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# **Advanced Words Only**

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# **Session 1: Word List**

# reparation

the act of repairing or making amends for damage, harm, or injury caused to someone or something

synonym: compensation, restitution, amends

(1) reparation for damages, (2) war reparations

The company offered financial **reparations** to those affected by their faulty product.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn scar, (2) carry a scar

Even after the wound has healed, a scar remains.

#### sanction

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.

#### attest

v. to provide evidence or proof of something; to confirm or certify the authenticity of something; to bear witness to the truth of something

synonym: verify, confirm, certify

(1) attest to the truth, (2) attest to the facts

I can **attest** to his honesty and integrity, as I have known him for many years.

### incriminate

- v. to make someone seem guilty of a crime or wrongdoing synonym: accuse, indict, prosecute
- (1) **incriminate** the person, (2) **incriminate** many well-known politicians

He exercised his right not to incriminate himself

### instruct

- to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
- synonym: train, coach, guide
- (1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

  The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

#### crate

 a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods

synonym: box, container, receptacle

(1) crate of apples, (2) beer crate

The shipping **crate** was filled with fragile glassware that must be shipped carefully.

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.

# sprawl

- v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out synonym: drape, spread out
- (1) **sprawl** out luxuriously on the sofa, (2) **sprawl** for acres The lush vegetation **sprawls** across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

#### incinerate

- v. to burn something, especially waste material completely synonym: burn
- (1) **incinerate** waste, (2) the power to **incinerate** nations For safety reasons, we must completely **incinerate** contaminated protective clothing.

# attorney-general

 the chief legal officer of a country or state, responsible for representing the government in legal matters and advising on legal issues

synonym: prosecutor, solicitor general, legal adviser

(1) state **attorney-general**, (2) assistant **attorney-general** The role of the **attorney-general** is crucial in maintaining the integrity of the legal system.

# forcibly

adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will

synonym: violently, roughly, aggressively

(1) **forcibly** remove, (2) **forcibly** taken into a car The police officer **forcibly** removed the protesters from the public park.

#### fertile

adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive

synonym: fruitful, productive, rich

(1) fertile ground, (2) fertile market

Herbs require **fertile** soil in a sunny, sheltered location.

#### settler

 a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

synonym: frontiersperson, immigrant, emigrant

(1) new **settlers**, (2) **settlers** on some foreign shore A large proportion of railway workers in **settler** colonies were white.

# incursion

 a sudden or brief invasion or attack; the act of entering into something in a way that is not authorized or welcomed

synonym: invasion, attack, intrusion

armed incursion, (2) sudden incursion
 The enemy made an incursion into the country.

#### overthrow

v. to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force

synonym: defeat, destroy, conquer

(1) **overthrow** the government, (2) **overthrow** the theory The group aims to **overthrow** the military regime.

# imprison

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

synonym: incarcerate, detain, confine

(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room

He was imprisoned for embezzlement.

### convict

- v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prisonsynonym: condemn, sentence, judge
- (1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

# interrogate

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

*synonym*: question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

#### shackle

 a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind

synonym: chains, fetters, handcuffs

(1) shackle chains, (2) metal shackle

The prisoner wore heavy **shackles** on his wrists and ankles.

### handcuff

n. a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process

synonym: shackle, bind, restraint

(1) **handcuff** his wrists, (2) break free from **handcuffs** The police officer put **handcuffs** on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.

blindfold

- n. a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
- (1) **blindfold** game, (2) **blindfold** challenge The doctor administered a **blindfold** test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.

viol

 a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

synonym: viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) viol instrument, (2) viol music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

#### out-of-court

 adj. referring to legal proceedings, negotiations, or settlements that take place outside of a courtroom, often through arbitration, mediation, or private agreement

synonym: extrajudicial, unofficial, private

(1) **out-of-court** dispute resolution, (2) **out-of-court** agreement

The parties involved in the dispute decided to settle their differences in an **out-of-court** settlement.

# pave

 to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym: surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

#### uncover

- v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
- synonym: disclose, reveal, unveil
- (1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

# benevolent

adj. well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose

synonym: kindly, compassionate, philanthropic

(1) **benevolent** gesture, (2) a **benevolent** individual The **benevolent** donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.

# gracious

*adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way *synonym*: cordial, affable, courteous

(1) in a **gracious** manner, (2) **gracious** hospitality The staff is always helpful and **gracious**.

# **Session 2: Spelling**

7. fe\_\_\_e ground

to defeat or remove a leader or a 1. ov ow the government government from a position of power by force im\_\_\_\_on illegal immigrant 2. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement bl ld game a covering for the eyes used to block 3. n. out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eves with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging a stringed instrument, typically with six 4. v I music n. strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba to provide evidence or proof of 5. at\_\_\_t to the truth ν. something; to confirm or certify the authenticity of something; to bear witness to the truth of something to cover something with a hard, flat 6. p\_e a new path material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

ANSWERS: 1. overthrow, 2. imprison, 3. blindfold, 4. viol, 5. attest, 6. pave, 7. fertile

adj. capable of producing abundant

productive

vegetation or crops; intellectually

- 23. inc\_\_\_\_\_te many well-known politicians
- 24. gr\_\_\_us hospitality
- 25. in\_\_\_ct a student
- 26. co\_\_\_t in a jail
- 27. a ben\_\_\_\_nt individual
- 28. new se\_\_\_\_rs
- 29. fo ly taken into a car
- 30. inc\_\_\_\_te waste
- 31. carry a s\_\_r
- 32. at\_\_\_t to the facts

- a sudden or brief invasion or attack; the act of entering into something in a way that is not authorized or welcomed
- v. to make someone seem guilty of a crime or wrongdoing
- adj. behaving in a kind, polite and generous way
- to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
- v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
- adj. well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
- a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
- adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
- v. to burn something, especially waste material completely
- n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
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ANSWERS: 22. incursion, 23. incriminate, 24. gracious, 25. instruct, 26. convict, 27. benevolent, 28. settler, 29. forcibly, 30. incinerate, 31. scar, 32. attest

ANSWERS: 33. sprawl, 34. gracious, 35. incriminate, 36. settler, 37. incursion, 38. crate, 39. interrogate, 40. uncover, 41. incinerate, 42. attorney-general, 43. sanction

impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

51. repon for damages n.	the act of repairing or making amends for damage, harm, or injury caused to someone or something
52. unr the truth $\nu$ .	to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
53. imon myself within the room $v$ .	to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
54. bennt gesture add	well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
55. foly remove ad	<ul> <li>done by physical power or violence;</li> <li>against someone's will</li> </ul>
56. inct a computer ν.	to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

ANSWERS: 51. reparation, 52. uncover, 53. imprison, 54. benevolent, 55. forcibly, 56. instruct

# **Session 3: Fill in the Blanks**

1.	They the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.
<i>v</i> .	to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
2.	He continued his investigation and soon another crime.
<i>v</i> .	to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
3.	The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately the witness.
<i>v</i> .	to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
4.	He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud
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
5.	The prisoner wore heavy on his wrists and ankles.
n.	a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind
6.	The group aims to the military regime.
<i>v</i> .	to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
7.	The police officer removed the protesters from the public park.
ad	v. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
	SWERS: 1. paved, 2. uncovered, 3. interrogate, 4. rev, 5. shackles, 6. overthrow, forcibly

ANSWERS:			