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# **Advanced Words Only**

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# **Session 1: Word List**

#### circulate

v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

synonym: flow, disperse, rotate

(1) **circulate** a rumor, (2) **circulate** an agenda before the meeting

The fan **circulates** the air in the room quickly.

#### mythical

adj. based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore;existing only in tales or in the imagination

synonym: mythological, fictitious, legendary

(1) mythical heroes, (2) mythical world

Many cultures have their mythical creatures and legends.

#### propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym: drive, push, move

(1) propel growth, (2) propel the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

#### intercontinental

adj. relating to or occurring between continents, usually referring to travel, communication, or transport

synonym: transoceanic, transcontinental, global

(1) intercontinental phone call, (2) intercontinental

ballistic missile

The airline offers **intercontinental** flights to destinations around the world.

#### diplomacy

embroil

 the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

synonym: tact, negotiation, delicacy

- (1) the language of **diplomacy**, (2) the art of **diplomacy** Effective **diplomacy** is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.
- v. to involve or entangle someone or something in a difficult, complicated, or unpleasant situation; to implicate or incriminate

*synonym*: involve, complicate, entangle

(1) **embroil** him in a controversy, (2) **embroil** in controversy. The scandal **embroiled** the company's CEO and other high-level executives.

seize

 to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym: grab, grasp, capture

(1) seize a person's property, (2) seize the dayHe has the superpower to seize a business opportunity.

#### **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 ChristChristmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

# vilify

 to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them synonym: defame, slander, malign

(1) vilify the press, (2) publicly vilify

The media has been **vilifying** the politician for his controversial statements.

**Jewish** 

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym: Judaic

(1) Jewish history, (2) Jewish culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

crusader

n. a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims

synonym: advocate, activist, ideologue

- (1) anti-corruption **crusader**, (2) a **crusader** for justice The history books are full of tales of legendary **crusaders** who went on epic adventures.
- n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

synonym: gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false rumor, (2) rumor mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

horde

rumor

 a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled

synonym: crowd, swarm, mass

horde of attackers, (2) the horde of shoppers
 The horde of zombies was approaching quickly.

unreliable

adj. not able to be trusted or depended on synonym: inconsistent, erratic, undependable

(1) prove **unreliable**, (2) **unreliable** source of information By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously **unreliable**.

#### emissary

a person sent on a mission or as a representative of an organization or country

synonym: envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) **emissary** of peace, (2) an **emissary** from the company The **emissary** from the neighboring country arrived with a message of peace.

#### stereotype

- n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
- avoid stereotype,
   negative stereotypes
   changing stereotypes about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

#### forgery

n. the act of creating a fake or false document, object, or currency to deceive or defraud others; the item that has been created in such a way

synonym: counterfeit, fake, imitation

(1) forgery scam, (2) passport forgery

The art museum was forced to close down temporarily due to concerns over **forgery** in their collection.

## mapmaking

n. the process of creating maps or charts, including the interpretation of symbols, features, and data and the use of various techniques and technologies to represent geographical or other information in visual form

synonym: cartography, map drawing

- (1) digital **mapmaking**, (2) **mapmaking** technology Many famous explorers were also skilled in the art of **mapmaking**.
- a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute

rev

(RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- rev engine, (2) rev up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

#### descendant

- n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal synonym: child, offspring, heir
- (1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation **descendant**

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

#### pilgrim

n. a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

synonym: traveler, wayfarer, sojourner

(1) shrine for pilgrims, (2) pilgrim site

The group of **pilgrims** walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.

## cartographer

 a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools

synonym: mapmaker

(1) expert cartographer, (2) cartographer's tool

A **cartographer's** job requires a strong eye for detail and a deep understanding of geographic principles.

#### scour

v. to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically

synonym: cleanse, scrub, clean

(1) **scour** a pot, (2) **scour** the Internet

She had to **scour** the kitchen to find a clean dish to use for dinner.

#### gracious

*adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way *synonym*: cordial, affable, courteous

(1) in a **gracious** manner, (2) **gracious** hospitality The staff is always helpful and **gracious**.

#### confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality Her remarks **confused** the debate.

#### emperor

n. the male ruler of an empire

synonym: ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor** The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

#### diplomat

 a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym: envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied diplomat, (2) expel a diplomat

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

fable

*n*. a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

synonym: fantasy, story, legend

(1) classic fable, (2) moralize a fable

In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known fable.

#### invade

 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.

#### troop

 a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym: group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

#### intolerant

adj. the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects

synonym: failure, impotence, shortcoming

(1) an **intolerant** person, (2) **intolerant** of criticism His **intolerant** attitude towards other cultures made it difficult for him to get along with others.

#### **Catholic**

- adj. universal and including many different types of things;
   related to or associated with the part of the Christian
   Church that has the Pope as its leader
- (1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

#### deem

- v. to consider or decide something in a particular way synonym: believe, consider, suppose
- (1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

sect

 a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) sect beliefs, (2) secret sect

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

#### heretical

adj. departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion

synonym: contrary, unorthodox, profane

(1) regard the view as **heretical**, (2) advocate a **heretical** doctrine

I made the **heretical** suggestion that it might be better to withdraw from the business.

revered

v. highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities

synonym: respected, admired, honored

(1) **revered** figure, (2) the most **revered** President The **revered** teacher was loved by her students.

oblivion

n. the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence

synonym: limbo, forgetfulness, unawareness

his death.

(1) vanish into oblivion,(2) drunken oblivionThe author's work was forgotten and fell into oblivion after

# **Session 2: Spelling**

1.	cite an agenda before the meeting	<i>v</i> .	to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
2.	r_v up the crowd	n.	a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
3.	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
4.	grus hospitality	adj.	behaving in a kind, polite and generous way
5.	advocate a heal doctrine	adj.	departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion
6.	expel a diat	n.	a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
7.	myal world	adj.	based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
8.	an emry from the company	n.	a person sent on a mission or as a representative of an organization or country

ANSWERS: 1. circulate, 2. rev, 3. Christ, 4. gracious, 5. heretical, 6. diplomat, 7. mythical, 8. emissary

int\_\_\_\_\_tal ballistic missile 9. adj. relating to or occurring between continents, usually referring to travel, communication, or transport adj. the inability or refusal to accept or 10. int\_\_\_\_nt of criticism respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own: unable to eat food without adverse effects a short story, often with animal 11. classic fa\_\_e characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson 12. a cr\_\_\_er for justice a person who is committed to a cause n. or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims a short story, often with animal 13. moralize a fa e n. characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson 14. allied di at a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations 15. Je\_\_\_h history adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism 16. low-r v engine a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 9. intercontinental, 10. intolerant, 11. fable, 12. crusader, 13. fable, 14. diplomat, 15. Jewish, 16. rev

a piece of unverified information of 17. ru r mill n. uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth 18. the Ca\_\_\_\_ic Church adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader 19. em\_\_\_r of Rome the male ruler of an empire 20. pr\_\_\_I the ship to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force adj. universal and including many different 21. ca ic in his tastes types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader a group of people who follow a 22. secret s t n. particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream 23. vanish into ob\_\_\_\_on the state of being completely forgotten n. or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence 24. co e fantasy with reality to mistake one thing for another; to ν. make somebody hard to understand 25. em\_\_\_ry of peace a person sent on a mission or as a n. representative of an organization or country

ANSWERS: 17. rumor, 18. Catholic, 19. emperor, 20. propel, 21. Catholic, 22. sect, 23. oblivion, 24. confuse, 25. emissary

ANSWERS: 26. embroil, 27. mapmaking, 28. vilify, 29. unreliable, 30. pilgrim, 31. stereotype, 32. pilgrim, 33. troop

ANSWERS: 34. diplomacy, 35. propel, 36. seize, 37. cartographer, 38. embroil, 39. Jewish, 40. intercontinental, 41. troop, 42. circulate

ν.

to move continuously or freely around a

place or closed system

42. ci\_\_\_\_te a rumor

43. des nt of a pioneer children or offspring of a specific n. person, plant, or animal to catch or take hold of someone or 44. se e a person's property ν. something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something 45. re\_\_\_\_d figure highly respected or admired, often ν. because of moral or spiritual qualities 46. sc rapot to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically 47. teaching of Ch t the man that Christians believe is the n. prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity 48. an int\_\_\_\_nt person adj. the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects 49. in e his privacy to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation to speak or write about someone or 50. publicly vi\_\_\_y something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them 51. the art of di\_\_\_\_cy the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations,

ANSWERS: 43. descendant, 44. seize, 45. revered, 46. scour, 47. Christ, 48. intolerant, 49. invade, 50. vilify, 51. diplomacy

organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and

effective way

52.	scr the Internet	ν.	to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
53.	negative stepes	n.	a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
54.	regard the view as heal	adj.	departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion
55.	hoe of attackers	n.	a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled
56.	in a grus manner	adj.	behaving in a kind, polite and generous way
57.	the most red President	<i>v</i> .	highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
58.	coe the listener	<i>v</i> .	to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
59.	a false rur	n.	a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
60.	anti-corruption crer	n.	a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims

ANSWERS: 52. scour, 53. stereotype, 54. heretical, 55. horde, 56. gracious, 57. revered, 58. confuse, 59. rumor, 60. crusader

61.	foy scam	n.	the act of creating a fake or false document, object, or currency to deceive or defraud others; the item that has been created in such a way
62.	unrle source of information	adj.	not able to be trusted or depended on
63.	third-generation desnt	n.	children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
64.	myal heroes	adj.	based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
65.	passport foy	n.	the act of creating a fake or false document, object, or currency to deceive or defraud others; the item that has been created in such a way
66.	the hoe of shoppers	n.	a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled
67.	carher's tool	ν.	a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools
68.	s_t beliefs	n.	a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
69.	drunken obon	n.	the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence

ANSWERS: 61. forgery, 62. unreliable, 63. descendant, 64. mythical, 65. forgery, 66. horde, 67. cartographer, 68. sect, 69. oblivion

70. dm wrong or inappropriate	ν.	to consider or decide something in a particular way
71. mang technology	n.	the process of creating maps or charts, including the interpretation of symbols, features, and data and the use of various techniques and technologies to represent geographical or other information in visual form
72. dm socially responsible	v.	to consider or decide something in a particular way
73. former emr	n.	the male ruler of an empire
74. ine other tissues	v.	to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

ANSWERS: 70. deem, 71. mapmaking, 72. deem, 73. emperor, 74. invade

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

1.	The minority believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n.	a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
2.	The of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.
n.	a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
3.	In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known
n.	a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
	His attitude towards other cultures made it difficult for him to get along with others.
adj.	the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects
5.	He has the superpower to a business opportunity.
v.	to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
6. l	My friend is a woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
adj.	of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
7	is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
n.	the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
ΔΝΟ	SWERS: 1 sect 2 troop 3 fable 4 intolerant 5 seize 6 Jewish 7 Christmas

8.	He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud
n.	a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
9.	A job requires a strong eye for detail and a deep understanding of geographic principles.
v.	a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools
10.	The media has been the politician for his controversial statements.
v.	to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them
11.	The fan the air in the room quickly.
<i>v</i> .	to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
12.	She had to the kitchen to find a clean dish to use for dinner.
v.	to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
13.	The of zombies was approaching quickly.
n.	a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled
14.	Her remarks the debate.
<i>v</i> .	to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
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