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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### patriotic

*adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare

*synonym* : loyal, chauvinistic, jingoistic

(1) **patriotic** duty, (2) **patriotic** fervor

He was wearing a **patriotic** T-shirt with the American flag on it.

### disrespect

*n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

*synonym* : impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer

His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

### decentralize

*v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

*synonym* : deconcentrate, disperse, distribute

(1) **decentralize** authority, (2) **decentralize** organizational structure

We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

## bureaucracy

*n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

*synonym* : administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

## playbook

*n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

*synonym* : strategy, game plan, manual

(1) **playbook** strategy, (2) political **playbook**

The coach's **playbook** helped the team win the championship.

## landslide

*n.* a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope

*synonym* : avalanche, mudslide, rockfall

(1) **landslide** victory, (2) prevent a **landslide**

The massive **landslide** buried the small village under a thick layer of rock and dirt.

## pandemic

*n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

*synonym* : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

## speculate

*v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

*synonym* : assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

## dedicate

*v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

*synonym* : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

## infuse

*v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

*synonym* : instill, fill, permeate

(1) **infuse** with spirit, (2) **infuse** life with meaning

She **infused** fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

## confine

*v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something

*synonym* : restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

## turnout

*n.* the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election

*synonym* : attendance, number, crowd

(1) the voter **turnout**, (2) an enormous **turnout** of people

The gig attracted a large **turnout**.

## legalese

*n.* the language or vocabulary used in legal documents, often characterized by long, complex sentences, technical jargon, and archaic terms

*synonym* : jargon, legal terminology

(1) use of **legalese**, (2) dry **legalese**

The legal document was filled with confusing **legalese** that required a lawyer to interpret.

## resilient

*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

*synonym* : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

## inequity

*n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice

*synonym*: injustice, unfairness, bias

(1) **inequity** in education, (2) market **inequity**

There's an **inequity** in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.

## adversary

*n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

*synonym*: opponent, enemy, foe

(1) **adversary** team, (2) political **adversary**

The boxer's toughest **adversary** was his fear of losing.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---|------|---|
| 1. de_____te a chapter to the subject   | v.   | to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use |
| 2. arbitrary bur_____cy                 | n.   | a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives      |
| 3. sp_____te about the reason           | v.   | to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence  |
| 4. sp_____te on the outcome             | v.   | to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence  |
| 5. co_____e themselves solely           | v.   | to restrict the movement of someone or something  |
| 6. the voter tu_____t                   | n.   | the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election   |
| 7. dec_____ize organizational structure | v.   | to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones          |
| 8. re_____nt population                 | adj. | able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions  |
| 9. mean no dis_____ct                   | n.   | an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something  |
| 10. ad_____ry team                      | n.   | a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent  |

ANSWERS: 1. dedicate, 2. bureaucracy, 3. speculate, 4. speculate, 5. confine, 6. turnout, 7. decentralize, 8. resilient, 9. disrespect, 10. adversary

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| 11. in___e life with meaning      | <i>v.</i> | to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue   |
| 12. in___e with spirit            | <i>v.</i> | to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue   |
| 13. an enormous tu____t of people | <i>n.</i> | the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election  |
| 14. use of le____se               | <i>n.</i> | the language or vocabulary used in legal documents, often characterized by long, complex sentences, technical jargon, and archaic terms                                |
| 15. market in____ty               | <i>n.</i> | a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice  |
| 16. de____te a few hours          | <i>v.</i> | to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use                                |
| 17. political pl____ok            | <i>n.</i> | a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action |
| 18. dis____ct for a customer      | <i>n.</i> | an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something   |
| 19. la____de victory              | <i>n.</i> | a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope  |
| 20. global pa____ic               | <i>n.</i> | an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area  |
| 21. dry le____se                  | <i>n.</i> | the language or vocabulary used in legal documents, often characterized by long, complex sentences, technical jargon, and archaic terms                                |

ANSWERS: 11. infuse, 12. infuse, 13. turnout, 14. legalese, 15. inequity, 16. dedicate, 17. playbook, 18. disrespect, 19. landslide, 20. pandemic, 21. legalese

22. government bur\_\_\_\_\_cy      *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
23. political ad\_\_\_\_\_ry      *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
24. dec\_\_\_\_\_ize authority      *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
25. pa\_\_\_\_\_ic fervor      *adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
26. in\_\_\_\_\_ty in education      *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
27. pl\_\_\_\_\_ok strategy      *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
28. a hard and re\_\_\_\_\_nt steel      *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
29. prevent a la\_\_\_\_\_de      *n.* a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope
30. flu pa\_\_\_\_\_ic      *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
31. co\_\_\_\_\_e the scope of use      *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something

ANSWERS: 22. bureaucracy, 23. adversary, 24. decentralize, 25. patriotic, 26. inequity, 27. playbook, 28. resilient, 29. landslide, 30. pandemic, 31. confine

32. pa\_\_\_\_\_ic duty

*adj.* having or showing love for one's country  
and a desire for its success and welfare

ANSWERS: 32. patriotic



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. There's an \_\_\_\_\_ in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.  
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3. He was wearing a \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt with the American flag on it.  
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4. The gig attracted a large \_\_\_\_\_.  
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ANSWERS: 1. inequity, 2. adversary, 3. patriotic, 4. turnout, 5. pandemic, 6. legalese, 7. dedicated, 8. bureaucracy

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11. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ our data to recover quickly from a disaster.  
*v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
12. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.  
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13. The animal was \_\_\_\_\_ in a small cage.  
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14. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.  
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*v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

ANSWERS: 9. infused, 10. playbook, 11. decentralize, 12. resilient, 13. confined, 14. disrespectful, 15. landslide, 16. speculated

ANSWERS: