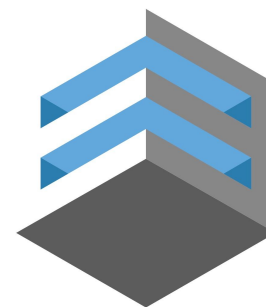


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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### fiance

*n.* a person who is engaged to be married

*synonym*: groom-to-be, betrothed, intended

(1) **fiance** visa, (2) meeting with the **fiance's** family

My **fiance** and I are looking for a new apartment after our wedding.

### assiduous

*adj.* showing great care, attention, and perseverance in carrying out a task or duty; diligent and hardworking

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, industrious

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

The chef's **assiduous** efforts to source high-quality ingredients were apparent in the delicious meal.

### eventuality

*n.* a possible, likely, or eventual outcome or occurrence; a future possibility that may come to pass

*synonym*: contingency, possibility

(1) potential **eventuality**, (2) rare **eventuality**

We have to prepare for every **eventuality** before we start a project.

### posthumous

*adj.* occurring or appearing after one's death, especially about the publication or release of works, awards, or

honors

*synonym* : postmortem, post-obituary

(1) **posthumous** award, (2) **posthumous** work

The author's **posthumous** novel was finally released after his death.

**appellate**

*adj.* relating to or having the power to hear appeals from lower courts or tribunals; referring to a court that primarily hears appeals

(1) **appellate** procedure, (2) **appellate** jurisdiction

The **appellate** court reviews cases that have already been tried in lower courts.

**conceive**

*v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

*synonym* : imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

**surrogate**

*adj.* acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose

*synonym* : substitute, replacement, deputy

(1) **surrogate** pregnancy, (2) **surrogate** decision

The **surrogate** mother gave birth to a healthy baby for the couple who couldn't conceive independently.

**housemate**

*n.* a person with whom one shares a house, apartment, or living space

*synonym* : roommate, flatmate, co-tenant

(1) **housemate** agreement, (2) friendly **housemate**

I am looking for a new **housemate** to take the spare room in my apartment.

**infertile**

*adj.* unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable

*synonym* : barren, sterile, unproductive

(1) **infertile** woman, (2) **infertile** land

The soil in the desert is **infertile**, making it difficult to grow crops.

## fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

*synonym*: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

## contradictory

*adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

*synonym*: conflicting, opposing, inconsistent

(1) apparently **contradictory**, (2) **contradictory** evidence

His statements were **contradictory**, leaving the audience confused.

## juridical

*adj.* relating to law or legal systems; authorized or regulated by law

*synonym*: legal, juridic, forensic

(1) **juridical** principle, (2) **juridical** process

The **juridical** system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing laws in a country.

## murmur

v. to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

*synonym*: burble, gurgle, mutter

(1) **murmur** at low wages, (2) **murmur** a greeting

He always **murmurs** at the ill-treatment.

## probate

*n.* the legal process of proving or validating a will and settling the estate of a deceased person; the official document issued by a court declaring the validity of a will and authorizing its execution

*synonym*: testament, inheritance, estate

(1) **probate** court, (2) **probate** lawyer

After my grandmother passed away, her estate went through the **probate** process to distribute her assets.

**heir** *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies  
*synonym* : successor, inheritor, beneficiary  
(1) an imperial **heir**, (2) **heir** at law  
She recognized me as her lawful **heir**.

**sibling** *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents  
*synonym* : brother, sister, relative  
(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**  
Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

**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.

**obstetrician** *n.* a physician who specializes in caring for women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period  
*synonym* : doctor, gynecologist, accoucheur  
(1) **obstetrician** appointment, (2) female **obstetrician**  
The new mother was grateful for the support she received from her **obstetrician**.

**congratulation** *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another  
*synonym* : praise, compliment, felicitation  
(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**  
The **congratulations** from her friends and family were

overwhelming after she won the championship.

## gasp

*v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

*synonym*: breathe, pant, heave

(1) **gasp** for air, (2) **gasp** in shock

The audience **gasp**ed when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.

## liberate

*v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

*synonym*: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

## confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym*: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## cadet

*n.* a young trainee, particularly one who is training to become an officer in the military or a particular profession or organization

*synonym*: cadette, trainee, apprentice

(1) **cadet** training, (2) army **cadet**

He was a **cadet** at the military academy.

## moreover

*adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

*synonym*: furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

## coroner

*n.* an official responsible for investigating deaths, particularly those that occur suddenly, unexpectedly, or under unusual or suspicious circumstances

*synonym* : medical examiner, forensic pathologist, death investigator

(1) assistant **coroner**, (2) county **coroner**

The **coroner's** office is responsible for identifying victims of disasters.

## writ

*n.* a written legal order or command

*synonym* : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

## napkin

*n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions

*synonym* : serviette, handkerchief, cloth

(1) paper **napkin**, (2) linen **napkin**

I always keep a stack of **napkins** on my desk while I eat to prevent any messes.

## outpace

*v.* to move or proceed at a faster rate than someone or something else; to surpass or exceed someone's or something's performance or ability

*synonym* : outdistance, outstrip, overtake

(1) **outpace** market share, (2) **outpace** economic growth

Her running speed allowed her to **outpace** her competitors and win the race.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the public  
*v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
2. paper na\_\_\_\_n  
*n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions
3. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the young  
*v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
4. county co\_\_\_\_\_r  
*n.* an official responsible for investigating deaths, particularly those that occur suddenly, unexpectedly, or under unusual or suspicious circumstances
5. but mo\_\_\_\_\_er, they work well together  
*adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
6. ou\_\_\_\_\_e economic growth  
*v.* to move or proceed at a faster rate than someone or something else; to surpass or exceed someone's or something's performance or ability
7. su\_\_\_\_\_te decision  
*adj.* acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose
8. obs\_\_\_\_\_ian appointment  
*n.* a physician who specializes in caring for women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period
9. in\_\_\_\_\_le woman  
*adj.* unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable

ANSWERS: 1. fascinate, 2. napkin, 3. fascinate, 4. coroner, 5. moreover, 6. outpace, 7. surrogate, 8. obstetrician, 9. infertile

10. ho\_\_\_\_\_te agreement *n.* a person with whom one shares a house, apartment, or living space
11. army ca\_\_t *n.* a young trainee, particularly one who is training to become an officer in the military or a particular profession or organization
12. h\_\_r at law *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
13. d\_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
14. a matter for con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
15. meeting with the fi\_\_\_e's family *n.* a person who is engaged to be married
16. ap\_\_\_\_\_te jurisdiction *adj.* relating to or having the power to hear appeals from lower courts or tribunals; referring to a court that primarily hears appeals
17. mu\_\_\_r at low wages *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
18. mu\_\_\_r a greeting *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
19. su\_\_\_\_\_te pregnancy *adj.* acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose

ANSWERS: 10. housemate, 11. cadet, 12. heir, 13. doe, 14. congratulation, 15. fiance, 16. appellate, 17. murmur, 18. murmur, 19. surrogate



20. issue a w\_\_t *n.* a written legal order or command
21. fi\_\_\_e visa *n.* a person who is engaged to be married
22. female obs\_\_\_\_\_\_ian *n.* a physician who specializes in caring for women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period
23. g\_\_p in shock *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
24. play with my si\_\_\_\_gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
25. ap\_\_\_\_te procedure *adj.* relating to or having the power to hear appeals from lower courts or tribunals; referring to a court that primarily hears appeals
26. ou\_\_\_\_e market share *v.* to move or proceed at a faster rate than someone or something else; to surpass or exceed someone's or something's performance or ability
27. ju\_\_\_\_al principle *adj.* relating to law or legal systems; authorized or regulated by law
28. have a si\_\_\_\_g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
29. co\_\_\_\_ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
30. pr\_\_\_\_e court *n.* the legal process of proving or validating a will and settling the estate of a deceased person; the official document issued by a court declaring the validity of a will and authorizing its execution

ANSWERS: 20. writ, 21. fiance, 22. obstetrician, 23. gasp, 24. sibling, 25. appellate, 26. outpace, 27. juridical, 28. sibling, 29. conceive, 30. probate

31. co\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality      *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
32. co\_\_\_\_ve a child      *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
33. as\_\_\_\_us worker      *adj.* showing great care, attention, and perseverance in carrying out a task or duty; diligent and hardworking
34. a w\_\_t of summons      *n.* a written legal order or command
35. pr\_\_\_\_e lawyer      *n.* the legal process of proving or validating a will and settling the estate of a deceased person; the official document issued by a court declaring the validity of a will and authorizing its execution
36. linen na\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions
37. 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
38. friendly ho\_\_\_\_te      *n.* a person with whom one shares a house, apartment, or living space
39. ju\_\_\_\_al process      *adj.* relating to law or legal systems; authorized or regulated by law
40. con\_\_\_\_\_ion on a promotion      *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

ANSWERS: 31. confuse, 32. conceive, 33. assiduous, 34. writ, 35. probate, 36. napkin, 37. doe, 38. housemate, 39. juridical, 40. congratulation

41. ca\_\_t training *n.* a young trainee, particularly one who is training to become an officer in the military or a particular profession or organization
42. pos\_\_\_\_\_us work *adj.* occurring or appearing after one's death, especially about the publication or release of works, awards, or honors
43. potential eve\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a possible, likely, or eventual outcome or occurrence; a future possibility that may come to pass
44. li\_\_\_\_\_te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
45. li\_\_\_\_\_te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
46. con\_\_\_\_\_ory evidence *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
47. rare eve\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a possible, likely, or eventual outcome or occurrence; a future possibility that may come to pass
48. in\_\_\_\_\_le land *adj.* unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable
49. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
50. g\_\_p for air *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
51. an imperial h\_\_r *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies

ANSWERS: 41. cadet, 42. posthumous, 43. eventuality, 44. liberate, 45. liberate, 46. contradictory, 47. eventuality, 48. infertile, 49. confuse, 50. gasp, 51. heir

52. as\_\_\_\_\_us student

*adj.* showing great care, attention, and perseverance in carrying out a task or duty; diligent and hardworking

53. pos\_\_\_\_\_us award

*adj.* occurring or appearing after one's death, especially about the publication or release of works, awards, or honors

54. assistant co\_\_\_\_\_r

*n.* an official responsible for investigating deaths, particularly those that occur suddenly, unexpectedly, or under unusual or suspicious circumstances

55. apparently con\_\_\_\_\_ory

*adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

56. mo\_\_\_\_\_er, she decided to go

*adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

ANSWERS: 52. assiduous, 53. posthumous, 54. coroner, 55. contradictory, 56. moreover

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The audience \_\_\_\_\_ when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.  
*v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing laws in a country.  
*adj.* relating to law or legal systems; authorized or regulated by law
3. We have to prepare for every \_\_\_\_\_ before we start a project.  
*n.* a possible, likely, or eventual outcome or occurrence; a future possibility that may come to pass
4. The company is environmentally conscious, and \_\_\_\_\_ it uses sustainable materials in its products.  
*adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ court reviews cases that have already been tried in lower courts.  
*adj.* relating to or having the power to hear appeals from lower courts or tribunals; referring to a court that primarily hears appeals
6. The new mother was grateful for the support she received from her \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a physician who specializes in caring for women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period
7. I always keep a stack of \_\_\_\_\_ on my desk while I eat to prevent any messes.  
*n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions

ANSWERS: 1. gasped, 2. juridical, 3. eventuality, 4. moreover, 5. appellate, 6. obstetrician, 7. napkins

8. Her running speed allowed her to \_\_\_\_\_ her competitors and win the race.
- v.* to move or proceed at a faster rate than someone or something else; to surpass or exceed someone's or something's performance or ability
9. She recognized me as her lawful \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
10. The chef's \_\_\_\_\_ efforts to source high-quality ingredients were apparent in the delicious meal.
- adj.* showing great care, attention, and perseverance in carrying out a task or duty; diligent and hardworking
11. The author's \_\_\_\_\_ novel was finally released after his death.
- adj.* occurring or appearing after one's death, especially about the publication or release of works, awards, or honors
12. Children often copy their parents or elder \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
13. After my grandmother passed away, her estate went through the \_\_\_\_\_ process to distribute her assets.
- n.* the legal process of proving or validating a will and settling the estate of a deceased person; the official document issued by a court declaring the validity of a will and authorizing its execution
14. The magic tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the children.
- v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
15. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ at the military academy.
- n.* a young trainee, particularly one who is training to become an officer in the military or a particular profession or organization

ANSWERS: 8. outpace, 9. heir, 10. assiduous, 11. posthumous, 12. siblings, 13. probate, 14. fascinated, 15. cadet

16. My \_\_\_\_\_ and I are looking for a new apartment after our wedding.  
*n.* a person who is engaged to be married
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ mother gave birth to a healthy baby for the couple who couldn't conceive independently.  
*adj.* acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose
18. He was served with a \_\_\_\_\_ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.  
*n.* a written legal order or command
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22. The prisoners were \_\_\_\_\_ after the war ended.  
*v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
23. The \_\_\_\_\_ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.  
*n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

ANSWERS: 16. fiance, 17. surrogate, 18. writ, 19. doe, 20. contradictory, 21. confused, 22. liberated, 23. congratulations

24. I am looking for a new \_\_\_\_\_ to take the spare room in my apartment.

*n.* a person with whom one shares a house, apartment, or living space

25. The soil in the desert is \_\_\_\_\_ making it difficult to grow crops.

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26. He always \_\_\_\_\_ at the ill-treatment.

*v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

27. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ he'd want to harm us.

*v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

28. The \_\_\_\_\_ office is responsible for identifying victims of disasters.

*n.* an official responsible for investigating deaths, particularly those that occur suddenly, unexpectedly, or under unusual or suspicious circumstances

ANSWERS: 24. housemate, 25. infertile, 26. murmurs, 27. conceive, 28. coroner's