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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### sever

v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

*synonym*: cut apart, separate, detach

(1) **sever** a rope, (2) **sever** a positive relationship

He **severed** a branch from a tree quickly.

### infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

*synonym*: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

### proliferate

v. to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner

*synonym*: multiply, spread, propagate

(1) **proliferate** cells, (2) **proliferate** weeds

The number of COVID cases continued to **proliferate** in many countries worldwide.

### 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.

## vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

*synonym*: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

## fizzle

v. to fail or end in a weak or unsatisfactory way; to make a hissing or sputtering sound like that of a shorting electrical circuit

*synonym*: sputter, fume, fail

(1) **fizzle** to nothing, (2) gradually **fizzle** out

The enthusiasm for the project **fizzled** as the challenges and obstacles became more apparent.

## quarantine

n. a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease

*synonym*: isolation, confinement, restriction

(1) out of **quarantine**, (2) mandatory **quarantine**

Due to the outbreak, the government imposed a two-week **quarantine** for all travelers.

## resurgence

n. the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance

*synonym*: revival, recovery, rejuvenation

(1) **resurgence** in popularity, (2) **resurgence** of exports

After years of decline, the city is experiencing a **resurgence** in economic growth.

## rewind

v. to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning

*synonym*: wind back, back up, reverse

(1) **rewind** a film, (2) manually **rewind** the tape

Please **rewind** the thread onto the reel.

## starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

*synonym*: famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

## synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

*synonym*: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

## interconnect

v. to connect similar things

*synonym*: interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

## eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

*synonym*: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

## escalate

v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

*synonym*: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

## catastrophe

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

*synonym*: disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate **catastrophe**

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

## entice

v. to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting

*synonym*: lure, tempt, attract

(1) **entice** foreign investment, (2) **entice** shoppers

The salesperson tried to **entice** the customer into buying a new car.

## reappear

v. to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time

*synonym*: come again, repeat, re-emerge

(1) **reappear** on the surface, (2) **reappear** throughout this book

Cancer has **reappeared** at the same site.

## disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

*synonym*: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

## long-lasting

*adj.* existing or continuing for a long time

*synonym*: enduring, abiding, durable

(1) **long-lasting** battery, (2) a **long-lasting** friendship

They finally decided to solve the **long-lasting** problem.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------------|----|---|
| 1. syn_____ze movements            | v. | to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate   |
| 2. syn_____ze our watches          | v. | to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate   |
| 3. se__r a positive relationship   | v. | to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly                                 |
| 4. re_____ar on the surface        | v. | to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time                            |
| 5. va_____te every year            | v. | to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease                        |
| 6. se__r a rope                    | v. | to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly                                 |
| 7. pro_____te weeds                | v. | to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner |
| 8. va_____te against scarlet fever | v. | to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease                        |
| 9. avoid climate cat_____he        | n. | a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune  |
| 10. flu pa_____ic                  | n. | an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area                                     |
| 11. in___t other animal species    | v. | to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism                                   |

ANSWERS: 1. synchronize, 2. synchronize, 3. sever, 4. reappear, 5. vaccinate, 6. sever, 7. proliferate, 8. vaccinate, 9. catastrophe, 10. pandemic, 11. infect

12. di\_\_\_\_t a well-ordered condition      *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
13. res\_\_\_\_\_ce in popularity      *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
14. st\_\_\_e for a victory      *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
15. re\_\_\_d a film      *v.* to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning
16. directly int\_\_\_\_\_ect with those systems      *v.* to connect similar things
17. fi\_\_\_e to nothing      *v.* to fail or end in a weak or unsatisfactory way; to make a hissing or sputtering sound like that of a shorting electrical circuit
18. es\_\_\_\_\_te into a major international incident      *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
19. human activities int\_\_\_\_\_ect with the environment      *v.* to connect similar things
20. manually re\_\_\_d the tape      *v.* to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning
21. a lon\_\_\_\_\_ing friendship      *adj.* existing or continuing for a long time
22. pro\_\_\_\_\_te cells      *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner

ANSWERS: 12. disrupt, 13. resurgence, 14. starve, 15. rewind, 16. interconnect, 17. fizzle, 18. escalate, 19. interconnect, 20. rewind, 21. long-lasting, 22. proliferate



34. mandatory qua\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
35. er\_\_\_\_\_te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
36. out of qua\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
37. in\_\_\_t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
38. di\_\_\_\_\_t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 34. quarantine, 35. eradicate, 36. quarantine, 37. infect, 38. disrupt



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. They fear a \_\_\_\_\_ of a new type of virus.
  - n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
  
2. I'm so sorry to \_\_\_\_\_ you when you're pretty busy.
  - v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
  
3. The number of COVID cases continued to \_\_\_\_\_ in many countries worldwide.
  - v. to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
  
4. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly \_\_\_\_\_.
  - v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
  
5. The enthusiasm for the project \_\_\_\_\_ as the challenges and obstacles became more apparent.
  - v. to fail or end in a weak or unsatisfactory way; to make a hissing or sputtering sound like that of a shorting electrical circuit
  
6. Our system can now \_\_\_\_\_ with other databases.
  - v. to connect similar things
  
7. The salesperson tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the customer into buying a new car.
  - v. to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting

ANSWERS: 1. pandemic, 2. disrupt, 3. proliferate, 4. synchronized, 5. fizzled, 6. interconnect, 7. entice

8. The nurse \_\_\_\_\_ the children in the school.
- v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
9. Due to the outbreak, the government imposed a two-week \_\_\_\_\_ for all travelers.
- n. a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
10. He \_\_\_\_\_ a branch from a tree quickly.
- v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
11. After years of decline, the city is experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_ in economic growth.
- n. the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
12. Children often \_\_\_\_\_ parents with this head cold.
- v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
13. They finally decided to solve the \_\_\_\_\_ problem.
- adj. existing or continuing for a long time
14. Please \_\_\_\_\_ the thread onto the reel.
- v. to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning
15. If you don't eat soon, you're going to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

ANSWERS: 8. vaccinated, 9. quarantine, 10. severed, 11. resurgence, 12. infect, 13. long-lasting, 14. rewind, 15. starve

16. The lack of funds has resulted in a \_\_\_\_\_ for our university system.

*n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

17. Cancer has \_\_\_\_\_ at the same site.

*v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time

18. We are trying to \_\_\_\_\_ this disease from the world.

*v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

19. The situation quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and turned violent.

*v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

ANSWERS: 16. catastrophe, 17. reappeared, 18. eradicate, 19. escalated