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# **Advanced Words Only**

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# **Session 1: Word List**

#### banish

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

synonym: exile, deport, expel

(1) banish doubt, (2) banish my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

#### priestess

- a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system
- (1) **priestess** of the Moon, (2) ancient **priestess** tradition The **priestess** of the temple led the ceremony with grace and wisdom.

#### exile

the state of being forced to leave one's country or home,
 typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym: banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) exile community, (2) political exile

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

#### hymn

 a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony

synonym: psalm, song, religious song

(1) a sacred **hymn**, (2) **hymn** tune

The congregation sang the **hymn** during the service.

#### patriarch

a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership

synonym: father, elder, leader

(1) **Patriarch** of Constantinople, (2) **patriarch** of a religion The family **patriarch** was a respected elder who was always consulted on important decisions.

# birthplace

- n. the house, town, etc., where someone was bornsynonym: hometown, native place, origin
- (1) ancestral **birthplaces**, (2) **birthplace** of modern soccer The **birthplace** of civilization is a topic of much debate among historians.

#### conquer

- v. to bring under control by force or authority synonym: defeat, overpower, subdue
- (1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

#### **Semitic**

- adj. relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa
- (1) anti- **Semitic** movement, (2) **Semitic** culture The **Semitic** languages include Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic.

#### invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym: intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

#### revolt

n. to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler

*synonym*: rebellion, uprising, insurgence

(1) **revolt** against existing ways of thinking, (2) **revolt** against the dictator

The people tried to **revolt** to oust the tyrant.

# dynasty

- a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
- (1) **dynasty** of China, (2) during the Ming **dynasty** During the Habsburg **dynasty**, colonization began.

# pictogram

- a graphic symbol that conveys its meaning through its pictorial resemblance to a physical object
- (1) **pictogram** color, (2) a **pictogram** code That town installed signs digitally displaying **pictograms** to reduce traffic accidents.

#### cuneiform

adj. of or relating to a form of writing consisting of pressing a reed stylus into clay to create wedge-shaped marks used in ancient Mesopotamia

synonym: wedge-shaped, triangular, pyramidal

(1) **cuneiform** writing, (2) external **cuneiform** bone The **cuneiform** tablets contain some of the oldest known examples of literature.

stylus

 a thin, pointed tool used to write, draw, or select items on a touchscreen device

synonym: pen, pointer, cursor

(1) stylus pen, (2) stylus pocket

Many artists prefer to use a **stylus** over their fingers when drawing on a digital canvas.

# wedge-shaped

- adj. having the shape of a wedge, which is a triangular object typically wider at one end than the other
- synonym: cuneiform, triangular
- (1) wedge-shaped building, (2) wedge-shaped object

The **wedge-shaped** piece of cake was the perfect size for a snack.

#### transcribe

v. to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text

synonym: copy, record, transliterate

(1) transcribe notes, (2) transcribe documents

She needs to **transcribe** the interview recording to write the article for the magazine.

#### multistoried

 adj. having multiple stories or levels, especially about a building or other structure

synonym: multi-level, high-rise, towering

(1) **multistoried** condominium, (2) **multistoried** car park The **multistoried** building housed many offices and businesses.

### granary

a storehouse or other building where grain is kept; a place where grain is grown

synonym: storage, warehouse, barn

(1) the public **granary**, (2) **granary** bread

The farmers stored their rice in the rice **granary** to protect it from pests.

#### preside

v. to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization

synonym: chair, lead, control

(1) **preside** at the piano, (2) **preside** over ceremony The **president** will preside over the meeting tomorrow.

### equinox

n. either of two times of the year, usually in March and September, when the sun crosses the celestial equator, resulting in equal amounts of daylight and darkness worldwide

synonym: solstice, equinoctial point

(1) autumn equinox, (2) equinox solstice

The vernal **equinox** marks the beginning of spring when day

and night are approximately equal in length.

#### patron

deity

n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

*synonym*: contributor, sponsor, supporter

- (1) the **patron** saint of a place, (2) political **patron**They have been a **patron** of this restaurant for many years.
- a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

synonym: god, goddess, divine being

(1) existence of a **deity**, (2) **deity** of commerce

The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun **deity** Ra was the most powerful god.

#### dedicate

to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

# glorify

v. to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position

*synonym*: exalt, celebrate, honor

(1) glorify god, (2) glorify violence

Religious leaders often **glorify** their messengers to encourage people to follow their teachings.

# pantheon

 a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important

synonym: temple, shrine, sanctuary

(1) **pantheon** of products, (2) ancient **pantheon**The **pantheon** of Greek gods and goddesses is well-known throughout Western culture.

aloof

 adj. emotionally detached or reserved; distant or uninvolved in personal relationships or social interactions; standing apart from others

synonym: distant, detached, standoffish

(1) aloof attitude, (2) keep aloof

The **aloof** cat refused to cuddle with its owner.

plead

v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

synonym: beg, implore, supplicate

(1) **plead** for mercy, (2) **plead** a political cause He **pleaded** with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym: disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

transcend

- v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something synonym: surpass, exceed, overcome
- (1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

  The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

prostitute

a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym: hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

#### eunuch

n. a male who has been castrated, often to serve a particular role assigned by society; a man who has had his testicles removed, often historically to serve as a royal attendant, scholar, or religious figure

synonym: castrate, gelding, emasculated male

(1) **eunuch** palace, (2) serve as the **eunuch** guardian
The **eunuch's** castration was viewed as a sacrifice that he
made for the emperor's service and was considered an honor
in some cultures

ode

 a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone

synonym: poem, song, verse

(1) nature ode, (2) an ode to love

The poet composed a beautiful **ode** to nature and its wonders.

#### pronoun

- n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence,such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
- (1) **pronoun** usage, (2) possessive **pronoun**In English, personal **pronouns** such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.

### nephew

- n. a son of your brother or sister
- (1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

# uprising

 a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

synonym: revolt, rebellion, insurgency

(1) stage an **uprising**, (2) violent **uprising**The anti-government **uprising** was successful in overthrowing the regime.

#### testament

 a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else synonym: proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

**Christ** 

 the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym: Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of Christ, (2) before Christ

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

# **Session 2: Spelling**

1.	ine his privacy	<i>v</i> .	to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
2.	give properties by tent	n.	a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
3.	a piam code	n.	a graphic symbol that conveys its meaning through its pictorial resemblance to a physical object
4.	cor fatal disease	v.	to bring under control by force or authority
5.	the chc economic situation	adj.	without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
6.	gly violence	<i>v</i> .	to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position
7.	anti-Sec movement	adj.	relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa
8.	curm writing	adj.	of or relating to a form of writing consisting of pressing a reed stylus into clay to create wedge-shaped marks used in ancient Mesopotamia
9.	ine other tissues	ν.	to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

ANSWERS: 1. invade, 2. testament, 3. pictogram, 4. conquer, 5. chaotic, 6. glorify, 7. Semitic, 8. cuneiform, 9. invade

10. trabe documents	v.	to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text
11. dey of commerce	n.	a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
12. a sacred hn	n.	a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony
13. violent upng	n.	a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
14. a male prote	n.	a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
15. dete a few hours	v.	to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
16. dyy of China	n.	a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
17. autumn eqx	n.	either of two times of the year, usually in March and September, when the sun crosses the celestial equator, resulting in equal amounts of daylight and darkness worldwide
18. pld a political cause	v.	to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
19. trnd limits	v.	to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

ANSWERS: 10. transcribe, 11. deity, 12. hymn, 13. uprising, 14. prostitute, 15. dedicate, 16. dynasty, 17. equinox, 18. plead, 19. transcend

20.	sts pocket	n.	a thin, pointed tool used to write, draw, or select items on a touchscreen device
21.	three-year-old new	n.	a son of your brother or sister
22.	possessive prn	n.	a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
23.	ancient prss tradition	n.	a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system
24.	the pan saint of a place	n.	a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
25.	nieces and news	n.	a son of your brother or sister
26.	trnd boundaries	<i>v</i> .	to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
27.	euh palace	n.	a male who has been castrated, often to serve a particular role assigned by society; a man who has had his testicles removed, often historically to serve as a royal attendant, scholar, or religious figure
28.	before Cht	n.	the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
29.	mulied condominium	adj.	having multiple stories or levels, especially about a building or other structure

ANSWERS: 20. stylus, 21. nephew, 22. pronoun, 23. priestess, 24. patron, 25. nephew, 26. transcend, 27. eunuch, 28. Christ, 29. multistoried

30.	serve as the euh guardian	n.	a male who has been castrated, often to serve a particular role assigned by society; a man who has had his testicles removed, often historically to serve as a royal attendant, scholar, or religious figure
31.	ancestral birces	n.	the house, town, etc., where someone was born
32.	wedped building	adj.	having the shape of a wedge, which is a triangular object typically wider at one end than the other
33.	h_n tune	n.	a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony
34.	birce of modern soccer	n.	the house, town, etc., where someone was born
35.	mulied car park	adj.	having multiple stories or levels, especially about a building or other structure
36.	ancient paon	n.	a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important
37.	existence of a dey	n.	a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religior or culture
38.	nature o_e	n.	a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone

ANSWERS: 30. eunuch, 31. birthplace, 32. wedge-shaped, 33. hymn, 34. birthplace, 35. multistoried, 36. pantheon, 37. deity, 38. ode

39.	tent to the superior quality	n.	a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
40.	gly god	v.	to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position
41.	dete a chapter to the subject	v.	to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
42.	teaching of Cht	n.	the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
43.	gry bread	n.	a storehouse or other building where grain is kept; a place where grain is grown
44.	during the Ming dyy	n.	a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
45.	piam color	n.	a graphic symbol that conveys its meaning through its pictorial resemblance to a physical object
46.	external curm bone	adj.	of or relating to a form of writing consisting of pressing a reed stylus into clay to create wedge-shaped marks used in ancient Mesopotamia
47.	Sec culture	adj.	relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa

ANSWERS: 39. testament, 40. glorify, 41. dedicate, 42. Christ, 43. granary, 44. dynasty, 45. pictogram, 46. cuneiform, 47. Semitic

48.	pre over ceremony	<i>v</i> .	to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
49.	exe community	n.	the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
50.	pre at the piano	<i>v</i> .	to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
51.	bah my wrinkles	<i>v</i> .	to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
52.	prn usage	n.	a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
53.	pld for mercy	<i>v</i> .	to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
54.	prote street	n.	a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
55.	sts pen	n.	a thin, pointed tool used to write, draw, or select items on a touchscreen device
56.	ret against the dictator	n.	to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
57.	trabe notes	ν.	to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text
58.	chc theory	adj.	without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
59.	alf attitude	adj.	emotionally detached or reserved; distant or uninvolved in personal relationships or social interactions; standing apart from others

ANSWERS: 48. preside, 49. exile, 50. preside, 51. banish, 52. pronoun, 53. plead, 54. prostitute, 55. stylus, 56. revolt, 57. transcribe, 58. chaotic, 59. aloof

60.	eqx solstice	n.	either of two times of the year, usually in March and September, when the sun crosses the celestial equator, resulting in equal amounts of daylight and darkness worldwide
61.	ret against existing ways of thinking	n.	to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
62.	Pach of Constantinople	n.	a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership
63.	keep alf	adj.	emotionally detached or reserved; distant or uninvolved in personal relationships or social interactions; standing apart from others
64.	pach of a religion	n.	a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership
65.	the public gry	n.	a storehouse or other building where grain is kept; a place where grain is grown
66.	stage an upng	n.	a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
67.	prss of the Moon	n.	a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system
68.	political exe	n.	the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

ANSWERS: 60. equinox, 61. revolt, 62. patriarch, 63. aloof, 64. patriarch, 65. granary, 66. uprising, 67. priestess, 68. exile

69. political pan	n.	a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
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72. an o_e to love	n.	a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone
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74. paon of products	n.	a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected.

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ANSWERS: 69. patron, 70. wedge-shaped, 71. conquer, 72. ode, 73. banish, 74. pantheon

famous, or important

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

1. <i>v</i> .	•	ide over the meeting tomorrow. lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
2. n.		rice in the rice to protect it from pests.  building where grain is kept; a place where grain is grown
3.	The of Greek culture.	gods and goddesses is well-known throughout Western
n.	•	all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or something or someone that is remarkably respected,
4.	The cat refused to	cuddle with its owner.
adj	-	r reserved; distant or uninvolved in personal nteractions; standing apart from others
5.	The music	cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.
v.	to rise above or go bey	ond the limits of something
6.	The languages	include Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic.
adj		languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, of the middle east and north Africa
7.	She turned to	to make ends meet.
n.	a person, typically a wo	oman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for
	SWERS: 1. president, 2. prostitute	granary, 3. pantheon, 4. aloof, 5. transcended, 6. Semitic

ANSWERS: 8. revolt, 9. chaotic, 10. eunuch's, 11. glorify, 12. patron, 13. hymn, 14. pronouns

ANSWERS: 15. priestess, 16. testament, 17. Christmas, 18. equinox, 19. invade, 20. transcribe, 21. deity

22.	The piece of cake was the perfect size for a snack.
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23.	The poet composed a beautiful to nature and its wonders.
n.	a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone
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n.	a thin, pointed tool used to write, draw, or select items on a touchscreen device
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n.	a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
26.	He his life to helping others.
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27.	The king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.
n.	the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
28.	The building housed many offices and businesses.
adj.	having multiple stories or levels, especially about a building or other structure
29.	My is eight months old and still being breastfed.
n.	a son of your brother or sister
	SWERS: 22. wedge-shaped, 23. ode, 24. stylus, 25. dynasty, 26. dedicated, 27. ed, 28. multistoried, 29. nephew

ANSWERS: 30. birthplace, 31. patriarch, 32. uprising, 33. pleaded, 34. banished, 35. cuneiform, 36. pictograms, 37. conquer

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