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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### caregiving

*n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

*synonym*: nurturing, caring, assisting

(1) **caregiving** process, (2) **caregiving** responsibilities

She devoted her life to **caregiving**, looking after her aging parents.

### optimist

*n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

*synonym*: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

### impulsive

*adj.* acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have

*synonym*: abrupt, hasty, capricious

(1) an **impulsive** force, (2) do **impulsive** buying

He regrets the **impulsive** behavior he took in his drunken state.

### hallucinate

*v.* to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a

mental illness or drug use

(1) start to **hallucinate**, (2) **hallucinate** with drug

Sleep-deprived people gradually lose their concentration and may **hallucinate**.

## medicinal

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

*synonym*: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

## pathography

*n.* a written or spoken account of a person's illness or medical history; typically written by the person themselves, their family members, or medical professionals

*synonym*: autobiography of illness, disease narrative, illness memoir

(1) write a **pathography**, (2) clinical **pathography**

The **pathography** of his life reveals a long battle with addiction and substance abuse.

## empathy

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym*: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## dementia

*n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

*synonym*: cognitive decline, memory loss, Alzheimer's disease

(1) **dementia** patients, (2) probably have **dementia**

The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of **dementia** in older age.

## slump

*v.* to fall or sink suddenly, often due to loss of support or stability; to decline or decrease abruptly, as in business or economic conditions; to become despondent or

dispirited; (noun) a sudden or prolonged decline or drop in value, price, or quality

*synonym* : drop, sink, sag

(1) **slump** against pillows, (2) economic **slump**

Sales of the product **slumped** after the negative reviews were published.

## sideways

*adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle

*synonym* : to the edge, obliquely, sidelong

(1) fall **sideways**, (2) a **sideways** market

She glanced **sideways** at the conversation of the boy she was interested in.

## straighten

*v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

*synonym* : even up, align, untangle

(1) **straighten** out a problem, (2) **straighten** a crooked picture

I need to **straighten** my hair before I go to the party.

## overlook

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

*synonym* : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

## comfy

*adj.* a casual, informal way of describing something comfortable or cozy, often associated with relaxation or leisure activities

*synonym* : cozy, comfortable, snug

(1) a **comfy** place to live, (2) **comfy** couch

I love wearing my **comfy** slippers on a lazy Sunday morning.

## 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.

## ghostwriter

*n.* a professional writer who is hired to write a book, article, or other text that will be officially credited to another person; the ghostwriter typically does not receive credit or public recognition for their work

*synonym*: ghost author, writer-for-hire, anonymous writer

(1) experienced **ghostwriter**, (2) work with a **ghostwriter**  
The famous author hired a **ghostwriter** to write his autobiography.

## dedicate

*v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

*synonym*: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject  
He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

## stigmatize

*v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect

*synonym*: brand, mark, denounce

(1) **stigmatize** the deviant as criminal, (2) **stigmatize** him as a swindler

She was **stigmatized** by society because she had a child out of wedlock.

## byline

*n.* a line of text that identifies the author of an article, book, or other written work; typically placed at the beginning or end of the work

*synonym*: credit line, authorship, signature

(1) author **byline**, (2) newspaper **byline**

The journalist's **byline** appeared on the front page of the newspaper.

**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.

**skeptical**

*adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful

*synonym*: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. str\_\_\_\_\_en a crooked picture  
*v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
2. co\_\_y couch  
*adj.* a casual, informal way of describing something comfortable or cozy, often associated with relaxation or leisure activities
3. experienced gho\_\_\_\_\_er  
*n.* a professional writer who is hired to write a book, article, or other text that will be officially credited to another person; the ghostwriter typically does not receive credit or public recognition for their work
4. a sk\_\_\_\_\_al attitude  
*adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
5. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok that fact  
*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
6. car\_\_\_\_\_ng responsibilities  
*n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
7. do im\_\_\_\_\_ve buying  
*adj.* acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have
8. em\_\_\_\_\_y for patients  
*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
9. fall si\_\_\_\_\_ys  
*adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle

ANSWERS: 1. straighten, 2. comfy, 3. ghostwriter, 4. skeptical, 5. overlook, 6. caregiving, 7. impulsive, 8. empathy, 9. sideways

10. newspaper by\_\_\_e *n.* a line of text that identifies the author of an article, book, or other written work; typically placed at the beginning or end of the work
11. ov\_\_\_\_ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
12. co\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
13. work with a gho\_\_\_\_er *n.* a professional writer who is hired to write a book, article, or other text that will be officially credited to another person; the ghostwriter typically does not receive credit or public recognition for their work
14. sk\_\_\_\_al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
15. de\_\_\_\_te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
16. sti\_\_\_\_ze the deviant as criminal *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
17. flu pa\_\_\_\_ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
18. write a pat\_\_\_\_hy *n.* a written or spoken account of a person's illness or medical history; typically written by the person themselves, their family members, or medical professionals

ANSWERS: 10. byline, 11. overlook, 12. confuse, 13. ghostwriter, 14. skeptical, 15. dedicate, 16. stigmatize, 17. pandemic, 18. pathography

19. economic sl\_\_p *v.* to fall or sink suddenly, often due to loss of support or stability; to decline or decrease abruptly, as in business or economic conditions; to become despondent or dispirited; (noun) a sudden or prolonged decline or drop in value, price, or quality
20. op\_\_\_\_st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
21. clinical pat\_\_\_\_\_hy *n.* a written or spoken account of a person's illness or medical history; typically written by the person themselves, their family members, or medical professionals
22. car\_\_\_\_\_ng process *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
23. global pa\_\_\_\_\_ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
24. full of em\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
25. probably have de\_\_\_\_\_ia *n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
26. de\_\_\_\_\_ia patients *n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
27. a si\_\_\_\_\_ys market *adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle

ANSWERS: 19. slump, 20. optimist, 21. pathography, 22. caregiving, 23. pandemic, 24. empathy, 25. dementia, 26. dementia, 27. sideways



28. str\_\_\_\_\_en out a problem      *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
29. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al      *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
30. me\_\_\_\_\_al chemistry      *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
31. sti\_\_\_\_\_ze him as a swindler      *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
32. sl\_\_p against pillows      *v.* to fall or sink suddenly, often due to loss of support or stability; to decline or decrease abruptly, as in business or economic conditions; to become despondent or dispirited; (noun) a sudden or prolonged decline or drop in value, price, or quality
33. co\_\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality      *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
34. excessive op\_\_\_\_\_st      *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
35. hal\_\_\_\_\_te with drug      *v.* to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
36. a co\_\_y place to live      *adj.* a casual, informal way of describing something comfortable or cozy, often associated with relaxation or leisure activities

ANSWERS: 28. straighten, 29. medicinal, 30. medicinal, 31. stigmatize, 32. slump, 33. confuse, 34. optimist, 35. hallucinate, 36. comfy

37. de\_\_\_\_te a few hours      *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
38. author by\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a line of text that identifies the author of an article, book, or other written work; typically placed at the beginning or end of the work
39. an im\_\_\_\_ve force      *adj.* acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have
40. start to hal\_\_\_\_te      *v.* to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use

ANSWERS: 37. dedicate, 38. byline, 39. impulsive, 40. hallucinate

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of \_\_\_\_\_ in older age.  
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*adj.* a casual, informal way of describing something comfortable or cozy, often associated with relaxation or leisure activities
3. The journalist's \_\_\_\_\_ appeared on the front page of the newspaper.  
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4. She glanced \_\_\_\_\_ at the conversation of the boy she was interested in.  
*adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle
5. She was \_\_\_\_\_ by society because she had a child out of wedlock.  
*v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
6. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.  
*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 1. dementia, 2. comfy, 3. byline, 4. sideways, 5. stigmatized, 6. skeptical, 7. medicinal

8. Sales of the product \_\_\_\_\_ after the negative reviews were published.
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ANSWERS: 15. hallucinate, 16. Empathy, 17. impulsive, 18. straighten, 19. optimist, 20. caregiving,