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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### prescient

*adj.* having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic

*synonym* : prophetic, foresighted, intuitive

(1) **prescient** dream, (2) **prescient** vision

The **prescient** investor predicted the market crash and sold his stocks before it happened.

### timeless

*adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

*synonym* : dateless, everlasting, imperishable

(1) **timeless** masterpiece, (2) **timeless** topic

There is a **timeless** aspect to his most remarkable work.

### insufferable

*adj.* intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent

*synonym* : unbearable, intolerable, annoying

(1) **insufferable** heat, (2) **insufferable** traffic during rush hour

My **insufferable** neighbor plays loud music at all hours of the night.

### attire

*n.* clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose

*synonym* : clothing, dress, garb

(1) businesslike **attire**, (2) casual **attire**

The formal **attire** for the wedding was a black tie.

## pox

*n.* a group of infectious diseases that cause skin eruptions and fever, such as smallpox, chicken pox, and cowpox; often used to refer specifically to the skin eruptions caused by these diseases

*synonym*: rash, infection, disease

(1) deadly **pox** disease, (2) **pox** virus

The child had a severe chicken **pox** and had to stay home for over a week.

## fluctuate

*v.* to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably

*synonym*: vary, oscillate, sway

(1) **fluctuate** prices, (2) **fluctuate** rapidly

Stock prices **fluctuate** daily based on market demand and supply.

## crocodile

*n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats

*synonym*: alligator, gator, croc

(1) **crocodile** hide, (2) saltwater **crocodile**

The **crocodile** attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear

## arctic

*adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

*synonym*: cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

## methane

*n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

(1) atmospheric **methane**, (2) reduce **methane** emissions

The ignition of **methane** gas in the plant killed five employees.

## **dissimilar**

*adj.* not alike or having little in common

*synonym*: unlike, different, distinct

(1) **dissimilar** cultures, (2) **dissimilar** backgrounds

The two paintings were **dissimilar** in style and subject matter.

## **imp**

*n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore

*synonym*: demon, sprite, mischievous child

(1) a little **imp**, (2) behave like an **imp**

The mischievous **imp** caused trouble wherever it went.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ins\_\_\_\_\_ble heat *adj.* intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent
2. businesslike at\_\_\_e *n.* clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose
3. reduce me\_\_\_\_\_e emissions *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
4. casual at\_\_\_e *n.* clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose
5. deadly p\_x disease *n.* a group of infectious diseases that cause skin eruptions and fever, such as smallpox, chicken pox, and cowpox; often used to refer specifically to the skin eruptions caused by these diseases
6. fl\_\_\_\_\_te prices *v.* to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably
7. pr\_\_\_\_\_nt dream *adj.* having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic
8. ti\_\_\_\_\_ss masterpiece *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
9. dis\_\_\_\_\_ar cultures *adj.* not alike or having little in common
10. fl\_\_\_\_\_te rapidly *v.* to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably

ANSWERS: 1. insufferable, 2. attire, 3. methane, 4. attire, 5. pox, 6. fluctuate, 7. prescient, 8. timeless, 9. dissimilar, 10. fluctuate

11. saltwater cr\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
12. behave like an i\_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
13. ins\_\_\_\_\_ble traffic during rush hour *adj.* intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent
14. p\_x virus *n.* a group of infectious diseases that cause skin eruptions and fever, such as smallpox, chicken pox, and cowpox; often used to refer specifically to the skin eruptions caused by these diseases
15. cr\_\_\_\_\_le hide *n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
16. ar\_\_\_c ice *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
17. high ar\_\_\_c *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
18. dis\_\_\_\_\_ar backgrounds *adj.* not alike or having little in common
19. ti\_\_\_\_\_ss topic *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

ANSWERS: 11. crocodile, 12. imp, 13. insufferable, 14. pox, 15. crocodile, 16. arctic, 17. arctic, 18. dissimilar, 19. timeless

20. pr\_\_\_\_\_nt vision *adj.* having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic
21. a little i\_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
22. atmospheric me\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

ANSWERS: 20. prescient, 21. imp, 22. methane

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ignition of \_\_\_\_\_ gas in the plant killed five employees.  
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2. The two paintings were \_\_\_\_\_ in style and subject matter.  
*adj.* not alike or having little in common
3. My \_\_\_\_\_ neighbor plays loud music at all hours of the night.  
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4. The \_\_\_\_\_ investor predicted the market crash and sold his stocks before it happened.  
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5. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the \_\_\_\_\_ climate.  
*adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
6. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ aspect to his most remarkable work.  
*adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
7. Stock prices \_\_\_\_\_ daily based on market demand and supply.  
*v.* to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably
8. The mischievous \_\_\_\_ caused trouble wherever it went.  
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ANSWERS: 1. methane, 2. dissimilar, 3. insufferable, 4. prescient, 5. arctic, 6. timeless, 7. fluctuate, 8. imp

9. The child had a severe chicken \_\_\_\_ and had to stay home for over a week.
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10. The formal \_\_\_\_\_ for the wedding was a black tie.
- n.* clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear
- n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats

ANSWERS: 9. pox, 10. attire, 11. crocodile