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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### pothole

*n.* a hole or depression in a road surface, usually caused by wear, weathering, or erosion; can be dangerous to drivers and cause damage to vehicles

*synonym* : chuckhole, pit, depression

(1) deep **pothole**, (2) **pothole** repair

The car hit a **pothole** and caused a flat tire.

### well-being

*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

*synonym* : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

### outdo

*v.* to do better than someone; to surpass

*synonym* : excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

### segregation

*n.* the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation

*synonym*: isolation, separation, discrimination

(1) racial **segregation**, (2) **segregation** of power

**Segregation** based on race or ethnicity is illegal and unjust.

## disrepair

*n.* a state of decay, damage, or neglect that results in the deterioration of the quality, function, or appearance of something, particularly a structure or object

*synonym*: dilapidation, decay, deterioration

(1) building in **disrepair**, (2) equipment in **disrepair**

The abandoned building fell into **disrepair** after years of neglect.

## blighted

*adj.* damaged or affected negatively, often resulting in decay, deterioration, or a lack of growth

*synonym*: ruined, destroyed, devastated

(1) **blighted** city, (2) **blighted** area

The abandoned building was **blighted** and had become an eyesore in the town.

## 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.

## anaerobic

*adj.* living or occurring in the absence of oxygen; relating to or involving a process that does not require oxygen

*synonym*: oxygen-free, without oxygen, anoxic

(1) **anaerobic** atmosphere, (2) **anaerobic** exercise

**Anaerobic** bacteria thrive in environments without oxygen, such as a sealed landfill.

## methane

*n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

(1) atmospheric **methane**, (2) reduce **methane** emissions

The ignition of **methane** gas in the plant killed five employees.

## provoke

*v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

*synonym*: stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

## disinvestment

*n.* the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector

*synonym*: divestment, withdrawal, pullout

(1) **disinvestment** strategy, (2) **disinvestment** plan

The company's decision to engage in **disinvestment** led to a reduction in its overall portfolio.

## awning

*n.* a sheet or canvas stretched out on a frame and used to provide shade or shelter, particularly over a window, door, or pathway

*synonym*: canopy, shade, cover

(1) window **awning**, (2) retractable **awning**

We set up an **awning** outside to provide shade during the summer months.

## eccentric

*adj.* weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way

*synonym*: bizarre, abnormal, curious

(1) display **eccentric** behavior, (2) **eccentric** characters

He was **eccentric**, but he was also a genius.

## blossom

*n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

*synonym*: flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden

The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom,

creating a beautiful sight.

## **envision**

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

*synonym*: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the wel_____ng of a nation      | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous  |
| 2. re_____m a competitive position | <i>v.</i> to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back   |
| 3. racial seg_____on               | <i>n.</i> the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation |
| 4. window aw____g                  | <i>n.</i> a sheet or canvas stretched out on a frame and used to provide shade or shelter, particularly over a window, door, or pathway  |
| 5. en_____on the future            | <i>v.</i> to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future   |
| 6. bl_____ed city                  | <i>adj.</i> damaged or affected negatively, often resulting in decay, deterioration, or a lack of growth   |
| 7. seg_____on of power             | <i>n.</i> the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation |
| 8. display ec_____ic behavior      | <i>adj.</i> weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way   |

ANSWERS: 1. well-being, 2. reclaim, 3. segregation, 4. awning, 5. envision, 6. blighted, 7. segregation, 8. eccentric

9. building in di\_\_\_\_\_ir      *n.* a state of decay, damage, or neglect that results in the deterioration of the quality, function, or appearance of something, particularly a structure or object
10. a sense of wel\_\_\_\_\_ng      *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
11. an\_\_\_\_\_ic atmosphere      *adj.* living or occurring in the absence of oxygen; relating to or involving a process that does not require oxygen
12. an\_\_\_\_\_ic exercise      *adj.* living or occurring in the absence of oxygen; relating to or involving a process that does not require oxygen
13. en\_\_\_\_\_on the project's success      *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
14. equipment in di\_\_\_\_\_ir      *n.* a state of decay, damage, or neglect that results in the deterioration of the quality, function, or appearance of something, particularly a structure or object
15. pr\_\_\_\_\_e a reaction      *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
16. ou\_\_o him in trickery      *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
17. po\_\_\_\_\_e repair      *n.* a hole or depression in a road surface, usually caused by wear, weathering, or erosion; can be dangerous to drivers and cause damage to vehicles
18. atmospheric me\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

ANSWERS: 9. disrepair, 10. well-being, 11. anaerobic, 12. anaerobic, 13. envision, 14. disrepair, 15. provoke, 16. outdo, 17. pothole, 18. methane

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25. bl\_\_\_\_\_ed area *adj.* damaged or affected negatively, often resulting in decay, deterioration, or a lack of growth
26. re\_\_\_\_\_m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
27. dis\_\_\_\_\_ent plan *n.* the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector

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ANSWERS: 28. provoke, 29. awning, 30. eccentric



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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