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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### 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**.

### app

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

*synonym*: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

### imperfectly

*adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way

*synonym*: amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease  
He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

### breastfeeding

*n.* the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts

*synonym*: nursing, lactation, suckling

(1) **breastfeeding** mother, (2) **breastfeeding** support

Getting the hang of **breastfeeding** at first can be challenging, but with patience and practice, it gets easier.

## **lifespan**

*n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

*synonym*: duration, lifetime, continuance

(1) **lifespan** extension, (2) **lifespan** retrieval curve

Generally speaking, men have a shorter **lifespan** than women.

## **coronavirus**

*n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

*synonym*: covid

(1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus** bankruptcy

Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped this year's beer festival.

## **indefinite**

*adj.* without any fixed or defined limit; vague or unclear; lasting for an unknown or unspecified period of time

*synonym*: unclear, uncertain, ambiguous

(1) **indefinite** period, (2) **indefinite** number

The company's financial troubles have resulted in an **indefinite** hiring freeze.

## **smashing**

*adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

*synonym*: great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

## **symphony**

*n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called

movements

*synonym*: orchestra, harmony, concert

(1) a **symphony** orchestra, (2) a beautiful **symphony**

The frequent performances of the **symphony** prove its popularity.

## livestream

*n.* a real-time video or audio broadcast of an event, performance, or activity that is encoded and distributed over the Internet, usually through dedicated apps or websites, allowing distributed viewers to watch it remotely

*synonym*: webcast, stream, broadcast

(1) **livestream** tutorial, (2) **livestream** concert

We watched the concert **livestream** since we couldn't attend in person.

## fandom

*n.* a community or subculture of fans sharing a common interest in a particular work of fiction, creator, celebrity, or genre, typically expressed through fan fiction, fan art, fan theories, fan conventions, and other fan activities

*synonym*: fanbase, supporters, enthusiasts

(1) **fandom** culture, (2) online **fandom**

I'm part of the TV show **fandom** and love to attend conventions.

## astonishing

*adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

*synonym*: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

## plum

*n.* a small, sweet fruit with juicy flesh and a hard stone in the middle; a desirable or highly valued object, person, or position

(1) **plum** pudding, (2) **plum** harvest

The farmer proudly displayed his basket of freshly picked

**plums** at the market.

**quo** *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue  
*synonym*: status, condition, state  
(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto  
The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

**garner** *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention  
*synonym*: acquire, collect, obtain  
(1) **garner** good reviews, (2) **garner** attention  
He used his charm and charisma to **garner** support for his campaign.

**nuance** *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.  
*synonym*: shading, refinement, subtlety  
(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**  
The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

**outweigh** *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something  
*synonym*: dominate, outrank, overpower  
(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes  
The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

**downside** *n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure  
*synonym*: drawback, negative, disadvantage  
(1) major **downside**, (2) **downside** of globalization  
The **downside** of the new policy was that it would be more expensive for customers.

## **policymaker**

*n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

*synonym*: lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

**Policymakers** struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. p\_\_m harvest *n.* a small, sweet fruit with juicy flesh and a hard stone in the middle; a desirable or highly valued object, person, or position
2. cannot log in to the a\_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
3. regional pol\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
4. give sm\_\_\_\_\_ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
5. bre\_\_\_\_\_ing mother *n.* the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts
6. do\_\_\_\_\_de of globalization *n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
7. rich in nu\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
8. ga\_\_\_\_r attention *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
9. education pol\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
10. online fa\_\_\_\_m *n.* a community or subculture of fans sharing a common interest in a particular work of fiction, creator, celebrity, or genre, typically expressed through fan fiction, fan art, fan theories, fan conventions, and other fan activities

ANSWERS: 1. plum, 2. app, 3. policymaker, 4. smashing, 5. breastfeeding, 6. downside, 7. nuance, 8. garner, 9. policymaker, 10. fandom

11. cor\_\_\_\_\_us antibody test kit      *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
12. imp\_\_\_\_\_ly known disease      *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
13. a beautiful sy\_\_\_\_\_ny      *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
14. imp\_\_\_\_\_ly developed      *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
15. a sm\_\_\_\_\_ng blow      *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
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17. ga\_\_\_\_r good reviews      *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
18. make ast\_\_\_\_\_ng gains      *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
19. ind\_\_\_\_\_te number      *adj.* without any fixed or defined limit; vague or unclear; lasting for an unknown or unspecified period of time
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21. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
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25. ou\_\_\_\_\_gh our wishes *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
26. q\_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
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28. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
29. li\_\_\_\_\_an retrieval curve *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

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30. li\_\_\_\_an extension *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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