration in Latin American cultures to mark a girl's 15th birthday, often celebrated with a religious ceremony, a fancy dress, and a formal party with family and friends

ANSWERS: 38. methane, 39. quinceanera