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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- fad** *n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze  
*synonym*: craze, mania, trend  
(1) become a **fad**, (2) computer game **fad**  
His interest in music composition is only a **fad**.
- irrespective** *adv.* without taking something into account; regardless of  
*synonym*: heedless, inattentive, regardless  
(1) **irrespective** of age, (2) **irrespective** of his will  
Our company hires **irrespective** of national origin.
- convene** *v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity  
*synonym*: assemble, gather, summon  
(1) **convene** a press conference, (2) **convene** the council  
The parliament will **convene** at 1 p.m. tomorrow.
- burgeon** *v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way  
*synonym*: flourish, bloom, thrive  
(1) **burgeon** rapidly, (2) **burgeon** from every corner.  
The city's art scene has been **burgeoning** recently, with new

galleries and exhibitions popping up regularly.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## pitfall

*n.* a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare

*synonym* : trap, snare, hazard

(1) potential **pitfall**, (2) **pitfall** to be avoided

One of the biggest **pitfalls** of starting a new business is underestimating the costs.

## cyberspace

*n.* the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments

*synonym* : Internet, virtual reality, online world

(1) **cyberspace** security, (2) virtual **cyberspace**

Hackers are constantly trying to exploit vulnerabilities in **cyberspace** for their gain.

## prescient

*adj.* having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic

*synonym* : prophetic, foresighted, intuitive

(1) **prescient** dream, (2) **prescient** vision

The **prescient** investor predicted the market crash and sold his stocks before it happened.

## riddle

*n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

*synonym* : mystery, puzzle, enigma

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**

The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

## paraphrase

v. to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

*synonym*: rephrase, reword, reinterpret

(1) **paraphrase** a poem into prose, (2) **paraphrase** the meaning

He **paraphrased** the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.

## instantaneous

*adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment

*synonym*: immediate, prompt, rapid

(1) **instantaneous** reaction, (2) **instantaneous** message

The new software provides **instantaneous** results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

## mediate

v. to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

*synonym*: arbitrate, reconcile, intervene

(1) **mediate** allergic reaction, (2) **mediate** a negotiation

The teacher had to **mediate** a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.

## vex

v. to irritate or annoy with petty frustrations; to cause distress or agitation

*synonym*: annoy, irritate, bother

(1) **vex** my mind, (2) **vex** me all night

The loud noise from the construction site was starting to **vex** the nearby residents.

## unsolved

*adj.* not yet understood, explained, or resolved; remaining a mystery or enigma

*synonym*: unresolved, mysterious, perplexing

(1) **unsolved** mystery, (2) **unsolved** crime

The case remains **unsolved** after years of investigation.

## evade

v. to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something

*synonym*: dodge, avoid, bypass

(1) **evade** capture, (2) **evade** an issue

The jailbroken criminal is continuously attempting to **evade** the cops.

## foist

v. to impose something unwanted or unwelcome on someone, often by deceit or trickery; to pass off or palm off something as genuine or valuable when it is not

*synonym*: impose, force, inflict

(1) **foist** responsibility, (2) **foist** blame

The company tried to **foist** unnecessary services on their customers to increase profits.

## watermark

n. a visible or invisible design or pattern that is embedded into paper or other surfaces and is used to prevent counterfeiting or illegal copying

*synonym*: logo, insignia, emblem

(1) copyright **watermark**, (2) **watermark** logo

The **watermark** on the document ensured that it could not be forged or duplicated without permission.

## restrain

v. to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

*synonym*: restrict, limit, control

(1) **restrain** from violence, (2) **restrain** a child

The police had to **restrain** the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.

## effortless

adj. requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish

*synonym*: easy, simple, uncomplicated

(1) **effortless** victory, (2) **effortless** beauty

The dancer made her performance look **effortless** and graceful.

## hindrance

*n.* an obstacle or barrier that prevents progress or interferes with accomplishing a task or goal

*synonym* : obstacle, impediment, barrier

(1) **hindrance** to progress, (2) logistical **hindrance**

The language barrier can be a **hindrance** to effective communication.

## encumber

*v.* to burden or obstruct someone or something, making movement or progress difficult or impossible; to saddle with debt or other financial obligations

*synonym* : burden, hinder, obstruct

(1) **encumber** the property with a mortgage,

(2) **encumbered** the company's ability

The new regulations **encumber** the process of starting a new business.

## meme

*n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

*synonym* : buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

## blockchain

*n.* a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked

(1) **blockchain** platform, (2) the scalability of **blockchain**

Cryptocurrencies are only one form of implementation of **blockchain** technology.

## dissimilar

*adj.* not alike or having little in common

*synonym* : unlike, different, distinct

(1) **dissimilar** cultures, (2) **dissimilar** backgrounds

The two paintings were **dissimilar** in style and subject matter.

## bygone

*adj.* belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period

*synonym* : past, former, old-fashioned

(1) **bygone** civilization, (2) **bygone** traditions

The historian studied the **bygone** era with great detail.

## preclude

*v.* to make something impossible or prevent it from happening; to exclude or shut out something or someone from consideration or participation

*synonym* : prevent, prohibit, hinder

(1) **preclude** access, (2) **preclude** any possibility

Poor planning may **preclude** us from completing the project on time.

## expansive

*adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk

*synonym* : large, extensive, vast

(1) with an **expansive** spirit, (2) **expansive** ocean views

The company has an **expansive** network of offices and locations around the world.

## recognizable

*adj.* easy to become aware of or identify

*synonym* : noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark

His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

## remix

*v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

*synonym* : recreate, recompose, alter

(1) **remix** a couple of tracks, (2) **remix** the album

He **remixed** the tracks to give them a jazz feel.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## dissolve

*v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

*synonym* : disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

## heroine

*n.* a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film

*synonym* : protagonist

(1) medieval **heroine**, (2) tragic **heroine**

The brave **heroine** rescued the prince from the dragon's lair.

## confine

*v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something

*synonym* : restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

## proprietor

*n.* a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company

*synonym* : owner, keeper, possessor

(1) **proprietor** of a business, (2) copyright **proprietor**

The **proprietor** of the small bakery was always friendly and welcoming.

## app

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

*synonym* : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

## decentralize

v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

*synonym*: deconcentrate, disperse, distribute

(1) **decentralize** authority, (2) **decentralize** organizational structure

We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

## 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.



## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. en____er the property with a mortgage | v.   | to burden or obstruct someone or something, making movement or progress difficult or impossible; to saddle with debt or other financial obligations   |
| 2. co____e the scope of use              | v.   | to restrict the movement of someone or something  |
| 3. co____e themselves solely             | v.   | to restrict the movement of someone or something  |
| 4. cyb____ce security                    | n.   | the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments |
| 5. killer a_p                            | n.   | (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC                       |
| 6. by___e traditions                     | adj. | belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period   |
| 7. bu____n from every corner.            | v.   | to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way   |
| 8. dec_____ize authority                 | v.   | to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones                        |
| 9. dec_____ize organizational structure  | v.   | to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones                        |

ANSWERS: 1. encumber, 2. confine, 3. confine, 4. cyberspace, 5. app, 6. bygone, 7. burgeon, 8. decentralize, 9. decentralize

10. par\_\_\_\_\_se a poem into prose      *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
11. v\_x my mind      *v.* to irritate or annoy with petty frustrations; to cause distress or agitation
12. en\_\_\_\_\_ered the company's ability      *v.* to burden or obstruct someone or something, making movement or progress difficult or impossible; to saddle with debt or other financial obligations
13. computer game f\_d      *n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze
14. cannot log in to the a\_p      *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
15. virtual cyb\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments
16. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
17. with an ex\_\_\_\_\_ve spirit      *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
18. co\_\_\_\_\_e a press conference      *v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity

ANSWERS: 10. paraphrase, 11. vex, 12. encumber, 13. fad, 14. app, 15. cyberspace, 16. industrious, 17. expansive, 18. convene

19. become a f\_d *n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze
20. to a rec\_\_\_\_\_ble degree *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
21. pr\_\_\_\_\_nt dream *adj.* having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic
22. ev\_\_e capture *v.* to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something
23. me\_\_\_\_\_e a negotiation *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
24. religious m\_\_e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
25. solve the ri\_\_\_e *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
26. re\_\_\_\_\_in from violence *v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

ANSWERS: 19. fad, 20. recognizable, 21. prescient, 22. evade, 23. mediate, 24. meme, 25. riddle, 26. restrain

27. ins\_\_\_\_\_ous message      *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
28. ev\_\_e an issue      *v.* to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something
29. logistical hi\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* an obstacle or barrier that prevents progress or interferes with accomplishing a task or goal
30. blo\_\_\_\_\_in platform      *n.* a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked
31. fo\_\_t blame      *v.* to impose something unwanted or unwelcome on someone, often by deceit or trickery; to pass off or palm off something as genuine or valuable when it is not
32. re\_\_\_\_\_in a child      *v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
33. v\_x me all night      *v.* to irritate or annoy with petty frustrations; to cause distress or agitation
34. potential pi\_\_\_\_\_l      *n.* a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare
35. pi\_\_\_\_\_l to be avoided      *n.* a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare

ANSWERS: 27. instantaneous, 28. evade, 29. hindrance, 30. blockchain, 31. foist, 32. restrain, 33. vex, 34. pitfall, 35. pitfall

36. re\_\_\_\_\_e education policy      *v.* to change the form or structure of something
37. fo\_\_t responsibility      *v.* to impose something unwanted or unwelcome on someone, often by deceit or trickery; to pass off or palm off something as genuine or valuable when it is not
38. rec\_\_\_\_\_ble landmark      *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
39. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve ocean views      *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
40. pronounce m\_\_e      *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
41. hi\_\_\_\_\_ce to progress      *n.* an obstacle or barrier that prevents progress or interferes with accomplishing a task or goal
42. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
43. officially di\_\_\_\_\_ved the marriage      *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
44. me\_\_\_\_\_e allergic reaction      *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

ANSWERS: 36. reshape, 37. foist, 38. recognizable, 39. expansive, 40. meme, 41. hindrance, 42. industrious, 43. dissolve, 44. mediate

45. copyright pro\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company
46. pr\_\_\_\_\_de access *v.* to make something impossible or prevent it from happening; to exclude or shut out something or someone from consideration or participation
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49. re\_\_x a couple of tracks *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
50. di\_\_\_\_\_ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
51. wa\_\_\_\_\_rk logo *n.* a visible or invisible design or pattern that is embedded into paper or other surfaces and is used to prevent counterfeiting or illegal copying
52. pr\_\_\_\_\_nt vision *adj.* having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic
53. bu\_\_\_\_\_n rapidly *v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way

ANSWERS: 45. proprietor, 46. preclude, 47. unsolved, 48. instantaneous, 49. remix, 50. dissolve, 51. watermark, 52. prescient, 53. burgeon

54. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
55. pro\_\_\_\_\_or of a business *n.* a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company
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57. eff\_\_\_\_\_ss beauty *adj.* requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
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63. eff\_\_\_\_\_ss victory *adj.* requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
64. dis\_\_\_\_\_ar backgrounds *adj.* not alike or having little in common

ANSWERS: 54. opportune, 55. proprietor, 56. blockchain, 57. effortless, 58. convene, 59. watermark, 60. irrespective, 61. unsolved, 62. irrespective, 63. effortless, 64. dissimilar

65. ri\_\_\_e me a riddle *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
66. pr\_\_\_\_de any possibility *v.* to make something impossible or prevent it from happening; to exclude or shut out something or someone from consideration or participation
67. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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69. by\_\_\_e civilization *adj.* belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period
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ANSWERS: 65. riddle, 66. preclude, 67. opportune, 68. dissimilar, 69. bygone, 70. paraphrase, 71. heroine, 72. remix, 73. heroine



74. re\_\_\_\_e my thoughts

v. to change the form or structure of something

ANSWERS: 74. reshape

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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*v.* to change the form or structure of something

37. The city's art scene has been \_\_\_\_\_ recently, with new galleries and exhibitions popping up regularly.

*v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way

ANSWERS: 32. watermark, 33. instantaneous, 34. recognizable, 35. expansive, 36. reshaped, 37. burgeoning