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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### detain

*v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

*synonym* : hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation

The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

### heartbreak

*n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

*synonym* : grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

### 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.

### verge

*n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

*synonym* : brink, edge, margin

(1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears

He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.

## reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

*synonym*: reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

## amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

*synonym*: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

## respite

n. a brief period of rest, relief, or delay from something difficult or unpleasant; a short break or vacation from regular activities or responsibilities

*synonym*: break, interval, pause

(1) **respite** care, (2) a short **respite**

The vacation gave her a much-needed **respite** from work.

## wand

n. a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority

*synonym*: rod, stick, staff

(1) magic **wand**, (2) security **wand**

The magician waved his **wand**, and a rabbit appeared from the hat.

## thanksgiving

n. an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

*synonym*: gratitude, appreciation, recognition

(1) **thanksgiving** traditions, (2) **thanksgiving** parade

My family gathers together every year for **thanksgiving** dinner.

## hijab

*n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck

*synonym*: veil, headscarf, cover

(1) woman's **hijab**, (2) **hijab** garment

Many Muslim women wear a **hijab** as a symbol of their religious beliefs.

## greet

*v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

*synonym*: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. a short re\_\_\_\_e *n.* a brief period of rest, relief, or delay from something difficult or unpleasant; a short break or vacation from regular activities or responsibilities
2. gr\_\_t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
3. tha\_\_\_\_\_ing traditions *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
4. de\_\_\_n a terrorist *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
5. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
6. magic w\_\_d *n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority
7. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
8. ve\_\_e of bankruptcy *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

ANSWERS: 1. respite, 2. greet, 3. thanksgiving, 4. detain, 5. opportune, 6. wand, 7. opportune, 8. verge

9. am\_\_e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
10. re\_\_\_\_\_e care *n.* a brief period of rest, relief, or delay from something difficult or unpleasant; a short break or vacation from regular activities or responsibilities
11. re\_\_\_\_\_e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
12. security w\_\_d *n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority
13. re\_\_\_\_\_e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
14. go through hea\_\_\_\_\_ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
15. gr\_\_t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
16. de\_\_\_n for investigation *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
17. woman's hi\_\_b *n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
18. on the ve\_\_e of tears *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
19. ease her hea\_\_\_\_\_ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

ANSWERS: 9. amaze, 10. respite, 11. reunite, 12. wand, 13. reunite, 14. heartbreak, 15. greet, 16. detain, 17. hijab, 18. verge, 19. heartbreak

20. am\_\_e everyone

*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

21. tha\_\_\_\_\_ing parade

*n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

22. hi\_\_b garment

*n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck

ANSWERS: 20. amaze, 21. thanksgiving, 22. hijab

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. My family gathers together every year for \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.
  - n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
  
2. The vacation gave her a much-needed \_\_\_\_\_ from work.
  - n.* a brief period of rest, relief, or delay from something difficult or unpleasant; a short break or vacation from regular activities or responsibilities
  
3. The police \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect for questioning.
  - v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
  
4. Many Muslim women wear a \_\_\_\_\_ as a symbol of their religious beliefs.
  - n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
  
5. They had experienced the \_\_\_\_\_ of losing two children due to premature births.
  - n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
  
6. He stood on the \_\_\_\_\_ of a major discovery.
  - n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
  
7. The magician's tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the audience.
  - v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

ANSWERS: 1. thanksgiving, 2. respite, 3. detained, 4. hijab, 5. heartbreak, 6. verge, 7. amazed

8. He \_\_\_\_\_ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

*v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

9. The magician waved his \_\_\_\_\_ and a rabbit appeared from the hat.

*n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority

10. The band will \_\_\_\_\_ only for this show.

*v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

11. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 8. greeted, 9. wand, 10. reunite, 11. opportune