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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### incentivize

*v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

*synonym*: encourage, motivate

(1) **incentivize** carpooling, (2) **incentivize** the right behavior  
Governments **incentivize** their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

### 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.

### duopoly

*n.* a market or industry that is dominated by two large companies or organizations, often to the detriment of competition and innovation

*synonym*: duopsony, diarchy, partnership

(1) credit card **duopoly**, (2) **duopoly** market structure

A **duopoly** of two major companies dominates the telecommunications industry.

### dissatisfy

*v.* to fail to satisfy someone

*synonym*: disappoint, disgruntle, dishearten

(1) **dissatisfy** the users with bugs, (2) **dissatisfy** people with service

The company's results **dissatisfy** everyone.

## resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

*synonym*: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

## pervert

v. to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society

*synonym*: distort, corrupt, twist

(1) **pervert** justice, (2) **pervert** young men

The teacher warned the students not to **pervert** the story's meaning by twisting the facts.

## senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

*synonym*: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

## lockstep

n. a way of walking in which people's strides are perfectly synchronized; rigid conformity to a particular plan or set of actions

*synonym*: uniformity, synchronicity, conformity

(1) follow the rules in **lockstep**, (2) work in **lockstep**

The dancers moved in **lockstep**, perfectly synchronized with one another.

## allegiance

*n.* loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty

*synonym*: loyalty, devotion, faithfulness

(1) loyal **allegiance**, (2) show **allegiance**

The soldiers pledged their **allegiance** to their country.

## gerrymander

*v.* to manipulate the boundaries of an electoral district or voting constituency to gain political advantage for a particular party or group

*synonym*: manipulate, tamper, falsify

(1) **gerrymander** the voting boundaries, (2) **gerrymander** the upcoming election

Politicians often **gerrymander** electoral districts in their favor.

## elector

*n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election

*synonym*: voter, constituent, citizen

(1) presidential **elector**, (2) qualified for an **elector**

The **elector** cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## 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**.

## bipartisan

*adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

*synonym*: neutral, impartial, nonpartisan

(1) promote **bipartisan** cooperation, (2) **bipartisan** agreement

The legislation was passed with **bipartisan** support from both parties.

## plurality

*n.* the state of being plural or multiple; a majority of votes or shares held by one group in a multi-candidate or multi-party system

*synonym*: majority, plurality, abundance

(1) political **plurality**, (2) cultural **plurality**

The team's **plurality** of skills allowed them to tackle a wide range of tasks.

## phenomenal

*adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding

*synonym*: extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

## spoil

*v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

*synonym*: rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

## libertarian

*n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs

*synonym*: latitudinarian

(1) **libertarian** group, (2) civil **libertarian**

Western liberal democracy serves as the foundation for the **libertarian** philosophy of the media.

## trump

*n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

## foresee

*v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

*synonym*: predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges

I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

## dread

*v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

*synonym*: fear, cringe, apprehend

(1) **dread** failure, (2) **dread** getting old

We all **dread** to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

## doe

*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

*synonym*: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

## burr

*n.* a rough, prickly particle or piece, often found on the surface of certain plants and materials; a humming or buzzing sound, usually produced by an engine or machine

*synonym*: spike, thorn, prickle

(1) annoying **burr**, (2) hair **burr**

I had to remove the **burr** from my sweater before wearing it.

## innovate

*v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

*synonym*: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

## aisle

*n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

*synonym*: corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

## utopia

*n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

*synonym*: paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

## remake

*v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

*synonym*: revamp, redo, reproduce

(1) video game **remake**, (2) **remake** song

The director plans to **remake** the classic movie with a modern twist.

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| 1. re____m a competitive position     | <i>v.</i> | to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back   |
| 2. presidential el____r               | <i>n.</i> | a person who has the right to vote in an election  |
| 3. follow the rules in lo____ep       | <i>n.</i> | a way of walking in which people's strides are perfectly synchronized; rigid conformity to a particular plan or set of actions |
| 4. work in lo____ep                   | <i>n.</i> | a way of walking in which people's strides are perfectly synchronized; rigid conformity to a particular plan or set of actions |
| 5. fo____e the consequences           | <i>v.</i> | to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future  |
| 6. in____te the quality of his life   | <i>v.</i> | to introduce new methods, ideas, or products   |
| 7. d_e rabbit                         | <i>n.</i> | a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit                                      |
| 8. inc____ze the right behavior       | <i>v.</i> | to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward   |
| 9. deeply re____te with the consumers | <i>v.</i> | to be filled with a deep echoing sound   |
| 10. sp__l a person's sport            | <i>v.</i> | to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad                   |

ANSWERS: 1. reclaim, 2. elector, 3. lockstep, 4. lockstep, 5. foresee, 6. innovate, 7. doe, 8. incentivize, 9. resonate, 10. spoil

11. civil lib\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
12. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
13. cultural pl\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being plural or multiple; a majority of votes or shares held by one group in a multi-candidate or multi-party system
14. hair b\_\_r *n.* a rough, prickly particle or piece, often found on the surface of certain plants and materials; a humming or buzzing sound, usually produced by an engine or machine
15. qualified for an el\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
16. tr\_\_p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
17. the center ai\_\_e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
18. credit card du\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a market or industry that is dominated by two large companies or organizations, often to the detriment of competition and innovation

ANSWERS: 11. libertarian, 12. opportune, 13. plurality, 14. burr, 15. elector, 16. trump, 17. aisle, 18. duopoly



19. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
20. ai\_\_e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
21. re\_\_\_\_\_te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
22. fo\_\_\_\_\_e challenges *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
23. se\_\_\_\_\_r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
24. lib\_\_\_\_\_an group *n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
25. junior se\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
26. pe\_\_\_\_\_t young men *v.* to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society
27. ger\_\_\_\_\_er the upcoming election *v.* to manipulate the boundaries of an electoral district or voting constituency to gain political advantage for a particular party or group

ANSWERS: 19. industrious, 20. aisle, 21. resonate, 22. foresee, 23. senator, 24. libertarian, 25. senator, 26. pervert, 27. gerrymander

28. dis\_\_\_\_\_fy the users with bugs      *v.* to fail to satisfy someone
29. video game re\_\_\_\_e      *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
30. in\_\_\_\_\_te a new method      *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
31. dr\_\_d failure      *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
32. ger\_\_\_\_\_er the voting boundaries      *v.* to manipulate the boundaries of an electoral district or voting constituency to gain political advantage for a particular party or group
33. choose tr\_\_p      *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
34. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
35. re\_\_\_\_\_m land from the sea      *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
36. show all\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty
37. promote bip\_\_\_\_\_an cooperation      *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

ANSWERS: 28. dissatisfy, 29. remake, 30. innovate, 31. dread, 32. gerrymander, 33. trump, 34. industrious, 35. reclaim, 36. allegiance, 37. bipartisan

38. dr\_\_d getting old      *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
39. annoying b\_\_r      *n.* a rough, prickly particle or piece, often found on the surface of certain plants and materials; a humming or buzzing sound, usually produced by an engine or machine
40. du\_\_\_\_y market structure      *n.* a market or industry that is dominated by two large companies or organizations, often to the detriment of competition and innovation
41. phe\_\_\_\_\_al success      *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
42. a ut\_\_\_a for an engineer      *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
43. perfect ut\_\_\_a      *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
44. re\_\_\_e song      *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

ANSWERS: 38. dread, 39. burr, 40. duopoly, 41. phenomenal, 42. utopia, 43. utopia, 44. remake

45. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
46. pe\_\_\_\_\_t justice *v.* to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society
47. sp\_\_l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
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50. buck and d\_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
51. bip\_\_\_\_\_an agreement *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
52. the voter tu\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election
53. an enormous tu\_\_\_\_\_t of people *n.* the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election
54. inc\_\_\_\_\_ze carpooling *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
55. political pl\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being plural or multiple; a majority of votes or shares held by one group in a multi-candidate or multi-party system

ANSWERS: 45. opportune, 46. pervert, 47. spoil, 48. dissatisfy, 49. phenomenal, 50. doe, 51. bipartisan, 52. turnout, 53. turnout, 54. incentivize, 55. plurality

56. loyal all\_\_\_\_\_ce

*n.* loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty

ANSWERS: 56. allegiance

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The soldiers pledged their \_\_\_\_\_ to their country.  
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