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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### obsession

*n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

*synonym*: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

### 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.

### lockdown

*n.* 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.

## coworker

*n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization

*synonym*: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

## latent

*adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant

*synonym*: dormant, inactive, potential

(1) **latent** desire, (2) **latent** threat

Many people have **latent** talents they are not aware of.

## 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.

## prioritize

*v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

*synonym*: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

## stagger

*v.* to walk, move, or stand unsteadily as if you are going to fall; to astound or overwhelm, as with shock

*synonym*: lurch, falter, astound

(1) **stagger** and nearly fall, (2) **stagger** downstairs

The malicious criticism did not **stagger** his resolution.

## brainstorming

*n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

(1) **brainstorming** session, (2) do a **brainstorming** about a

new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

## 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.

## extrovert

*n.* a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident

*synonym*: outgoing, sociable, gregarious

(1) **extrovert** social skills, (2) natural **extrovert**

She intentionally acts like an **extrovert**.

## introvert

*n.* a shy and reticent person

*synonym*: observer, loner, solitary

(1) **introvert** personality, (2) **introvert** behavior

Being an **introvert** is not a weakness, and it's just a different way of interacting with the world.

## 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.

## manna

*n.* a sweet-tasting and nutritious substance that, according to the Bible, was provided by God to the Israelites during their journey through the wilderness; any unexpected or miraculous source of sustenance or benefit

*synonym*: sustenance, nourishment

(1) **manna** from heaven, (2) **manna** in the desert

In the desert, the travelers survived by eating **manna**, a miraculous food on the ground.

## adaptable

*adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations

*synonym*: flexible, adjustable, elastic

(1) **adaptable** enough for the environment, (2) an **adaptable** person

We seek a candidate who possesses **adaptable** fighting potential.

## 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**.

## quantify

*v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms

*synonym*: measure, express, determine

(1) **quantify** the results, (2) **quantify** blood flow

He tried to **quantify** the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.

## imaginable

*adj.* capable of being imagined

*synonym*: conceivable, plausible, possible

(1) easily **imaginable**, (2) worst **imaginable** case

This is the only **imaginable** strategy.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---|---|
| 1. co_____er relationship               | <i>n.</i> a person who works with another in the same company or organization   |
| 2. in____t a computer with a virus      | <i>v.</i> to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism   |
| 3. lo_____wn area                       | <i>n.</i> an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19                         |
| 4. ad_____le enough for the environment | <i>adj.</i> able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations  |
| 5. pri_____ze tasks                     | <i>v.</i> to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things  |
| 6. syn_____ze our watches               | <i>v.</i> to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate   |
| 7. bra_____ing session                  | <i>n.</i> a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas |
| 8. mandatory qua_____ne                 | <i>n.</i> a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease  |
| 9. out of qua_____ne                    | <i>n.</i> a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease  |
| 10. national ob_____on                  | <i>n.</i> the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person  |

ANSWERS: 1. coworker, 2. infect, 3. lockdown, 4. adaptable, 5. prioritize, 6. synchronize, 7. brainstorming, 8. quarantine, 9. quarantine, 10. obsession

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| 11. global pa____ic         | <i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area  |
| 12. la____t desire          | <i>adj.</i> existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant  |
| 13. ma__a in the desert     | <i>n.</i> a sweet-tasting and nutritious substance that, according to the Bible, was provided by God to the Israelites during their journey through the wilderness; any unexpected or miraculous source of sustenance or benefit |
| 14. in_____rt personality   | <i>n.</i> a shy and reticent person  |
| 15. ex_____rt social skills | <i>n.</i> a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident  |
| 16. qu____fy blood flow     | <i>v.</i> to express or measure something in numerical terms   |
| 17. an ad_____le person     | <i>adj.</i> able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations   |
| 18. qu____fy the results    | <i>v.</i> to express or measure something in numerical terms   |
| 19. ind_____us student      | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort  |
| 20. flu pa____ic            | <i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area  |
| 21. ma__a from heaven       | <i>n.</i> a sweet-tasting and nutritious substance that, according to the Bible, was provided by God to the Israelites during their journey through the wilderness; any unexpected or miraculous source of sustenance or benefit |

ANSWERS: 11. pandemic, 12. latent, 13. manna, 14. introvert, 15. extrovert, 16. quantify, 17. adaptable, 18. quantify, 19. industrious, 20. pandemic, 21. manna

22. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
23. st\_\_\_\_\_r and nearly fall *v.* to walk, move, or stand unsteadily as if you are going to fall; to astound or overwhelm, as with shock
24. la\_\_\_\_t threat *adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant
25. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
26. natural ex\_\_\_\_\_rt *n.* a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident
27. go on lo\_\_\_\_\_wn *n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
28. st\_\_\_\_\_r downstairs *v.* to walk, move, or stand unsteadily as if you are going to fall; to astound or overwhelm, as with shock
29. worst ima\_\_\_\_\_le case *adj.* capable of being imagined
30. ob\_\_\_\_\_on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
31. argue with a co\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
32. pri\_\_\_\_\_ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
33. do a bra\_\_\_\_\_ing about a new product *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

ANSWERS: 22. industrious, 23. stagger, 24. latent, 25. synchronize, 26. extrovert, 27. lockdown, 28. stagger, 29. imaginable, 30. obsession, 31. coworker, 32. prioritize, 33. brainstorming

34. easily ima\_\_\_\_\_le

*adj.* capable of being imagined

35. in\_\_\_\_\_rt behavior

*n.* a shy and reticent person

36. in\_\_\_t other animal species

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

ANSWERS: 34. imaginable, 35. introvert, 36. infect



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Being an \_\_\_\_\_ is not a weakness, and it's just a different way of interacting with the world.  
*n.* a shy and reticent person
2. Many people have \_\_\_\_\_ talents they are not aware of.  
*adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant
3. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.  
*v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms
4. Many companies employ \_\_\_\_\_ as a good way of generating innovative ideas.  
*n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
5. She intentionally acts like an \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident
6. They fear a \_\_\_\_\_ of a new type of virus.  
*n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
7. We seek a candidate who possesses \_\_\_\_\_ fighting potential.  
*adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
8. This is the only \_\_\_\_\_ strategy.  
*adj.* capable of being imagined

ANSWERS: 1. introvert, 2. latent, 3. quantify, 4. brainstorming, 5. extrovert, 6. pandemic, 7. adaptable, 8. imaginable

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 was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
11. My ex-\_\_\_\_\_ and I had different working styles but managed to get along.
- n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
12. Gambling became an \_\_\_\_\_ for him, and he eventually lost everything.
- n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
13. The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide \_\_\_\_\_ measure.
- n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
14. The malicious criticism did not \_\_\_\_\_ his resolution.
- v.* to walk, move, or stand unsteadily as if you are going to fall; to astound or overwhelm, as with shock
15. The organization \_\_\_\_\_ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
- v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
16. 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

ANSWERS: 9. quarantine, 10. industrious, 11. coworker, 12. obsession, 13. lockdown, 14. stagger, 15. prioritized, 16. synchronized

17. Children often \_\_\_\_\_ parents with this head cold.

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

18. In the desert, the travelers survived by eating \_\_\_\_\_ a miraculous food on the ground.

*n.* a sweet-tasting and nutritious substance that, according to the Bible, was provided by God to the Israelites during their journey through the wilderness; any unexpected or miraculous source of sustenance or benefit

ANSWERS: 17. infect, 18. manna,