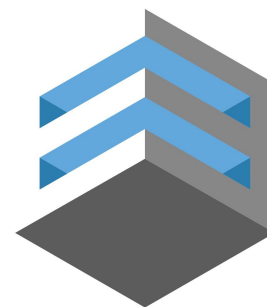


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### Advanced Words Only

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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**.

### pave

*v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

*synonym*: surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road  
They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

### interconnect

*v.* to connect similar things

*synonym*: interlink, complect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment  
Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

### eyeball

*n.* the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen

(1) **eyeball** motion, (2) redness of the **eyeball**

Increased **eyeball** pressure leads to the development of glaucoma.

## humane

*adj.* having or showing compassion, kindness, and sympathy toward others, especially toward those who are suffering

*synonym*: compassionate, kind, merciful

(1) **humane** treatment, (2) **humane** society

We must ensure that all medical testing on animals is conducted in a **humane** way.

## standalone

*adj.* (of computer hardware or software) able to operate the system without being connected to other hardware or software; (also stand-alone) capable of working independently

(1) **standalone** application, (2) **standalone** approach

We never prescribe medication as a **standalone** treatment.

## 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.

## 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.

## fluent

*adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

*synonym*: eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

## deepfake

- n.* a manipulated video or audio recording that uses advanced computer technology to create a realistic portrayal of a person saying or doing something they did not actually say or do, often used for deceptive or malicious purposes

*synonym* : AI-generated media, manipulated media

(1) **deepfake** technology, (2) **deepfake** video

The use of **deepfakes** in political campaigns is a growing concern.

## reimagine

- v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

*synonym* : re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

## intricate

- adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together

*synonym* : complicated, convoluted, complex

(1) **intricate** details, (2) **intricate** lacework

The politician managed to deal with that **intricate** issue.

## fumble

- v.* to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something

*synonym* : botch, bumble, mishandle

(1) **fumble** about in a bag, (2) **fumble** a grounder

The receiver **fumbled** the ball, and the other team recovered it.

## sculpt

- v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

*synonym* : carve, mold, shape

(1) **sculpt** an image, (2) **sculpt** prototype

He spent hours every day **sculpting** figures out of clay.

## cocoa

*n.* a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made

(1) **cocoa** powder, (2) **cocoa** butter

The culinary class learned how to make homemade **cocoa** mix from scratch.

## intolerant

*adj.* the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects

*synonym*: failure, impotence, shortcoming

(1) an **intolerant** person, (2) **intolerant** of criticism

His **intolerant** attitude towards other cultures made it difficult for him to get along with others.

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym*: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## unimaginable

*adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

*synonym*: unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

## underestimate

*v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

*synonym*: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

## embed

v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass

*synonym*: entrench, fix, set

(1) **embed** scripts in the message, (2) **embed** a sensor

The company **embedded** a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. human activities int_____ect with the environment | <i>v.</i> to connect similar things   |
| 2. de_____ke video                                   | <i>n.</i> a manipulated video or audio recording that uses advanced computer technology to create a realistic portrayal of a person saying or doing something they did not actually say or do, often used for deceptive or malicious purposes |
| 3. fu____e about in a bag                            | <i>v.</i> to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something   |
| 4. redness of the ey_____l                           | <i>n.</i> the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen  |
| 5. jazz imp_____ion                                  | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation  |
| 6. in a fl____t tone                                 | <i>adj.</i> able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily   |
| 7. und_____ate an enemy                              | <i>v.</i> to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is   |
| 8. sma_____ne app developer                          | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet  |
| 9. hu____e society                                   | <i>adj.</i> having or showing compassion, kindness, and sympathy toward others, especially toward those who are suffering   |

ANSWERS: 1. interconnect, 2. deepfake, 3. fumble, 4. eyeball, 5. improvisation, 6. fluent, 7. underestimate, 8. smartphone, 9. humane

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| 10. an int_____nt person        | <i>adj.</i> the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects |
| 11. int_____nt of criticism     | <i>adj.</i> the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects |
| 12. em__d a sensor              | <i>v.</i> to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass   |
| 13. p__e a smoother road        | <i>v.</i> to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use                               |
| 14. sma_____ne addict           | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet   |
| 15. op_____ne occasion          | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose  |
| 16. p__e a new path             | <i>v.</i> to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use                               |
| 17. in_____te details           | <i>adj.</i> having many different parts and small details that all work together   |
| 18. und_____ate the probability | <i>v.</i> to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is  |
| 19. ey_____l motion             | <i>n.</i> the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen   |

ANSWERS: 10. intolerant, 11. intolerant, 12. embed, 13. pave, 14. smartphone, 15. opportune, 16. pave, 17. intricate, 18. underestimate, 19. eyeball

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| 20. directly int_____ect with those systems | <i>v.</i> to connect similar things   |
| 21. re_____ne the possibilities             | <i>v.</i> to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way   |
| 22. hu___e treatment                        | <i>adj.</i> having or showing compassion, kindness, and sympathy toward others, especially toward those who are suffering   |
| 23. killer a_p                              | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC   |
| 24. co__a butter                            | <i>n.</i> a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made  |
| 25. sc___t prototype                        | <i>v.</i> to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques  |
| 26. de_____ke technology                    | <i>n.</i> a manipulated video or audio recording that uses advanced computer technology to create a realistic portrayal of a person saying or doing something they did not actually say or do, often used for deceptive or malicious purposes |
| 27. fu___e a grounder                       | <i>v.</i> to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something   |
| 28. re_____ne the future                    | <i>v.</i> to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way   |

ANSWERS: 20. interconnect, 21. reimagine, 22. humane, 23. app, 24. cocoa, 25. sculpt, 26. deepfake, 27. fumble, 28. reimagine



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| 29. in_____te lacework       | <i>adj.</i> having many different parts and small details that all work together   |
| 30. an op_____ne remark      | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose  |
| 31. sta_____ne application   | <i>adj.</i> (of computer hardware or software) able to operate the system without being connected to other hardware or software; (also stand-alone) capable of working independently |
| 32. cannot log in to the a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC  |
| 33. sc____t an image         | <i>v.</i> to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques   |
| 34. sta_____ne approach      | <i>adj.</i> (of computer hardware or software) able to operate the system without being connected to other hardware or software; (also stand-alone) capable of working independently |
| 35. imp_____ion on stage     | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation   |
| 36. co__a powder             | <i>n.</i> a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made                                       |
| 37. uni_____ble depths       | <i>adj.</i> beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision   |

ANSWERS: 29. intricate, 30. opportune, 31. standalone, 32. app, 33. sculpt, 34. standalone, 35. improvisation, 36. cocoa, 37. unimaginable

38. fl\_\_\_t Chinese

*adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

39. em\_\_d scripts in the message

*v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass

40. uni\_\_\_\_\_ble horror

*adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

ANSWERS: 38. fluent, 39. embed, 40. unimaginable

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The complexity of scientific theories was \_\_\_\_\_ for most people.  
*adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
2. We must ensure that all medical testing on animals is conducted in a \_\_\_\_\_ way.  
*adj.* having or showing compassion, kindness, and sympathy toward others, especially toward those who are suffering
3. The culinary class learned how to make homemade \_\_\_\_\_ mix from scratch.  
*n.* a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made
4. His \_\_\_\_\_ attitude towards other cultures made it difficult for him to get along with others.  
*adj.* the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects
5. She learned five languages but is only \_\_\_\_\_ in two of them.  
*adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
6. They frequently \_\_\_\_\_ their abilities and felt inferior.  
*v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
7. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. unimaginable, 2. humane, 3. cocoa, 4. intolerant, 5. fluent, 6. underestimated, 7. opportune

8. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the \_\_\_\_\_ release.  
*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
9. The company is trying to \_\_\_\_\_ its business model to stay competitive.  
*v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
10. Our system can now \_\_\_\_\_ with other databases.  
*v.* to connect similar things
11. The use of \_\_\_\_\_ in political campaigns is a growing concern.  
*n.* a manipulated video or audio recording that uses advanced computer technology to create a realistic portrayal of a person saying or doing something they did not actually say or do, often used for deceptive or malicious purposes
12. He spent hours every day \_\_\_\_\_ figures out of clay.  
*v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
13. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
14. Increased \_\_\_\_\_ pressure leads to the development of glaucoma.  
*n.* the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
15. The politician managed to deal with that \_\_\_\_\_ issue.  
*adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together

ANSWERS: 8. app's, 9. reimagine, 10. interconnect, 11. deepfakes, 12. sculpting, 13. smartphones, 14. eyeball, 15. intricate

16. We never prescribe medication as a \_\_\_\_\_ treatment.

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17. They \_\_\_\_\_ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

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18. The company \_\_\_\_\_ a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.

*v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass

19. The receiver \_\_\_\_\_ the ball, and the other team recovered it.

*v.* to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something

20. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 16. standalone, 17. paved, 18. embedded, 19. fumbled, 20. improvisation