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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- pun** *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay  
*synonym* : joke, quip, wordplay  
(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**  
The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.
- assimilate** *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate  
*synonym* : absorb, incorporate, integrate  
(1) **assimilate** into society, (2) **assimilate** a language  
The immigrant struggled to **assimilate** into the new culture.
- profoundly** *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply  
*synonym* : deeply, greatly, completely  
(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**  
The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.
- rev** *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

*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**.

## ancestral

*adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past

*synonym* : hereditary, inherited, patrimonial

(1) an **ancestral** graveyard, (2) **ancestral** roots

The **ancestral** home has been in the family for generations.

## reclamation

*n.* the process of restoring or reclaiming something, particularly land or resources that have been damaged or depleted; the act of obtaining or recovering something that was lost or taken away

*synonym* : recovery, reutilization, restoration

(1) **reclamation** district, (2) coastal **reclamation**

The **reclamation** of the wetlands allowed for the restoration of the natural ecosystem.

## 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.

## 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.

## dormant

*adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances

*synonym* : inactive, sleeping, quiescent

(1) **dormant** volcano, (2) **dormant** account

The disease can remain **dormant** for years before it presents any symptoms.

## diaspora

*n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

*synonym* : scattering, dispersion, migration

(1) **diaspora** migration, (2) **diaspora** community

The **diaspora** of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.

## awaken

*v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

*synonym* : rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child

The friend's death **awakens** them.

## anomaly

*n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand

*synonym* : abnormality, irregularity, deviation

(1) **anomaly** detection, (2) global temperature **anomaly**

The sudden drop in the stock market was an **anomaly** that puzzled many investors.

## scatter

*v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions

*synonym* : disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

## meme

*n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

*synonym* : buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

## donna

*n.* (also used as "prima donna") a title of respect given in Italy to a woman of rank or nobility; a woman of distinction or importance

*synonym*: woman, lady, female

(1) prima **donna** attitude, (2) prima **donna** personality

Her prima **donna** behavior on the movie set was well known, making it difficult for directors to work with her.

## baton

*n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race

*synonym*: staff, stick, wand

(1) conducting **baton**, (2) twirl the **baton**

The police officer used his **baton** to disperse the crowd.

## photocopy

*n.* a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier

*synonym*: duplicate, reproduction

(1) **photocopy** machine, (2) color **photocopy**

I need to make a **photocopy** of this document before I send it out.

## Renaissance

*n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

*synonym*: rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

## immersion

*n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity

*synonym* : submergence, involvement, engagement

(1) baptism by **immersion**, (2) **immersion** in acid

I felt like I was in a different world because of the **immersion** experience of virtual reality.

## fluent

*adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

*synonym* : eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

## swell

*v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

*synonym* : expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

## reclaim

*v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

*synonym* : recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

## smartphone

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

## autocorrect

*n.* a software feature that automatically corrects errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation while typing or entering text on an electronic device

*synonym* : spell-check, auto-fix

(1) enable **autocorrect**, (2) **autocorrect** function

The **autocorrect** feature on my phone can sometimes be a

hindrance than a help.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. coastal rec\_\_\_\_\_on  
*n.* the process of restoring or reclaiming something, particularly land or resources that have been damaged or depleted; the act of obtaining or recovering something that was lost or taken away
2. industrial ren\_\_\_\_\_ce  
*n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
3. sw\_\_l at room temperature  
*v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
4. do\_\_\_\_\_t account  
*adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
5. prima do\_\_a personality  
*n.* (also used as "prima donna") a title of respect given in Italy to a woman of rank or nobility; a woman of distinction or importance
6. conducting ba\_\_n  
*n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
7. anti-Se\_\_\_\_\_c 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

ANSWERS: 1. reclamation, 2. Renaissance, 3. swell, 4. dormant, 5. donna, 6. baton, 7. Semitic

8. Se\_\_\_\_\_c 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
9. an\_\_\_\_\_y detection *n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
10. an\_\_\_\_\_al roots *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
11. rec\_\_\_\_\_on district *n.* the process of restoring or reclaiming something, particularly land or resources that have been damaged or depleted; the act of obtaining or recovering something that was lost or taken away
12. di\_\_\_\_\_ra community *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
13. ass\_\_\_\_\_te into society *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
14. fl\_\_\_\_t Chinese *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
15. di\_\_\_\_\_ra migration *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
16. enable aut\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* a software feature that automatically corrects errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation while typing or entering text on an electronic device

ANSWERS: 8. Semitic, 9. anomaly, 10. ancestral, 11. reclamation, 12. diaspora, 13. assimilate, 14. fluent, 15. diaspora, 16. autocorrect



17. aut\_\_\_\_\_ct function *n.* a software feature that automatically corrects errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation while typing or entering text on an electronic device
18. sc\_\_\_\_\_r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
19. ph\_\_\_\_\_py machine *n.* a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier
20. silly p\_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
21. color ph\_\_\_\_\_py *n.* a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier
22. global temperature an\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
23. prima do\_\_a attitude *n.* (also used as "prima donna") a title of respect given in Italy to a woman of rank or nobility; a woman of distinction or importance
24. sc\_\_\_\_\_r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
25. in a fl\_\_\_t tone *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

ANSWERS: 17. autocorrect, 18. scatter, 19. photocopy, 20. pun, 21. photocopy, 22. anomaly, 23. donna, 24. scatter, 25. fluent

26. religious m\_\_e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
27. Je\_\_\_h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
28. do\_\_\_\_\_t volcano *adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
29. aw\_\_\_n a child *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
30. pro\_\_\_\_\_ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
31. im\_\_\_\_\_on in acid *n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity
32. twirl the ba\_\_n *n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
33. Je\_\_\_h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
34. 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

ANSWERS: 26. meme, 27. Jewish, 28. dormant, 29. awaken, 30. profoundly, 31. immersion, 32. baton, 33. Jewish, 34. rev

35. re\_\_\_\_m land from the sea      *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
36. aw\_\_\_n at daybreak      *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
37. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne addict      *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
38. witty p\_n      *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
39. re\_\_\_\_m a competitive position      *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
40. pronounce m\_\_e      *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
41. low-r\_v engine      *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
42. sw\_\_l a population      *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
43. artistic ren\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

ANSWERS: 35. reclaim, 36. awaken, 37. smartphone, 38. pun, 39. reclaim, 40. meme, 41. rev, 42. swell, 43. Renaissance

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45. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
46. sleep pro\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
47. ass\_\_\_\_\_te a language *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
48. baptism by im\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity

ANSWERS: 44. ancestral, 45. smartphone, 46. profoundly, 47. assimilate, 48. immersion

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I felt like I was in a different world because of the \_\_\_\_\_ experience of virtual reality.  
*n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.  
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3. The \_\_\_\_\_ feature on my phone can sometimes be a hindrance than a help.  
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22. You may be entitled to \_\_\_\_\_ some tax.

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