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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### lynch

- v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

*synonym*: hang, execute, mob

(1) **lynch** law, (2) **lynch** him to death

The mob wanted to **lynch** the suspect before he could be tried in court.

### sanction

- n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

*synonym*: approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

### lore

- n. traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or

tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature

*synonym* : mythology, legend, tradition

(1) military **lore**, (2) mythological **lore**

The village's **lore** passed down stories of their ancestors and their traditions.

## haunt

*v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

*synonym* : stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym* : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## haunting

*adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

*synonym* : lingering, disturbing, unsettling

(1) **haunting** memory, (2) a **haunting** sense of fear

The song's **haunting** melody stayed with me long after I heard it.

## terrify

*v.* to frighten someone very much

*synonym* : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing

complex tasks.

## 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.

## vengeful

*adj.* feeling or showing a strong desire for revenge; vindictive

*synonym*: retaliatory, revengeful, vindictive

(1) feel **vengeful** toward him, (2) **vengeful** actions

She was **vengeful** and always sought revenge on those who wronged her.

## terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym*: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

## unsettle

v. to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation

*synonym*: aggravate, annoy, disturb

(1) **unsettle** the nervous system, (2) **unsettle** his conviction

This nationwide strike may **unsettle** the country's economy.

## storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

*synonym*: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

## ambivalent

*adj.* having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take

*synonym*: conflicted, indecisive, unsure

(1) **ambivalent** feelings, (2) **ambivalent** attitude  
I feel **ambivalent** about attending the party since I don't know anyone there.

## 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.

## 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.

## creepy

*adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

*synonym*: eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the chills.

## almshouse

*n.* a charitable institution that provides housing, food, and other basic needs to people who are poor, disabled, or elderly and do not have family or financial support

*synonym*: shelter, asylum

(1) charitable **almshouse**, (2) historic **almshouse**

The local church runs an **almshouse** for elderly residents who need assistance.

## carceral

*adj.* relating to or involving a prison or other institution for the confinement of criminals or detainees; characterized by confinement or restriction

(1) **carceral** punishment, (2) **carceral** facility

The **carceral** system in the US has long been criticized for its

excessive use of incarceration as punishment.

## bury

*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb  
*synonym*: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

## tribune

*n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience

*synonym*: platform, podium, stand

(1) the position of **tribune**, (2) editorial **tribune**

The politician delivered his speech from the **tribune** to a crowd of cheering supporters.

## unwelcome

*adj.* not wanted, not invited, or not appreciated; causing annoyance or displeasure

*synonym*: uninvited, disliked, undesired

(1) **unwelcome** interruption, (2) **unwelcome** surprise

The **unwelcome** visitor quickly made their presence known.

## gentrify

*v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses

*synonym*: revitalize, renovate, renew

(1) **gentrify** a community, (2) **gentrify** a street

The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to **gentrify** the neighborhood.

## grapple

*v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

*synonym*: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

## 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.

## hallway

*n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

*synonym*: foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor

He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

## haunted

*adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

*synonym*: spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

## disturb

*v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

*synonym*: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

## faucet

*n.* a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe

*synonym*: tap, spigot, valve

(1) a water **faucet**, (2) **faucet** handle

I turned on the **faucet** to wash my hands.

## prank

*n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others

*synonym*: hoax, trick, stunt

(1) **prank** caller, (2) harmless **prank**

The group of teenagers played an innocent **prank** on their teacher, but it backfired, and they got in trouble.

## campfire

*n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

*synonym* : bonfire, blaze, fire pit

(1) **campfire** story, (2) roast marshmallows around the **campfire**

We sat around the **campfire** and told stories late into the night.

## 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.

## mourning

*n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

*synonym* : grieving, sorrow, lamentation

(1) **mourning** period, (2) **mourning** ritual

She wore black clothing as a symbol of **mourning** for her grandmother.

## untimely

*adj.* happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time

*synonym* : inappropriate, unfortunate, inopportune

(1) die an **untimely** death, (2) **untimely** snowfall in May

The **untimely** arrival of the storm ruined their plans for a picnic.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. s\_\_m the book against a wall      *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
2. low-r\_v engine      *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
3. cr\_\_\_y atmosphere      *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
4. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng experience      *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
5. b\_\_y emotion      *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
6. un\_\_\_\_\_me interruption      *adj.* not wanted, not invited, or not appreciated; causing annoyance or displeasure
7. mythological l\_\_e      *n.* traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature
8. the threats te\_\_\_\_\_y him      *v.* to frighten someone very much
9. ha\_\_t memories      *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
10. po\_\_\_\_\_y feelings in words      *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

ANSWERS: 1. slam, 2. rev, 3. creepy, 4. terrifying, 5. bury, 6. unwelcome, 7. lore, 8. terrify, 9. haunt, 10. portray



11. ha\_\_\_\_ng memory *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
12. ha\_\_\_\_d by memories *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
13. a fu\_\_\_\_s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
14. charitable al\_\_\_\_se *n.* a charitable institution that provides housing, food, and other basic needs to people who are poor, disabled, or elderly and do not have family or financial support
15. ly\_\_h law *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
16. amb\_\_\_\_nt feelings *adj.* having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take
17. editorial tr\_\_\_\_e *n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience

ANSWERS: 11. haunting, 12. haunted, 13. furious, 14. almshouse, 15. lynch, 16. ambivalent, 17. tribune

18. r\_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
19. gr\_\_\_\_\_e with problem *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
20. un\_\_\_\_\_me surprise *adj.* not wanted, not invited, or not appreciated; causing annoyance or displeasure
21. ge\_\_\_\_\_fy a community *v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
22. wax a ha\_\_\_\_\_y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
23. ca\_\_\_\_\_al punishment *adj.* relating to or involving a prison or other institution for the confinement of criminals or detainees; characterized by confinement or restriction
24. ly\_\_h him to death *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

ANSWERS: 18. rev, 19. grapple, 20. unwelcome, 21. gentrify, 22. hallway, 23. carceral, 24. lynch

25. sto\_\_\_\_\_ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
26. amb\_\_\_\_\_nt attitude *adj.* having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take
27. military l\_\_\_e *n.* traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature
28. the head of a ha\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
29. historic al\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a charitable institution that provides housing, food, and other basic needs to people who are poor, disabled, or elderly and do not have family or financial support
30. pr\_\_\_k caller *n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others
31. a water fa\_\_\_\_t *n.* a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe
32. mo\_\_\_\_\_ng ritual *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
33. ha\_\_t my conscience *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

ANSWERS: 25. storytelling, 26. ambivalent, 27. lore, 28. hallway, 29. almshouse, 30. prank, 31. faucet, 32. mourning, 33. haunt

34. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
35. a ha\_\_\_\_\_ng sense of fear *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
36. ge\_\_\_\_\_fy a street *v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
37. great-gra\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
38. accurately po\_\_\_\_\_y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
39. popular sa\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
40. flu pa\_\_\_\_\_ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
41. un\_\_\_\_\_le the nervous system *v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
42. mo\_\_\_\_\_ng period *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

ANSWERS: 34. terrifying, 35. haunting, 36. gentrify, 37. grandparent, 38. portray, 39. sanction, 40. pandemic, 41. unsettle, 42. mourning

43. harmless pr\_\_k *n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others
44. te\_\_\_\_y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
45. b\_\_y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
46. courtroom sto\_\_\_\_\_ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
47. fu\_\_\_\_s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
48. roast marshmallows around the  
ca\_\_\_\_re *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
49. ca\_\_\_\_al facility *adj.* relating to or involving a prison or other institution for the confinement of criminals or detainees; characterized by confinement or restriction
50. di\_\_\_\_b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
51. fa\_\_\_\_t handle *n.* a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe
52. feel cr\_\_\_\_y *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
53. un\_\_\_\_ly snowfall in May *adj.* happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time
54. ca\_\_\_\_re story *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

ANSWERS: 43. prank, 44. terrify, 45. bury, 46. storytelling, 47. furious, 48. campfire, 49. carceral, 50. disturb, 51. faucet, 52. creepy, 53. untimely, 54. campfire

55. die an un\_\_\_\_\_ly death *adj.* happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time
56. s\_\_m the door *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
57. person of gra\_\_\_\_\_nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
58. gr\_\_\_\_\_e with each other *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
59. global pa\_\_\_\_\_ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
60. di\_\_\_\_\_b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
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62. feel ve\_\_\_\_\_ul toward him *adj.* feeling or showing a strong desire for revenge; vindictive
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64. ve\_\_\_\_\_ul actions *adj.* feeling or showing a strong desire for revenge; vindictive
65. ha\_\_\_\_\_d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

ANSWERS: 55. untimely, 56. slam, 57. grandparent, 58. grapple, 59. pandemic, 60. disturb, 61. unsettle, 62. vengeful, 63. sanction, 64. vengeful, 65. haunted

66. the position of tr\_\_\_\_e

*n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience

ANSWERS: 66. tribune

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to \_\_\_\_\_ the neighborhood.
  - v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ system in the US has long been criticized for its excessive use of incarceration as punishment.
  - adj. relating to or involving a prison or other institution for the confinement of criminals or detainees; characterized by confinement or restriction
3. This nationwide strike may \_\_\_\_\_ the country's economy.
  - v. to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
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  - n. a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe
5. He dashed down a \_\_\_\_\_ to a bathroom.
  - n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
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  - adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
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  - v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

ANSWERS: 1. gentrify, 2. carceral, 3. unsettle, 4. faucet, 5. hallway, 6. haunting, 7. slammed



8. The coach was \_\_\_\_\_ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.  
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ANSWERS: 8. furious, 9. disturb, 10. vengeful, 11. terrifying, 12. sanctions, 13. rev, 14. campfire, 15. haunted,

16. She wore black clothing as a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_ for her grandmother.
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22. We often \_\_\_\_\_ political problems as religious issues.
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ANSWERS: 16. mourning, 17. almshouse, 18. tribune, 19. grandparents, 20. grapple, 21. haunt, 22. portray

23. The mob wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect before he could be tried in court.
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- adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
30. They fear a \_\_\_\_\_ of a new type of virus.
- n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

ANSWERS: 23. lynch, 24. prank, 25. lore, 26. unwelcome, 27. bury, 28. ambivalent, 29. creepy, 30. pandemic

31. The \_\_\_\_\_ arrival of the storm ruined their plans for a picnic.

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ANSWERS: 31. untimely, 32. terrify, 33. storytelling