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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### hyphen

*n.* a punctuation mark (-) used to connect two words or parts of a word, to indicate a compound word, or to separate syllables for clarity

*synonym*: dash, connection

(1) double **hyphen**, (2) missing **hyphen**

Make sure to put a **hyphen** between your phone number digits.

### carver

*n.* a person who carves, cuts, or sculpts wood, stone, or other materials; a tool or instrument used for cutting or carving

*synonym*: sculptor, engraver, cutter

(1) wood **carver**, (2) pumpkin **carver**

The statue was created using a chisel and a skilled **carver's** hands.

### mumble

*v.* to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately

*synonym*: murmur, mutter, whisper

(1) **mumble** a reply, (2) **mumble** under your breath

She tended to **mumble** when she was nervous or unsure of herself.

## Negro

*n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States

*synonym* : African American

(1) **Negro** literature, (2) American **Negro**

They developed **Negro** blues with a lively rhythm.

## jean

*n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

*synonym* : denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

## smartphone

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

## boardroom

*n.* a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets

*synonym* : meeting room, conference room, executive room

(1) **boardroom** meeting, (2) **boardroom** decision

The corporate **boardroom** was filled with tense silence as the CEO presented the new plan.

## elusive

*adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

*synonym* : mysterious, ambiguous, inapproachable

(1) an **elusive** criminal, (2) track down an **elusive** fact

The physicist who found the **elusive** particle won the Nobel Prize.

## pave

*v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

*synonym* : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

## anthem

*n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause

*synonym*: hymn, song, paean

(1) a national **anthem**, (2) **anthem** singer

The **anthem** of the country was played during the ceremony.

## contralto

*n.* the lowest female singing voice or voice part, usually ranging from F below middle C to second F above middle C

*synonym*: alto

(1) **contralto** singer, (2) rich **contralto** range

The singer's deep **contralto** voice was perfect for the opera's lead role.

## scrapbook

*n.* a book or album filled with photographs, clippings, and other memorabilia that are collected and arranged in a creative or meaningful way; a collection of memories or mementos

*synonym*: album, collection

(1) **scrapbook** pages, (2) digital **scrapbook**

My grandmother keeps all her photos in a **scrapbook**.

## yell

*v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way

*synonym*: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

## heirloom

*n.* a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value

*synonym*: heritage, inheritance, legacy

(1) **heirloom** jewelry, (2) family **heirloom**

The family recipe for apple pie has become an **heirloom** tradition.

## priceless

*adj.* extremely valuable or important

*synonym*: invaluable, incalculable, precious

(1) **priceless** work of art, (2) **priceless** opportunity

Investigators discovered **priceless** documents throughout the house.

## henceforth

*adv.* starting from this time; from now on

*synonym*: hereafter, henceforward, subsequently

(1) abstain from wine **henceforth**, (2) promise never to lie

**henceforth**

This city will be **henceforth** recognized as the capital.

## scatter

*v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions

*synonym*: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

## resonate

*v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

*synonym*: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

## laureate

*n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

(1) Oscar **laureate**, (2) poet **laureate**

The Nobel **laureate** delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.

## valueless

*adj.* without any value or worth; worthless; having no significance or importance

*synonym*: worthless, meaningless, value-free

(1) **valueless** opinion, (2) **valueless** asset

The old sofa was **valueless** and had to be thrown away.

## chairperson

*n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings

*synonym*: director, head, leader

(1) vice **chairperson**, (2) the meeting elected a **chairperson**

The **chairperson** has the authority to approve or deny any request.

## nonviolence

*n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

*synonym*: pacifism, nonresistance, peacekeeping

(1) **nonviolence** movement, (2) **nonviolence** protest

Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of **nonviolence** in the fight for civil rights.

## colonel

*n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general

*synonym*: officer, military, ranking officer

(1) **colonel** rank, (2) brevet **colonel**

The Army **colonel** led the troops into battle.

## politely

*adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others

*synonym*: courteously, respectfully, graciously

(1) **politely** ask, (2) nodded **politely**

She **politely** declined the invitation to the party, saying she had other plans.

## desegregation

*n.* the action or process of eliminating segregation, typically of races or ethnic groups, in educational, social, or other

institutions

*synonym* : integration, assimilation

(1) **desegregation** plan, (2) legal **desegregation**

**Desegregation** of schools was a major social issue in the 1960s.

## 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.

## portray

*v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

*synonym* : depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

## gunpoint

*n.* the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery

*synonym* : point, muzzle

(1) held at **gunpoint**, (2) **gunpoint** robbery

The robbers demanded money from the store clerk at **gunpoint**.

## daring

*adj.* brave and taking risks

*synonym* : audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

## undeniable

*adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain

*synonym* : absolute, definite, indubitable

(1) an **undeniable** fact, (2) an **undeniable** masterpiece

Her influence on teenagers is **undeniable**.

## lexicon

*n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical

*synonym*: glossary, dictionary, vocabulary

(1) Greek-English **lexicon**, (2) **lexicon** of business phrases

This bilingual **lexicon** was essential for his language improvement.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------|---|
| 1. an und_____le fact     | <i>adj.</i> not possible to deny; true or certain   |
| 2. digital sc_____ok      | <i>n.</i> a book or album filled with photographs, clippings, and other memorabilia that are collected and arranged in a creative or meaningful way; a collection of memories or mementos |
| 3. va_____ss asset        | <i>adj.</i> without any value or worth; worthless; having no significance or importance   |
| 4. da___g escape          | <i>adj.</i> brave and taking risks  |
| 5. held at gu_____nt      | <i>n.</i> the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery   |
| 6. co_____l rank          | <i>n.</i> a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general  |
| 7. des_____ion plan       | <i>n.</i> the action or process of eliminating segregation, typically of races or ethnic groups, in educational, social, or other institutions  |
| 8. Greek-English le_____n | <i>n.</i> all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical  |
| 9. sc_____r seeds         | <i>v.</i> to cause to separate and go in different directions   |
| 10. co_____to singer      | <i>n.</i> the lowest female singing voice or voice part, usually ranging from F below middle C to second F above middle C   |

ANSWERS: 1. undeniable, 2. scrapbook, 3. valueless, 4. daring, 5. gunpoint, 6. colonel, 7. desegregation, 8. lexicon, 9. scatter, 10. contralto



11. p\_\_e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
12. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
13. he\_\_\_\_\_om jewelry *n.* a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value
14. gu\_\_\_\_\_nt robbery *n.* the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery
15. Ne\_\_o literature *n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States
16. Oscar la\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
17. mu\_\_\_e a reply *v.* to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately
18. va\_\_\_\_\_ss opinion *adj.* without any value or worth; worthless; having no significance or importance

ANSWERS: 11. pave, 12. smartphone, 13. heirloom, 14. gunpoint, 15. Negro, 16. laureate, 17. mumble, 18. valueless

19. poet laureate *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
20. an opportune remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
21. smartphone app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
22. boardroom meeting *n.* a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
23. legal desegregation *n.* the action or process of eliminating segregation, typically of races or ethnic groups, in educational, social, or other institutions
24. a national anthem *n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause
25. an undeniable masterpiece *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
26. priceless work of art *adj.* extremely valuable or important
27. nonviolence protest *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
28. denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

ANSWERS: 19. laureate, 20. opportune, 21. smartphone, 22. boardroom, 23. desegregation, 24. anthem, 25. undeniable, 26. priceless, 27. nonviolence, 28. jean

29. sc\_\_\_\_\_ok pages *n.* a book or album filled with photographs, clippings, and other memorabilia that are collected and arranged in a creative or meaningful way; a collection of memories or mementos
30. family he\_\_\_\_\_om *n.* a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value
31. track down an el\_\_\_\_\_e fact *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
32. American Ne\_\_o *n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States
33. accurately po\_\_\_\_\_y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
34. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
35. make a da\_\_\_g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
36. promise never to lie hen\_\_\_\_\_th *adv.* starting from this time; from now on
37. po\_\_\_\_\_ly ask *adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others

ANSWERS: 29. scrapbook, 30. heirloom, 31. elusive, 32. Negro, 33. portray, 34. opportune, 35. daring, 36. henceforth, 37. politely

38. an\_\_\_m singer *n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause
39. a j\_\_\_n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
40. abstain from wine hen\_\_\_\_\_th *adv.* starting from this time; from now on
41. non\_\_\_\_\_ce movement *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
42. pumpkin ca\_\_\_r *n.* a person who carves, cuts, or sculpts wood, stone, or other materials; a tool or instrument used for cutting or carving
43. sc\_\_\_\_\_r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
44. vice cha\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
45. le\_\_\_\_\_n of business phrases *n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
46. the meeting elected a cha\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
47. brevet co\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
48. wood ca\_\_\_r *n.* a person who carves, cuts, or sculpts wood, stone, or other materials; a tool or instrument used for cutting or carving
49. missing hy\_\_\_n *n.* a punctuation mark (-) used to connect two words or parts of a word, to indicate a compound word, or to separate syllables for clarity

ANSWERS: 38. anthem, 39. jean, 40. henceforth, 41. nonviolence, 42. carver, 43. scatter, 44. chairperson, 45. lexicon, 46. chairperson, 47. colonel, 48. carver, 49. hyphen

50. re\_\_\_\_\_te in the same frequency      *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
51. pr\_\_\_\_\_ss opportunity      *adj.* extremely valuable or important
52. po\_\_\_\_\_y feelings in words      *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
53. an el\_\_\_\_\_e criminal      *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
54. mu\_\_\_\_\_e under your breath      *v.* to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately
55. y\_\_l for help      *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
56. nodded po\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
57. bo\_\_\_\_\_om decision      *n.* a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
58. p\_\_e a smoother road      *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
59. double hy\_\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a punctuation mark (-) used to connect two words or parts of a word, to indicate a compound word, or to separate syllables for clarity
60. deeply re\_\_\_\_\_te with the consumers      *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
61. y\_\_l as loud as we can      *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
62. rich co\_\_\_\_\_to range      *n.* the lowest female singing voice or voice part, usually ranging from F below middle C to second F above middle C

ANSWERS: 50. resonate, 51. priceless, 52. portray, 53. elusive, 54. mumble, 55. yell, 56. politely, 57. boardroom, 58. pave, 59. hyphen, 60. resonate, 61. yell, 62. contralto

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. My grandmother keeps all her photos in a \_\_\_\_\_.  
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ANSWERS: 1. scrapbook, 2. laureate, 3. colonel, 4. nonviolence, 5. Negro, 6. Desegregation

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*adj.* without any value or worth; worthless; having no significance or importance

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*adv.* starting from this time; from now on

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ has the authority to approve or deny any request.

*n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings

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*n.* the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery

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ANSWERS: 24. daring, 25. opportune, 26. boardroom, 27. yelled, 28. portray, 29. anthem, 30. elusive, 31. jeans