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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### dinosaur

*n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

*synonym*: reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

### roam

*v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

*synonym*: wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

### allege

*v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

*synonym*: claim, assert, state

(1) **allege** abuse, (2) **allege** wrongdoing

The prosecution **alleged** that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

### frightening

*adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

*synonym*: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience  
The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

## **furious**

*adj.* extremely angry; full of rage

*synonym*: angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

## **tweet**

*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

*synonym*: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

## **guise**

*n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature

*synonym*: appearance, pretense, masquerade

(1) in the **guise** of a woman, (2) under the **guise** of friendship

They operated an illegal business under the **guise** of an employment agency.

## **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.

## **authenticate**

*v.* to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true

*synonym*: confirm, validate, verify

(1) **authenticate** documents, (2) **authenticate** software

license

The security system requires users to **authenticate** their identity before gaining access.

## stalkerware

*n.* software or applications designed to monitor or spy on someone's activities without their knowledge or consent, often used for malicious purposes such as stalking or surveillance without authorization

*synonym* : spouseware, surveillanceware

(1) remove **stalkerware**, (2) **stalkerware** offenses

The investigation revealed a dark underworld of digital crime, including the use of **stalkerware** apps by jealous partners.

## tempting

*adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

*synonym* : alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

## encrypt

*v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

*synonym* : encode, cipher, scramble

(1) **encrypt** data, (2) **encrypt** message

To protect their sensitive information, many businesses **encrypt** their files.

## selfie

*n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

*synonym* : self-portrait, self-photo, self-snap

(1) **selfie** stick, (2) pose for a **selfie**

She took a **selfie** in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.

## creepy

*adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

*synonym*: eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the chills.

## 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.

## lookout

*n.* a person or group of people who are responsible for watching for danger or other potential threats and warning others of their presence

*synonym*: watchman, sentinel, guard

(1) **lookout** team, (2) on the **lookout** for danger

The **lookout** tower provided a clear view of the surrounding area.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. en\_\_\_\_t message  
*v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
2. fu\_\_\_\_s anger  
*adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
3. aut\_\_\_\_ate software license  
*v.* to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true
4. es\_\_\_\_te into a major international incident  
*v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
5. cr\_\_\_\_y atmosphere  
*adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
6. al\_\_\_\_e abuse  
*v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
7. cast fri\_\_\_\_ng eyes  
*adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
8. his latest tw\_\_ts  
*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
9. sound very te\_\_\_\_ng  
*adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

ANSWERS: 1. encrypt, 2. furious, 3. authenticate, 4. escalate, 5. creepy, 6. allege, 7. frightening, 8. tweet, 9. tempting

10. hulking di\_\_\_\_ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
11. al\_\_\_e wrongdoing *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
12. a fu\_\_\_\_s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
13. sta\_\_\_\_\_re offenses *n.* software or applications designed to monitor or spy on someone's activities without their knowledge or consent, often used for malicious purposes such as stalking or surveillance without authorization
14. in the gu\_\_e of a woman *n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
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16. under the gu\_\_e of friendship *n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
17. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
18. feel cr\_\_\_y *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
19. r\_\_m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

ANSWERS: 10. dinosaur, 11. allege, 12. furious, 13. stalkerware, 14. guise, 15. frightening, 16. guise, 17. opportune, 18. creepy, 19. roam

20. r\_\_m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
21. to es\_\_\_\_te *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
22. lo\_\_\_\_t team *n.* a person or group of people who are responsible for watching for danger or other potential threats and warning others of their presence
23. pose for a se\_\_\_e *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
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ANSWERS: 20. roam, 21. escalate, 22. lookout, 23. selfie, 24. stalkerware, 25. encrypt, 26. tweet, 27. authenticate

28. on the lo\_\_\_\_t for danger      *n.* a person or group of people who are responsible for watching for danger or other potential threats and warning others of their presence
29. se\_\_\_\_e stick      *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
30. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
31. te\_\_\_\_ng offer      *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
32. di\_\_\_\_ur fossil      *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

ANSWERS: 28. lookout, 29. selfie, 30. opportune, 31. tempting, 32. dinosaur



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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16. The prosecution \_\_\_\_\_ that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

*v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

ANSWERS: 15. opportune, 16. alleged