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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### recombine

v. to combine or put together again or differently; to cause genetic recombination (= the process by which genetic material is broken and joined to other genetic material)

(1) **recombine** at the surface, (2) ability to **recombine**

Some scientists argue that the genes in food should not be artificially **recombined**.

### industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry  
*synonym*: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

### human-made

*adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial  
*synonym*: artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## ballpark

*v.* a place or facility where baseball is played; a rough estimation of something

*synonym* : arena, proximity, vicinity

(1) **ballpark** price, (2) major-league **ballpark**

It'll be somewhere in the **ballpark** of \$100.

## abate

*v.* to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time

*synonym* : decrease, diminish, reduce

(1) **abate** a storm, (2) **abate** a crisis

He tried to **abate** his anger by taking deep breaths and counting to ten.

## decarbonize

*v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

*synonym* : decoke, decarburise, decarburize

(1) **decarbonize** their manufacturing process,

(2) **decarbonize** its energy system

We have to seek methods to **decarbonize** its fossil fuel economy.

## stalemate

*n.* a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse

*synonym* : deadlock, impasse, standstill

(1) political **stalemate**, (2) **stalemate** situation

The negotiations between the two companies reached a **stalemate**, and neither side would compromise.

## sedan

*n.* a car with four doors and a closed roof, designed to seat a small number of passengers in comfort; a type of automobile that is larger and more luxurious than a compact or subcompact car

*synonym*: car, automobile, vehicle

(1) **sedan** car, (2) a black **sedan**

I prefer driving a **sedan** over a larger SUV because it's easier to park.

## footprint

*n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

*synonym*: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

## fancier

*n.* a person who is interested in or particularly fond of a particular thing

*synonym*: enthusiast, aficionado, connoisseur

(1) a bird **fancier**, (2) known as a **fancier** of arts

He is a wine **fancier** and can tell the difference between red and white just by smelling it.

## 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**.

## jean

*n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

*synonym*: denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

## supple

*adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

*synonym*: flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

## **cumbersome**

*adj.* difficult to handle or use, especially because of being large, heavy, or not effective; not elegant or graceful in expression

*synonym*: clumsy, awkward, bulky

(1) **cumbersome** process, (2) a **cumbersome** suitcase

His **cumbersome** writing style made the reader confused.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. known as a fa\_\_\_\_\_r of arts  
*n.* a person who is interested in or particularly fond of a particular thing
2. ab\_\_e a crisis  
*v.* to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time
3. st\_\_\_\_\_te situation  
*n.* a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse
4. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
5. ba\_\_\_\_\_rk price  
*v.* a place or facility where baseball is played; a rough estimation of something
6. j\_\_n denim  
*n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
7. cum\_\_\_\_\_me process  
*adj.* difficult to handle or use, especially because of being large, heavy, or not effective; not elegant or graceful in expression
8. a cum\_\_\_\_\_me suitcase  
*adj.* difficult to handle or use, especially because of being large, heavy, or not effective; not elegant or graceful in expression
9. su\_\_\_e muscles  
*adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

ANSWERS: 1. fancier, 2. abate, 3. stalemate, 4. industrious, 5. ballpark, 6. jean, 7. cumbersome, 8. cumbersome, 9. supple

10. se\_\_n car *n.* a car with four doors and a closed roof, designed to seat a small number of passengers in comfort; a type of automobile that is larger and more luxurious than a compact or subcompact car
11. major-league ba\_\_\_\_rk *v.* a place or facility where baseball is played; a rough estimation of something
12. dec\_\_\_\_ze their manufacturing process *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
13. ab\_\_e a storm *v.* to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time
14. sma\_\_\_\_ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
15. ind\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
16. re\_\_\_\_ne at the surface *v.* to combine or put together again or differently; to cause genetic recombination (= the process by which genetic material is broken and joined to other genetic material)
17. a bird fa\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who is interested in or particularly fond of a particular thing
18. a black se\_\_n *n.* a car with four doors and a closed roof, designed to seat a small number of passengers in comfort; a type of automobile that is larger and more luxurious than a compact or subcompact car

ANSWERS: 10. sedan, 11. ballpark, 12. decarbonize, 13. abate, 14. smartphone, 15. industrious, 16. recombine, 17. fancier, 18. sedan

19. the worst hum\_\_\_\_\_de disaster      *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
20. fo\_\_\_\_\_nts in the snow      *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
21. the fo\_\_\_\_\_nts of an earlier civilization      *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
22. ind\_\_\_\_\_ized textile production      *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
23. ind\_\_\_\_\_ize service      *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
24. ability to re\_\_\_\_\_ne      *v.* to combine or put together again or differently; to cause genetic recombination (= the process by which genetic material is broken and joined to other genetic material)
25. a j\_\_n skirt      *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
26. su\_\_\_e leather      *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
27. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne addict      *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
28. political st\_\_\_\_\_te      *n.* a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse
29. hum\_\_\_\_\_de climate change      *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial

ANSWERS: 19. human-made, 20. footprint, 21. footprint, 22. industrialize, 23. industrialize, 24. recombine, 25. jean, 26. supple, 27. smartphone, 28. stalemate, 29. human-made

30. dec\_\_\_\_\_ze its energy system

v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

ANSWERS: 30. decarbonize



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The nations of South East Asia will quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and catch up with the West.  
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2. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
3. I prefer driving a \_\_\_\_\_ over a larger SUV because it's easier to park.  
*n.* a car with four doors and a closed roof, designed to seat a small number of passengers in comfort; a type of automobile that is larger and more luxurious than a compact or subcompact car
4. His \_\_\_\_\_ writing style made the reader confused.  
*adj.* difficult to handle or use, especially because of being large, heavy, or not effective; not elegant or graceful in expression
5. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
6. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
7. The ballerina's \_\_\_\_\_ movements left the audience mesmerized.  
*adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

ANSWERS: 1. industrialize, 2. industrious, 3. sedan, 4. cumbersome, 5. footprint, 6. smartphones, 7. supple

8. We have to seek methods to \_\_\_\_\_ its fossil fuel economy.
- v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
9. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his anger by taking deep breaths and counting to ten.
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10. Some scientists argue that the genes in food should not be artificially \_\_\_\_\_.
- v. to combine or put together again or differently; to cause genetic recombination (= the process by which genetic material is broken and joined to other genetic material)
11. It'll be somewhere in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \$100.
- v. a place or facility where baseball is played; a rough estimation of something
12. The negotiations between the two companies reached a \_\_\_\_\_ and neither side would compromise.
- n. a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse
13. She wore her favorite pair of \_\_\_\_\_ to the party.
- n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
14. He is a wine \_\_\_\_\_ and can tell the difference between red and white just by smelling it.
- n. a person who is interested in or particularly fond of a particular thing
15. The bridge is a \_\_\_\_\_ structure and was built to span the river.
- adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

ANSWERS: 8. decarbonize, 9. abate, 10. recombined, 11. ballpark, 12. stalemate, 13. jeans, 14. fancier, 15. human-made

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