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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

*synonym*: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

### codify

v. to organize or arrange laws or rules into a systematic code

*synonym*: systematize, organize, arrange

(1) **codify** lessons, (2) **codify** the law into a document

They began to **codify** the rules and regulations of the organization.

### redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

*synonym*: reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

### vie

v. to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or

mastery in one's field or area of expertise

*synonym*: compete, contend, strive

(1) **vie** for a trophy, (2) **vie** for attention

They both **vied** for the top spot in the company.

## ancestor

*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

*synonym*: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

## 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.

## cusp

*n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved

*synonym*: point, apex, tip

(1) **cusp** of change, (2) a single **cusp**

The project was on the **cusp** of success and needed a little more funding.

## extinct

*adj.* no longer in existence

*synonym*: dead, obsolete, abolished

(1) **extinct** by human activity, (2) long- **extinct** volcano

Many species have become **extinct** due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

## profoundly

*adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

*synonym*: deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

## catastrophe

*n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune  
*synonym* : disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate **catastrophe**

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

## 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.

## frightening

*adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming  
*synonym* : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

## 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.

## sentient

*adj.* having the ability to perceive or feel things, particularly through sense perception like touch or sight, especially at higher levels of intelligence and consciousness

*synonym* : conscious, aware, perceptive

(1) **sentient** beings, (2) **sentient** robots

Animals such as dolphins and elephants are highly **sentient** and intelligent creatures.

## inconsequential

*adj.* of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible

*synonym* : insignificant, trivial, minor

(1) **inconsequential** details, (2) **inconsequential** effect

The mistake was **inconsequential** and did not significantly impact the outcome.

## **misaligned**

*adj.* not properly aligned or arranged; not placed in the correct position or orientation

*synonym* : crooked, askew, abused

(1) **misaligned** teeth, (2) **misaligned** priorities

The painting was crooked and **misaligned**, so the museum staff had to rehang it properly.

## **hegemony**

*n.* the dominance or influence of one group, country, or ideology over others, especially in political, economic, or cultural domains

*synonym* : dominance, leadership, supremacy

(1) regional **hegemony**, (2) corporate **hegemony**

For decades, the US has been viewed as having economic and military **hegemony** worldwide.

## **enlightened**

*adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

*synonym* : educated, informed, aware

(1) **enlightened** age, (2) make an **enlightened** decision

The **enlightened** teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.

## **distort**

*v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

*synonym* : fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

## **constrain**

*v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

*synonym* : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow  
The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

## moot

v. to bring up or introduce a matter for discussion, debate, or consideration, especially when the issue may be hypothetical, irrelevant, or not yet determined; to suggest a point of view or argument without necessarily taking a position on it; (adjective) subject to debate, dispute, or uncertainty and therefore, having little practical significance or relevance

*synonym* : debate, discuss, dispute

(1) **moot** point, (2) **moot** a topic

Recent developments have **mooted** the argument over the issue.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------------|------|---|
| 1. co_____in information flow | v.   | to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something  |
| 2. mis_____ed priorities      | adj. | not properly aligned or arranged; not placed in the correct position or orientation   |
| 3. re_____e my thoughts       | v.   | to change the form or structure of something  |
| 4. co____y lessons            | v.   | to organize or arrange laws or rules into a systematic code   |
| 5. fri_____ng experience      | adj. | causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming  |
| 6. enl_____ed age             | adj. | having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook   |
| 7. re_____e education policy  | v.   | to change the form or structure of something  |
| 8. di_____t the economy       | v.   | to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear   |
| 9. se_____nt beings           | adj. | having the ability to perceive or feel things, particularly through sense perception like touch or sight, especially at higher levels of intelligence and consciousness |
| 10. earliest human an_____or  | n.   | a person from whom one is descended; a forefather   |

ANSWERS: 1. constrain, 2. misaligned, 3. reshape, 4. codify, 5. frightening, 6. enlightened, 7. reshape, 8. distort, 9. sentient, 10. ancestor

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| 11. make an enl_____ed decision | <i>adj.</i> having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook   |
| 12. avoid climate cat_____he    | <i>n.</i> a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune  |
| 13. global pa_____ic            | <i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area   |
| 14. a tra_____ry missile        | <i>n.</i> the curved path followed by an object moving through space  |
| 15. m__t a topic                | <i>v.</i> to bring up or introduce a matter for discussion, debate, or consideration, especially when the issue may be hypothetical, irrelevant, or not yet determined; to suggest a point of view or argument without necessarily taking a position on it; (adjective) subject to debate, dispute, or uncertainty and therefore, having little practical significance or relevance |
| 16. sleep pro_____ly            | <i>adv.</i> to a great or complete degree; deeply   |
| 17. an_____or language          | <i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather   |
| 18. career tra_____ry           | <i>n.</i> the curved path followed by an object moving through space  |
| 19. co_____in his freedom       | <i>v.</i> to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something  |
| 20. pro_____ly insightful       | <i>adv.</i> to a great or complete degree; deeply   |
| 21. mis_____ed teeth            | <i>adj.</i> not properly aligned or arranged; not placed in the correct position or orientation   |

ANSWERS: 11. enlightened, 12. catastrophe, 13. pandemic, 14. trajectory, 15. moot, 16. profoundly, 17. ancestor, 18. trajectory, 19. constrain, 20. profoundly, 21. misaligned

22. long-ex\_\_\_\_\_t volcano *adj.* no longer in existence
23. co\_\_\_\_\_y the law into a document *v.* to organize or arrange laws or rules into a systematic code
24. ex\_\_\_\_\_t by human activity *adj.* no longer in existence
25. re\_\_\_\_\_ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
26. 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
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*adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

42. re\_\_\_\_\_ne customer experience

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ANSWERS: 40. vie, 41. frightening, 42. redefine

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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