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## **Advanced Words Only**

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## **Session 1: Word List**

#### trimester

 approximately three months, especially one of the three three-month periods into which human pregnancy is traditionally divided; one of three divisions of an academic year

synonym: quarter, three months, 13 weeks

(1) second **trimester** ends, (2) **trimester** system

The first **trimester** of pregnancy is the most crucial for the development of the fetus.

#### antenatal

adj. relating to or occurring during the period before birth; prenatal

synonym: prenatal, antepartum, fetal

(1) **antenatal** appointment, (2) **antenatal** clinic **Antenatal** care is crucial for a healthy pregnancy and delivery.

## dingy

adj. dark, gloomy, and dirty synonym: gloomy, dirty, drab

(1) dingy apartment, (2) dingy lighting

The dingy room needed a fresh coat of paint.

#### overcrowded

adj. containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable

synonym: packed, congested, jammed

(1) **overcrowded** refugee camp, (2) **overcrowded** with passengers

The school district is facing a problem with **overcrowded** classrooms.

#### overwork

v. to work excessively hard or too much; the condition of working excessively or beyond one's capacity, leading to fatigue, stress, and illness

*synonym*: overdo, overtax, exhaust

- (1) die from **overwork**, (2) **overwork** to compensate He **overworked** himself and ended up getting sick.
- wreckage or debris from a destroyed structure; (verb) to cause destruction or great pain

synonym: wreckage, ruins, debris

(1) go to wrack, (2) wrack my brain

The **wrack** left behind by the storm was immense and widespread.

#### anemia

 a medical condition in which the body lacks enough red blood cells or hemoglobin, causing fatigue, weakness, or difficulty breathing; a lack of vitality or liveliness in something

synonym: bloodlessness, pallor, weakness

(1) anemia symptoms, (2) anemia disease

The doctor diagnosed the patient with **anemia** due to a lack of iron in their blood.

## unjust

adj. not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

synonym: unfair, inequitable

(1) unjust verdict, (2) unjust accusation

The ruling was considered **unjust** by many people in the community.

wrack

#### urogynecology

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders related to the female urinary tract and reproductive system

synonym: urodynamics, pelvic floor dysfunction

(1) **urogynecology** clinic, (2) **urogynecology** disorders She went to see a specialist in **urogynecology** to address her pelvic floor issues.

#### yawn

v. to involuntarily open one's mouth wide and exhale due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen; (noun) an involuntary reflex act of opening one's mouth wide and inhaling deeply due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen

synonym: gape, stretch, open

(1) **yawn** in sleepiness, (2) lazy **yawn**He couldn't help but **yawn** during the long and boring presentation.

## lifesaving

- the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
- (1) **lifesaving** efforts, (2) **lifesaving** device The patient needs a **lifesaving** transplant operation.

## infancy

- n. the state or period of being a baby or very young childsynonym: childhood, babyhood, juvenescence
- (1) **infancy** stage, (2) in early **infancy**The technology is still in its **infancy** and has much room for improvement.

## constipation

 a condition in which bowel movements occur less frequently or with difficulty, often resulting in hard, dry stools and discomfort or pain during elimination

*synonym*: congestion, blockage, obstruction

(1) **constipation** relief, (2) chronic **constipation**The patient complained of **constipation**, and the doctor recommended increasing their daily fiber intake.

#### 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.

#### upend

v. to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order

synonym: overturn, upset, invert

(1) **upend** a table, (2) **upend** a tradition

The sudden news **upended** their plans for the weekend.

## patriarchal

adj. relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated

synonym: male-dominated, paternalistic

(1) patriarchal society, (2) patriarchal government

The **patriarchal** system that many societies have is outdated and unfair to women.

#### 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.

## preach

- v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize
- preach the gospel, (2) preach to the masses
   The pastor preached about the importance of forgiveness.

## intergenerational

adj. relating to, involving, or affecting different generations

(1) **intergenerational** conflict, (2) promote **intergenerational** ties

The results of that survey clearly show intergenerational

differences in attitudes toward LGBTQ.

## underprivileged

adj. lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success

synonym: poor, disadvantaged, destitute

(1) poor and **underprivileged** elderly, (2) **underprivileged** communities

The **underprivileged** children were in dire need of food, clothing, and shelter.

## psychosocial

 adj. relating to the interplay between psychological and social factors, especially when it comes to mental health, personality development, and social behavior

synonym: psychological, social, mental

(1) **psychosocial** factors, (2) **psychosocial** well-being **Psychosocial** therapy can be beneficial for individuals with mental health conditions.

#### womb

 the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

synonym: uterus, matrice

(1) tumor of **womb**, (2) **womb** transplant

The fertilized egg implanted itself in the womb.

#### testament

*n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

*synonym*: proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

#### frontline

adj. in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy

synonym: battlefront, cutting edge

(1) **frontline** health workers, (2) at the **frontline** of the war Within days, the new aircraft was in **frontline** service.

#### scaffold

 a temporary platform or structure used to support workers and materials during construction or maintenance work

synonym: platform, staging, framework

(1) scaffold construction, (2) go to the scaffold

The construction workers set up the **scaffold** to reach the top of the building.

#### nimble

adj. quick and light in movement or action synonym: agile, quick, flexible

(1) nimble handling, (2) nimble-minded person

His **nimble** movements allowed him to navigate the crowded streets with ease.

#### lockdown

- an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
- (1) go on lockdown, (2) lockdown area

The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide **lockdown** measure.

#### slum

 a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym: shantytown, slumdwellings, ghetto

(1) slum area, (2) slum dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

## repurpose

v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

synonym: reutilize, recycle, reuse

- (1) **repurpose** an old building, (2) **repurpose** a used car The old barn was **repurposed** into a modern event space.
- the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

#### pediatrics

synonym: pedology, child health

(1) **pediatrics** department, (2) **pediatrics** clinic

I am studying **pediatrics** in medical school because I love working with children.

## pandemic

 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.

## implacable

 adj. incapable of being appeased or pacified; relentless, unstoppable, or unyielding

synonym: inflexible, relentless, unyielding

(1) implacable criticism, (2) implacable hatred

Despite multiple negotiations, the opposing sides remained **implacable** and unwilling to compromise.

## improvisation

 the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) improvisation on stage, (2) jazz improvisation

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## ripple

 a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

synonym: wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water

Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

#### ailment

n. a slight but often persistent illness

synonym: illness, disorder, infection

(1) heart **ailment**, (2) age-related **ailment** 

He got timely treatment for his physical ailment of severe

## back pain.

## 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.

## amplify

- v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness synonym: intensify, boost, argument
- (1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect You might need to **amplify** this point.

# **Session 2: Spelling**

1.	conion relief	n.	a condition in which bowel movements occur less frequently or with difficulty, often resulting in hard, dry stools and discomfort or pain during elimination
2.	anal clinic	adj.	relating to or occurring during the period before birth; prenatal
3.	emr my life	<i>v</i> .	to give someone the power or authority to do something
4.	at the frne of the war	adj.	in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
5.	ime assistance	<i>v</i> .	to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy
6.	pedcs clinic	n.	the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
7.	undged communities	adj.	lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success
8.	go to the scld	n.	a temporary platform or structure used to support workers and materials during construction or maintenance work
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# **Session 3: Fill in the Blanks**

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4.	He got timely treatment for his physical of severe back pain.
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adj.	relating to the interplay between psychological and social factors, especially when it comes to mental health, personality development, and social behavior
7.	care is crucial for a healthy pregnancy and delivery.
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