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Advanced Words Only

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Session 1: Word List

baton

n. a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race

synonym : staff, stick, wand

(1) conducting **baton**, (2) twirl the **baton**

The police officer used his **baton** to disperse the crowd.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym : aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

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.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic

effect; a form of wordplay

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym : rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

spellbound

adj. completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell

synonym : enraptured, captivated, entranced

(1) **spellbound** audience, (2) **spellbound** by her beauty

I was absolutely **spellbound** by the beauty of the sunset.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

biochemical

adj. relating to the chemical processes and substances that occur within living organisms

synonym : molecular, biological

(1) **biochemical** reaction, (2) complex **biochemical**

Biochemical research is essential to understanding the complex chemical reactions in living organisms.

insurmountable

adj. impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome

synonym : invincible, hopeless, overwhelming

(1) **insurmountable** odds, (2) **insurmountable** disadvantage

The challenge seemed **insurmountable**, but they overcame it with hard work and determination.

breadwinner

n. the member of a family who earns money to support the others

(1) family **breadwinner**, (2) two- **breadwinner** couple

Many women are now their families' primary **breadwinners**.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym: creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

gadget

n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

synonym: appliance, gimmick, device

(1) a handy **gadget**, (2) time-saving **gadget**

I found the kitchen **gadget** that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. two-bre_____er couple | <i>n.</i> the member of a family who earns money to support the others |
| 2. 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 |
| 3. 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 |
| 4. time-saving ga___t | <i>n.</i> a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job |
| 5. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 6. as___e after perfection | <i>v.</i> to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great |
| 7. silly p_n | <i>n.</i> a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay |
| 8. sn__k a cigarette | <i>v.</i> to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily |
| 9. family bre_____er | <i>n.</i> the member of a family who earns money to support the others |

ANSWERS: 1. breadwinner, 2. app, 3. app, 4. gadget, 5. opportune, 6. aspire, 7. pun, 8. sneak, 9. breadwinner

10. conducting ba__n *n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
11. spe_____nd audience *adj.* completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell
12. medical in___n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
13. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
14. spe_____nd by her beauty *adj.* completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell
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16. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
17. ins_____ble odds *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
18. bio_____al reaction *adj.* relating to the chemical processes and substances that occur within living organisms

ANSWERS: 10. baton, 11. spellbound, 12. intern, 13. opportune, 14. spellbound, 15. sneak, 16. prioritize, 17. insurmountable, 18. biochemical

19. as___e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
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25. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
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ANSWERS: 19. aspire, 20. biochemical, 21. gadget, 22. insurmountable, 23. prioritize, 24. pun, 25. intern, 26. baton

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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