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## **Advanced Words Only**

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## **Session 1: Word List**

#### 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.

## paycheck

 a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check

synonym: salary, earnings, income

(1) electronic **paycheck**, (2) monthly **paycheck** I received a bonus on top of my regular **paycheck** this month.

## outpouring

 a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time

synonym: outflow, surge, torrent

(1) artistic **outpouring**, (2) emotional **outpouring**The **outpouring** of support from the community was overwhelming after the tragic event.

#### generosity

- n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freelysynonym: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness
- (1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

#### excite

- v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate
- (1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion The news of her promotion **excited** her.

#### ricochet

v. to rebound or deflect off a surface at an angle or series of angles, changing direction multiple times; to have a sudden and unintended effect or outcome; (noun) the motion of an object or a projectile that is deflected off a surface

synonym: bounce, rebound, spring

(1) **ricochet** off the walls, (2) **ricochet** into a crowd

The police officer fired a warning shot that **ricocheted** off the pavement and hit a nearby car.

## 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.

#### telemedicine

 the remote diagnosis and treatment of patients using telecommunications technology, such as video conferencing, phone calls, or messaging services

synonym: remote healthcare, online medicine, virtual care

(1) **telemedicine** consultation, (2) **telemedicine** technology Due to the pandemic, many doctors have started offering **telemedicine** appointments.

#### demise

n. death or the end of something

synonym: death, passing, end

# (1) **demise** of bureaucracy, (2) meet their **demise**The sudden **demise** of the king was a shock to everyone and threw the kingdom into chaos.

#### impetus

 a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change

synonym: stimulus, momentum, drive

(1) political **impetus**, (2) technological **impetus**Getting a raise at work was the **impetus** to start looking for a new place to live.

#### underserved

- adj. inadequately or insufficiently provided with help, products, or services
- (1) **underserved** market, (2) traditionally **underserved**This area is medically **underserved**.

#### industrious

- adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effortsynonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous
- (1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## smartphone

- a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
- (1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

## plummet

 to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

synonym: drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

#### ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at oncesynonym: universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

#### creditor

- n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
- (1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

#### outlay

- an amount of money that is expended or spent, particularly on a specific project or purchase
- synonym: expense, expenditure, cost

(1) outlay budget, (2) capital outlay

The **outlay** for the new marketing campaign was significant but worth it

#### outflow

 the leakage of fluid from a container; a natural flow of groundwater

synonym: discharge, outpouring, gush

(1) outflow fluid, (2) outflow of capital

After the valves were closed, the **outflow** halted.

#### amass

 to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference

synonym: gather, collect, accumulate

(1) **amass** a patent portfolio, (2) **amass** followers She had **amassed** a fortune through wise investments and shrewd business decisions.

condense

 to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

*synonym*: compress, compact, shorten

(1) condense the text, (2) condense water vapor

I need to **condense** all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.

#### treasury

 n. the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

synonym: coffer, exchequer, bank

(1) treasury bonds, (2) treasury money

The protracted war nearly depleted the country's **treasury**.

#### tranche

 a portion or segment of something, especially a financial investment that is divided or allocated according to a specific criterion or formula

synonym: portion, segment, slice

(1) large tranche, (2) tranche of debt

The latest **tranche** of funding will help the company expand its operations.

#### strait

 a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas

synonym: narrows, channel, passage

(1) strait passage, (2) strait channel

The ship navigated through the **strait** with great care.

#### sheltered

adj. protected or shielded from danger or harmful influences; inexperienced or innocent of certain unpleasantness or harsh realities of life

synonym: protected, secure, guarded

(1) **sheltered** life, (2) **sheltered** housing

The birds found **sheltered** spots in the trees to avoid the rain.

#### pronounce

 to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

synonym: articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

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#### cybersecurity

n. the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction

synonym: information security, cyber protection

(1) **cybersecurity** threat, (2) **cybersecurity** measures As the use of technology continues to increase in everyday life, **cybersecurity** awareness and education become even more important

#### credential

v. to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts

synonym: certify, verify, (noun) certificate

- (1) credential themselves by showing their registration,
- (2) teaching credential

To get the job, I need to **credential** my experience and education.

#### sacrosanct

adj. considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence

*synonym*: sacred, inviolable, holy

(1) **sacrosanct** tradition, (2) **sacrosanct** belief
The tradition of the annual family reunion is **sacrosanct** and must be upheld.

#### blockchain

- 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.

#### fluctuate

 to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably

synonym: vary, oscillate, sway

(1) **fluctuate** prices, (2) **fluctuate** rapidly Stock prices **fluctuate** daily based on market demand and supply.

#### transact

- v. to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction;
   to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
   synonym: conduct, carry out, perform
- (1) **transact** internationally, (2) **transact** in cash I need to **transact** some business at the bank before it closes.

#### wreak

v. to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events

synonym: cause, inflict, bring about

(1) **wreak** a lot of changes, (2) **wreak** further damage The virus has **wreaked** havoc on the healthcare system, overwhelming hospitals and causing shortages of supplies.

#### havoc

 widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

synonym: destruction, devastation, ruin

(1) cause **havoc**, (2) play **havoc** in the mind The storm wreaked **havoc** on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.

#### reorient

v. to change the focus, position, or direction of someone or something

synonym: reconstruct, reorganize

(1) **reorient** my thinking, (2) **reorient** the receiving antenna Making a sharp noise will quickly **reorient** children's thoughts to the present.

#### regress

 to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

*synonym*: retrovert, deteriorate, decline

## (1) regress to childhood, (2) regress in skills

The team's failure to win games has caused them to **regress** in confidence.

#### coronavirus

n. a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

synonym: covid

(1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus** bankruptcy

Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped this year's beer festival.

#### twofold

adj. consisting of two parts or aspects; doubled in size, quantity, or degree

synonym: doubled, dual, twinned

(1) twofold approach, (2) twofold difference

The **twofold** increase in sales was unexpected but welcomed by the company.

#### moralize

v. to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior

*synonym*: preach, lecture, sermonize

(1) **moralize** a situation, (2) **moralize** about politics I don't like it when people try to **moralize** me about my personal choices.

#### disbeliever

 a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

*synonym*: non-believer, skeptic, doubter

(1) persuade a **disbeliever**, (2) stubborn **disbeliever** Despite the evidence, she remained a **disbeliever** in the theory of evolution.

#### accrue

v. (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time

synonym: increase, accumulate, amass

(1) **accrue** to the general treasury, (2) benefits **accrue** to the community

Two-percent interest will **accrue** on your savings account.

#### 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.

#### skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

a skeptical attitude, (2) skeptical scientists
 His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly skeptical.

shirk

v. to avoid or neglect one's responsibilities or duties; to evade or dodge something that one is expected or required to do

synonym: avoid, dodge, evade

shirk moral obligation, (2) shirk their duties
 can't shirk my work responsibilities, even when taking a break is tempting.

spur

 a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

synonym: encouragement, motivation, stimulus

(1) **spur** of the moment, (2) **spur** a momentum of economic growth

The threat of losing his job was the **spur** he needed to work harder.

#### presume

v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

synonym: assume, suppose, guess

(1) **presume** innocence, (2) **presume** on his tolerance I **presume** you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

## disparity

 a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

synonym: difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity** 

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

## pragmatic

adj. practical rather than idealistic synonym: practical, realistic, down-to-earth

(1) **pragmatic** approach, (2) **pragmatic** politics

He was a **pragmatic** leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

#### overwhelm

- v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebodysynonym: conquer, crush, dominate
- (1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

#### remittance

 the act of sending money or paying a debt; a sum of money sent as payment or as a gift

synonym: payment, transfer, remittal

(1) electronic **remittance**, (2) monthly **remittance**The **remittance** of the payment was delayed due to a technical error.

#### time-consuming

adj. requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete

synonym: lengthy, prolonged, protracted

(1) **time-consuming** project, (2) **time-consuming** process Writing a research paper can be a **time-consuming** task.

#### cliche

 a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

synonym: truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) cliche plot, (2) age-old cliche

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

#### bartender

 a person who serves drinks, especially alcoholic beverages, at a bar

*synonym*: barman, mixologist, server

(1) professional **bartender**, (2) moonlight as a **bartender** The chief **bartender** mixed the ingredients to create a new and exciting cocktail.

#### explode

 to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

explode in anger, (2) explode in popularity
 The old building exploded in a fiery inferno.

### optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

## proprietor

 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.

## **Session 2: Spelling**

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cyb\_\_\_\_\_ity measures the practice of protecting computers, 1. n. servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction 2. ov Im opponents by numbers to defeat someone or something by ν. using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody to burst or break open violently and 3. ex e in anger noisily; to cause something to burst or break open flu pa\_\_\_\_ic an outbreak of a disease that affects 4. n. many people over a very wide area copyright pro\_\_\_\_or 5. a person who owns and runs a n. business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company sh\_\_\_\_ed life 6. adj. protected or shielded from danger or harmful influences; inexperienced or innocent of certain unpleasantness or harsh realities of life a narrow stretch of water or sea 7. st t passage n. connecting two larger bodies of water or seas the fact or quality of being willing to do 8. act of gen ty n. kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

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