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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### grandparent

*n.* a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

### 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**.

### complication

*n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

*synonym*: confusion, complexity, difficulty

(1) **complication** of structure, (2) resolve without **complication**

He also continued to struggle with serious long-term **complications**.

### 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.

## trajectory

*n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space

*synonym* : course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

## covet

*v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for

*synonym* : desire, yearn, crave

(1) **covet** wealth, (2) **covet** fame

She couldn't help but **covet** her friend's designer handbag.

## snapback

*n.* a type of hat with a flat brim that can be adjusted to snap into place at different angles; any clothing or accessory that goes out of style but then comes back into fashion after a period of time

(1) vintage **snapback**, (2) **snapback** trend

I love wearing **snapback** hats because they're stylish and comfortable.

## monumental

*adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

*synonym* : massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture

Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

## decorate

*v.* to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc

*synonym* : adorn, embellish, beautify

(1) **decorate** a wall, (2) **decorate** for Christmas

They **decorated** the room with balloons and streamers for the birthday party.

## garland

*n.* a wreath or chain made of flowers, leaves, or other decorative materials, often used for ornamentation or to honor someone or something; a prize or award given in the form of a wreath or chain

*synonym* : wreath, chaplet, coronet

(1) **garland** of beads, (2) **garland** of lights

The bride wore a beautiful **garland** of flowers around her neck.

## amass

*v.* to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference

*synonym* : gather, collect, accumulate

(1) **amass** a patent portfolio, (2) **amass** followers

She had **amassed** a fortune through wise investments and shrewd business decisions.

## entrenched

*adj.* established firmly and securely

*synonym* : deep-rooted, confirmed, ingrained

(1) **entrenched** ideas, (2) **entrenched** positions

The monarch exploited the peasants using its **entrenched** power.

## 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.

## chime

*v.* to make a ringing sound, usually by striking an object like a bell or wind chime; to harmonize or agree with something else; (noun) a set of musical bells or metal

tubes that produce a musical sound when struck or played

*synonym* : ring, toll, peal

(1) glass wind **chime**, (2) **chime** with the music

The grandfather clock **chimed** solemnly, signaling the hour.

## heartbreak

*n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

*synonym* : grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

## gatekeeper

*n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

*synonym* : guardian, watchman, custodian

(1) **gatekeeper** role, (2) information **gatekeeper**

The company's **gatekeeper screened** all incoming phone calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.

## slam

*v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

*synonym* : bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall

She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

## smack

*v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

*synonym* : hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

- dab** v. to touch or apply something lightly, usually several times  
*synonym* : apply, pat, daub  
(1) **dab** my cheek with powder, (2) **dab** paint on the wall  
She **dabbed** her face with a puff.
- sentimental** *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism  
*synonym* : bathetic, drippy, maudlin  
(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage  
Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.
- melanin** *n.* a natural pigment found in the skin, hair, and eyes of animals, responsible for the color and tone of these features  
*synonym* : pigment, coloration, hue  
(1) **melanin** production, (2) **melanin** deficiency  
People with more **melanin** in their skin can better protect themselves from the sun's harmful rays.
- queer** *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way  
*synonym* : strange, odd, unusual  
(1) **queer** money, (2) **queer** fashion  
The behavior of the clown at the party was quite **queer**.
- wobble** v. to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down  
*synonym* : sway, rock, totter  
(1) **wobble** a few steps, (2) **wobble** chair  
The table **wobbled** a little when I put my drink on it.
- cuddle** v. to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something  
*synonym* : embrace, snuggle, hug  
(1) **cuddle** buddy, (2) **cuddle** up with a book  
I love to **cuddle** with my dog on the couch after a long day.

## pandemic

*n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

*synonym* : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

## overdrive

*n.* a gear in a vehicle that allows the engine to operate at a higher speed than the vehicle's speed, resulting in greater fuel efficiency and smoother driving; (verb) to drive or work too hard

*synonym* : high gear, high speed, turbocharge

(1) a trial **overdrive** pacing, (2) go into **overdrive**

The car's **overdrive** function allows it to shift into a higher gear for better fuel efficiency on the highway.

## loophole

*n.* a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties

*synonym* : loophole, escape clause, technicality

(1) legal **loophole**, (2) finding a **loophole**

A **loophole** in the tax code allows some people to avoid paying taxes legally.

## compel

*v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

*synonym* : force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

## splinter

*n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger

*synonym* : shard, fragment, sliver

(1) **splinter** cell, (2) remove a **splinter**

The car window shattered into a million little **splinters** during

the crash.

## eloquent

*adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively

*synonym* : persuasive, fluent, well-spoken

(1) an **eloquent** speaker, (2) **eloquent** writing

She gave an **eloquent** speech at the graduation ceremony.

## fluffy

*adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur

*synonym* : soft, feathery, puffy

(1) **fluffy** clouds, (2) **fluffy** blanket

The kitten had **fluffy** fur that was soft to the touch.

## 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.

## empower

*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

*synonym* : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## scarcity

*n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

*synonym* : lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

## mindset

*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

*synonym* : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

## **sneak**

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

*synonym*: creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.



## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ga____d of lights                   | <i>n.</i> a wreath or chain made of flowers, leaves, or other decorative materials, often used for ornamentation or to honor someone or something; a prize or award given in the form of a wreath or chain |
| 2. d_b my cheek with powder            | <i>v.</i> to touch or apply something lightly, usually several times   |
| 3. co___l attention                    | <i>v.</i> to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way   |
| 4. flu pa_____ic                       | <i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area  |
| 5. an el_____nt speaker                | <i>adj.</i> able to speak or write clearly and impressively  |
| 6. the mi_____t in an education system | <i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone  |
| 7. a matter for con_____ion            | <i>n.</i> the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another   |
| 8. flexible mi_____t                   | <i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone  |
| 9. co___l a person to submission       | <i>v.</i> to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way   |

ANSWERS: 1. garland, 2. dab, 3. compel, 4. pandemic, 5. eloquent, 6. mindset, 7. congratulation, 8. mindset, 9. compel

10. gat\_\_\_\_\_er role *n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
11. vintage sn\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a type of hat with a flat brim that can be adjusted to snap into place at different angles; any clothing or accessory that goes out of style but then comes back into fashion after a period of time
12. sn\_\_k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
13. sn\_\_\_\_\_ck trend *n.* a type of hat with a flat brim that can be adjusted to snap into place at different angles; any clothing or accessory that goes out of style but then comes back into fashion after a period of time
14. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
15. ease her hea\_\_\_\_\_ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
16. fuel sc\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
17. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 10. gatekeeper, 11. snapback, 12. sneak, 13. snapback, 14. opportune, 15. heartbreak, 16. scarcity, 17. opportune

18. fl\_\_\_y blanket *adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
19. finding a lo\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties
20. great-gra\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
21. me\_\_\_\_\_n deficiency *n.* a natural pigment found in the skin, hair, and eyes of animals, responsible for the color and tone of these features
22. 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
23. a tra\_\_\_\_\_ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
24. el\_\_\_\_\_nt writing *adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively
25. career tra\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
26. sm\_\_k his knee *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
27. global pa\_\_\_\_\_ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
28. sp\_\_\_\_\_er cell *n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger

ANSWERS: 18. fluffy, 19. loophole, 20. grandparent, 21. melanin, 22. congratulation, 23. trajectory, 24. eloquent, 25. trajectory, 26. smack, 27. pandemic, 28. splinter

29. legal lo\_\_\_\_le *n.* a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties
30. ind\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
31. sen\_\_\_\_al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
32. 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
33. resolve without com\_\_\_\_ion *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
34. ga\_\_\_\_d of beads *n.* a wreath or chain made of flowers, leaves, or other decorative materials, often used for ornamentation or to honor someone or something; a prize or award given in the form of a wreath or chain
35. s\_\_m the book against a wall *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
36. cu\_\_\_\_e buddy *v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
37. ent\_\_\_\_ed positions *adj.* established firmly and securely
38. em\_\_\_\_r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 29. loophole, 30. industrious, 31. sentimental, 32. sham, 33. complication, 34. garland, 35. slam, 36. cuddle, 37. entrenched, 38. empower

39. co\_\_t wealth *v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for
40. am\_\_s a patent portfolio *v.* to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference
41. information gat\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
42. person of gra\_\_\_\_\_nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
43. de\_\_\_\_\_te a wall *v.* to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc
44. sc\_\_\_\_\_ty of capital *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
45. com\_\_\_\_\_ion of structure *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
46. cu\_\_\_\_\_e up with a book *v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
47. de\_\_\_\_\_te for Christmas *v.* to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc
48. wo\_\_\_\_\_e a few steps *v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down

ANSWERS: 39. covet, 40. amass, 41. gatekeeper, 42. grandparent, 43. decorate, 44. scarcity, 45. complication, 46. cuddle, 47. decorate, 48. wobble

49. qu\_\_r money *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
50. sm\_\_k on the lips *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
51. mon\_\_\_\_\_al task *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
52. co\_\_t fame *v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for
53. s\_\_m the door *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
54. remove a sp\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger
55. mon\_\_\_\_\_al sculpture *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
56. d\_b paint on the wall *v.* to touch or apply something lightly, usually several times
57. in a sen\_\_\_\_\_al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
58. ent\_\_\_\_\_ed ideas *adj.* established firmly and securely
59. go through hea\_\_\_\_\_ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

ANSWERS: 49. queer, 50. smack, 51. monumental, 52. covet, 53. slam, 54. splinter, 55. monumental, 56. dab, 57. sentimental, 58. entrenched, 59. heartbreak

60. atrial ov\_\_\_\_\_ve pacing *n.* a gear in a vehicle that allows the engine to operate at a higher speed than the vehicle's speed, resulting in greater fuel efficiency and smoother driving; (verb) to drive or work too hard
61. qu\_\_r fashion *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
62. go into ov\_\_\_\_\_ve *n.* a gear in a vehicle that allows the engine to operate at a higher speed than the vehicle's speed, resulting in greater fuel efficiency and smoother driving; (verb) to drive or work too hard
63. wo\_\_\_e chair *v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
64. sn\_\_k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
65. me\_\_\_\_\_n production *n.* a natural pigment found in the skin, hair, and eyes of animals, responsible for the color and tone of these features
66. ch\_\_e with the music *v.* to make a ringing sound, usually by striking an object like a bell or wind chime; to harmonize or agree with something else; (noun) a set of musical bells or metal tubes that produce a musical sound when struck or played
67. 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: 60. overdrive, 61. queer, 62. overdrive, 63. wobble, 64. sneak, 65. melanin, 66. chime, 67. sham

68. glass wind ch\_\_e                    *v.* to make a ringing sound, usually by striking an object like a bell or wind chime; to harmonize or agree with something else; (noun) a set of musical bells or metal tubes that produce a musical sound when struck or played
69. am\_\_s followers                    *v.* to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference
70. ind\_\_\_\_us worker                    *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
71. em\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same                    *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
72. fl\_\_\_y clouds                    *adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur

ANSWERS: 68. chime, 69. amass, 70. industrious, 71. empower, 72. fluffy



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The baseball player \_\_\_\_\_ the ball out of the park, securing a home run.  
*v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
2. I love to \_\_\_\_\_ with my dog on the couch after a long day.  
*v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
3. The car's \_\_\_\_\_ function allows it to shift into a higher gear for better fuel efficiency on the highway.  
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*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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*v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
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*n.* a wreath or chain made of flowers, leaves, or other decorative materials, often used for ornamentation or to honor someone or something; a prize or award given in the form of a wreath or chain

ANSWERS: 1. smacked, 2. cuddle, 3. overdrive, 4. industrious, 5. chimed, 6. wobbled, 7. garland

8. I love wearing \_\_\_\_\_ hats because they're stylish and comfortable.
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*adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

36. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

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

ANSWERS: 32. amassed, 33. monumental, 34. complications, 35. queer, 36. opportune