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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### furious

*adj.* extremely angry; full of rage

*synonym* : angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

### betroth

*v.* to engage or promise to marry someone; to become formally engaged or betrothed

*synonym* : plight, engage, affiance

(1) **betroth** a couple, (2) **betroth** to marry

The couple decided to **betroth** themselves in a private ceremony.

### enact

*v.* to make a law; to put something into practice

*synonym* : legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

### partygoer

*n.* a person who attends or participates in social events, particularly parties or gatherings that involve drinking, dancing, and socializing with others

*synonym* : reveller, celebrant, socialite

(1) **partygoer** attire, (2) **partygoer** behavior

The host hired a famous DJ to entertain the **partygoers**.

## **goblet**

*n.* a drinking vessel, typically made of glass or metal, with a stem and a wide bowl or cup

*synonym*: chalice, cup, wineglass

(1) **goblet** of wine, (2) ornate **goblet**

The king drank from a golden **goblet** during the feast.

## **enchant**

*v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone

*synonym*: charm, captivate, bewitch

(1) **enchant** the audience, (2) **enchant** the crowd

The fairy's spell **enchanted** the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.

## **waver**

*v.* to move in a quivering manner; to become weak

*synonym*: lurch, sway, wobble

(1) **waver** in purpose, (2) **waver** between work and private life

She didn't **waver** in her decision to pursue her dream career, despite the challenges.

## **geas**

*n.* an obligation or prohibition in Irish folklore or mythology, often a magical or mystical injunction that is placed upon someone and which they are compelled to follow

*synonym*: spell, curse, obligation

(1) **geas** spell, (2) **geas** oath

The wizard placed a **geas** on the cast of characters to ensure they would complete their quest.

## **brow**

*n.* the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead

*synonym*: forehead, hilltop, eyebrow

(1) the **brow** of a hill, (2) furrowed **brow**

She wiped the sweat from her **brow** after finishing the marathon.

## betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

*synonym*: fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

## wrath

n. extreme anger

*synonym*: fury, irritation, anger

(1) **wrath** of God, (2) a high person's **wrath**

He finally exploded with **wrath** due to the team's repeated failures.

## conjure

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

*synonym*: summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

## itch

v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it

*synonym*: scratch, tingle, irritate

(1) **itch** constantly, (2) **itch** to speak

I can't stop **itching** my arm because of the mosquito bite.

## barricade

n. a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack

*synonym*: barrier, obstacle, blockade

(1) **barricade** fencing, (2) police **barricade**

The protestors built a **barricade** to prevent police from entering the area.

## flirt

v. to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men

*synonym*: tease

(1) **flirt** with him, (2) **flirt** like a schoolgirl

My husband never **flirts** with other women.

## 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.

## enlist

*v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

*synonym*: join, sign up, appoint

(1) **enlist** in a cause, (2) **enlist** for a soldier

He decided to **enlist** in the military after graduating from high school.

## mystification

*n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate

*synonym*: puzzle, perplexity, confusion

(1) **mystification** of the public, (2) **mystification** of the subject

The magician's tricks were a source of **mystification** for the audience.

## poisonous

*adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

*synonym*: toxic, venomous, deadly

(1) **poisonous** plants, (2) **poisonous** chemicals

Some species of **poisonous snakes** can be deadly to humans if bitten.

## hound

*v.* to persistently pursue, harass, or pressure someone or something, often in a negative or unwelcome way;  
(noun) a type of dog, often bred for hunting that has a keen sense of smell and is known for its persistence and tenacity

*synonym*: chase, badger, annoy

(1) beagle **hound**, (2) **hound** him for payment

The paparazzi constantly **hound** celebrities for a photo or a story.

## tangle

*n.* a confused mass of something twisted together

*synonym*: knot, snarl, entanglement

(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires

The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

## exhaustion

*n.* the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength

*synonym*: fatigue, weariness, tiredness

(1) **exhaustion** of energy, (2) emotional **exhaustion**

The long work hours were taking a toll on her mental **exhaustion**.

## implore

*v.* to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy

*synonym*: beg, beseech, plead

(1) **implore** forgiveness, (2) **implore** assistance

I **implore** you to reconsider your decision before it's too late.

## boar

*n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks

*synonym*: wild pig, sow, hog

(1) wild **boar**, (2) **boar's** head

The hunter tracked the **boar** through the forest for a good shot.

## venomous

*adj.* extremely poisonous or injurious; containing or producing venom; marked by deep ill will

*synonym*: poisonous, toxic, lethal

(1) the **venomous** jellyfish's sting, (2) have **venomous** eyes

The **venomous** snake bit him, causing him to go into shock.

## resentment

*n.* bitterness or indignation at being treated unfairly

*synonym*: bitterness, enmity, animosity

(1) abiding **resentment**, (2) bitter **resentment**

She felt **resentment** towards her boss for not giving her a promotion.

## trickle

v. to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities

*synonym*: dribble, flow, seep

(1) **trickle** down my cheek, (2) **trickle** from his eyes

Water was beginning to **trickle** into the basement after the heavy rain.

## ember

n. a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed

*synonym*: spark, glow, cinder

(1) smoldering **ember**, (2) red-hot **ember**

The warm **ember** from the fireplace glowed brightly.

## quench

v. to drink liquid so that you satisfy your thirst

*synonym*: satisfy, sate, assuage

(1) **quench** a fire, (2) **quench** a rebellion

Her beautiful voice **quenched** the thirst of an ever-growing audience.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. g__s oath                           | <i>n.</i> an obligation or prohibition in Irish folklore or mythology, often a magical or mystical injunction that is placed upon someone and which they are compelled to follow |
| 2. tr____e from his eyes               | <i>v.</i> to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities   |
| 3. be___y confidence                   | <i>v.</i> to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally   |
| 4. wa__r between work and private life | <i>v.</i> to move in a quivering manner; to become weak  |
| 5. emotional exh_____on                | <i>n.</i> the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength  |
| 6. ornate go___t                       | <i>n.</i> a drinking vessel, typically made of glass or metal, with a stem and a wide bowl or cup  |
| 7. a high person's wr__h               | <i>n.</i> extreme anger  |
| 8. be___y a friend                     | <i>v.</i> to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally   |
| 9. wild b__r                           | <i>n.</i> a wild pig, especially a male with tusks   |
| 10. go___t of wine                     | <i>n.</i> a drinking vessel, typically made of glass or metal, with a stem and a wide bowl or cup  |

ANSWERS: 1. geas, 2. trickle, 3. betray, 4. waver, 5. exhaustion, 6. goblet, 7. wrath, 8. betray, 9. boar, 10. goblet

11. en\_\_t for a soldier                    *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
12. en\_\_t the smoking ban                *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
13. furrowed b\_\_w                        *n.* the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead
14. en\_\_\_\_t the audience                *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
15. mys\_\_\_\_\_ion of the subject        *n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
16. ho\_\_d him for payment                *v.* to persistently pursue, harass, or pressure someone or something, often in a negative or unwelcome way; (noun) a type of dog, often bred for hunting that has a keen sense of smell and is known for its persistence and tenacity
17. a fu\_\_\_\_s sea                         *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
18. i\_\_h to speak                        *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
19. the b\_\_w of a hill                     *n.* the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead
20. abiding res\_\_\_\_\_nt                *n.* bitterness or indignation at being treated unfairly
21. the ve\_\_\_\_us jellyfish's sting        *adj.* extremely poisonous or injurious; containing or producing venom; marked by deep ill will
22. fl\_\_t with him                        *v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men

ANSWERS: 11. enlist, 12. enact, 13. brow, 14. enchant, 15. mystification, 16. hound, 17. furious, 18. itch, 19. brow, 20. resentment, 21. venomous, 22. flirt



23. pa\_\_\_\_\_er attire *n.* a person who attends or participates in social events, particularly parties or gatherings that involve drinking, dancing, and socializing with others
24. fu\_\_\_\_\_s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
25. tr\_\_\_\_\_e down my cheek *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
26. im\_\_\_\_\_e assistance *v.* to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy
27. beagle ho\_\_d *v.* to persistently pursue, harass, or pressure someone or something, often in a negative or unwelcome way; (noun) a type of dog, often bred for hunting that has a keen sense of smell and is known for its persistence and tenacity
28. en\_\_\_\_\_t the crowd *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
29. be\_\_\_\_\_h a couple *v.* to engage or promise to marry someone; to become formally engaged or betrothed
30. exh\_\_\_\_\_on of energy *n.* the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength
31. en\_\_\_\_t in a cause *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
32. bitter res\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* bitterness or indignation at being treated unfairly
33. red-hot em\_\_r *n.* a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed

ANSWERS: 23. partygoer, 24. furious, 25. trickle, 26. implore, 27. hound, 28. enchant, 29. betroth, 30. exhaustion, 31. enlist, 32. resentment, 33. ember

34. have ve\_\_\_\_\_us eyes *adj.* extremely poisonous or injurious; containing or producing venom; marked by deep ill will
35. en\_\_t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
36. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
37. po\_\_\_\_\_us plants *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
38. fl\_\_t like a schoolgirl *v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
39. qu\_\_\_h a fire *v.* to drink liquid so that you satisfy your thirst
40. be\_\_\_\_\_h to marry *v.* to engage or promise to marry someone; to become formally engaged or betrothed
41. ta\_\_\_e wires *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
42. pa\_\_\_\_\_er behavior *n.* a person who attends or participates in social events, particularly parties or gatherings that involve drinking, dancing, and socializing with others
43. smoldering em\_\_r *n.* a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed

ANSWERS: 34. venomous, 35. enact, 36. opportune, 37. poisonous, 38. flirt, 39. quench, 40. betroth, 41. tangle, 42. partygoer, 43. ember

44. g\_\_s spell *n.* an obligation or prohibition in Irish folklore or mythology, often a magical or mystical injunction that is placed upon someone and which they are compelled to follow
45. mys\_\_\_\_\_ion of the public *n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
46. co\_\_\_\_\_e a vision *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
47. police ba\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack
48. ba\_\_\_\_\_de fencing *n.* a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack
49. qu\_\_\_h a rebellion *v.* to drink liquid so that you satisfy your thirst
50. in a ta\_\_\_e *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
51. b\_\_r's head *n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
52. im\_\_\_\_\_e forgiveness *v.* to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy
53. po\_\_\_\_\_us chemicals *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
54. wr\_\_h of God *n.* extreme anger

ANSWERS: 44. geas, 45. mystification, 46. conjure, 47. barricade, 48. barricade, 49. quench, 50. tangle, 51. boar, 52. implore, 53. poisonous, 54. wrath

55. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

56. wa\_\_r in purpose

*v.* to move in a quivering manner; to become weak

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*v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

58. i\_\_h constantly

*v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it

ANSWERS: 55. opportune, 56. waver, 57. conjure, 58. itch

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The protestors built a \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent police from entering the area.  
*n.* a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack
  
2. The host hired a famous DJ to entertain the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person who attends or participates in social events, particularly parties or gatherings that involve drinking, dancing, and socializing with others
  
3. The cords behind my computer were a \_\_\_\_\_ mess.  
*n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
  
4. She wiped the sweat from her \_\_\_\_\_ after finishing the marathon.  
*n.* the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead
  
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9. She didn't \_\_\_\_\_ in her decision to pursue her dream career, despite the challenges.  
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ANSWERS: 9. waver, 10. wrath, 11. hound, 12. enchanted, 13. mystification, 14. enacted, 15. furious, 16. goblet

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ANSWERS: 17. betroth, 18. implore, 19. quenched, 20. venomous, 21. exhaustion, 22. flirts, 23. itching, 24. geas

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ANSWERS: 25. boar, 26. poisonous snakes, 27. enlist, 28. conjured, 29. trickle