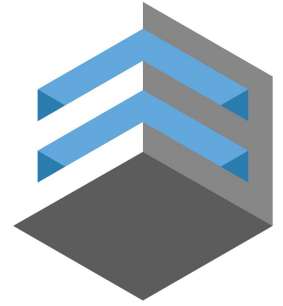


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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### blare

v. to make a loud, harsh noise; to sound loudly and harshly  
*synonym*: blast, screech, trumpet

(1) **blare** music, (2) **blare** a horn

The music **blared** from the car's open windows.

### yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way  
*synonym*: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

### disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

*synonym*: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

### whomp

v. to strike or hit something with a heavy or resounding impact, often causing a loud noise or vibration

*synonym*: bump, thud, smack

(1) **whomp** opponent with an uppercut, (2) **whomp** down on

the table

The basketball player **whomped** the ball into the hoop, scoring the winning point for his team.

## prosecute

*v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

*synonym* : charge, sue, bring to trial

(1) **prosecute** criminal, (2) **prosecute** case

The attorney decided to **prosecute** the suspect for stealing from the store.

## handcuff

*n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process

*synonym* : shackle, bind, restraint

(1) **handcuff** his wrists, (2) break free from **handcuffs**

The police officer put **handcuffs** on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.

## 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.

## bum

*n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive

*synonym* : hobo, vagrant, tramp

(1) homeless **bum**, (2) lazy **bum**

He used to be a successful businessman, but now he's a washed-up **bum** with nothing to show.

## discotheque

*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

*synonym*: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

## solvable

*adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

*synonym*: attainable, resolvable, achievable

(1) **solvable** problem, (2) mathematically **solvable** equation

The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite **solvable** with a software update.

## stigma

*n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

*synonym*: mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

## sham

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

*synonym*: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

## expunge

*v.* to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot out or destroy; to strike out or delete from a record or registry

*synonym*: erase, delete, remove

(1) **expunge** a memory, (2) **expunge** a word from a text

The court ordered to **expunge** the criminal record of the falsely accused individual.

## fathom

*v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water

*synonym* : comprehend, understand, grasp

(1) **fathom** the depth, (2) **fathom** the mystery

I cannot **fathom** why some people enjoy horror movies.

## **audacious**

*adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

*synonym* : bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

## **untapped**

*adj.* not yet used or exploited

*synonym* : unexplored, untouched, untried

(1) **untapped** market, (2) **untapped** potential

The forest held many **untapped** resources that could be used for commercial purposes.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. bl\_\_e music *v.* to make a loud, harsh noise; to sound loudly and harshly
2. fa\_\_\_m the mystery *v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
3. mathematically so\_\_\_\_\_le equation *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
4. ha\_\_\_\_\_ff his wrists *n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
5. au\_\_\_\_\_us stunt *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
6. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
7. st\_\_\_a against obesity *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. blare, 2. fathom, 3. solvable, 4. handcuff, 5. audacious, 6. discotheque, 7. stigma, 8. bureaucracy

9. y\_\_l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
10. a s\_\_m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
11. 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
12. so\_\_\_\_\_le problem *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
13. wh\_\_p opponent with an uppercut *v.* to strike or hit something with a heavy or resounding impact, often causing a loud noise or vibration
14. break free from ha\_\_\_\_\_fs *n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
15. bl\_\_e a horn *v.* to make a loud, harsh noise; to sound loudly and harshly
16. ex\_\_\_\_\_e a word from a text *v.* to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot out or destroy; to strike out or delete from a record or registry
17. au\_\_\_\_\_us decision *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

ANSWERS: 9. yell, 10. sham, 11. bureaucracy, 12. solvable, 13. whomp, 14. handcuff, 15. blare, 16. expunge, 17. audacious

18. pr\_\_\_\_\_te case                      *v.*    to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
19. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue scene                      *n.*    a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
20. di\_\_\_\_\_t a well-ordered condition                      *v.*    to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
21. wh\_\_p down on the table                      *v.*    to strike or hit something with a heavy or resounding impact, often causing a loud noise or vibration
22. social st\_\_\_\_a                      *n.*    a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
23. ex\_\_\_\_\_e a memory                      *v.*    to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot out or destroy; to strike out or delete from a record or registry
24. un\_\_\_\_\_ed market                      *adj.* not yet used or exploited
25. pr\_\_\_\_\_te criminal                      *v.*    to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
26. fa\_\_\_\_m the depth                      *v.*    to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
27. turn out to be all s\_\_m                      *n.*    something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 18. prosecute, 19. discotheque, 20. disrupt, 21. whomp, 22. stigma, 23. expunge, 24. untapped, 25. prosecute, 26. fathom, 27. sham

28. un\_\_\_\_ed potential *adj.* not yet used or exploited
29. y\_\_l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
30. lazy b\_m *n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
31. homeless b\_m *n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
32. di\_\_\_\_t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 28. untapped, 29. yell, 30. bum, 31. bum, 32. disrupt



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and \_\_\_\_\_ at me.  
*v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
2. The police officer put \_\_\_\_\_ on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.  
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3. The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite \_\_\_\_\_ with a software update.  
*adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
4. The data he prepared was completely \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
5. I'm so sorry to \_\_\_\_\_ you when you're pretty busy.  
*v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
6. The court ordered to \_\_\_\_\_ the criminal record of the falsely accused individual.  
*v.* to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot out or destroy; to strike out or delete from a record or registry

ANSWERS: 1. yelled, 2. handcuffs, 3. solvable, 4. sham, 5. disrupt, 6. expunge

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*adj.* not yet used or exploited
8. I cannot \_\_\_\_\_ why some people enjoy horror movies.  
*v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
9. The attorney decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect for stealing from the store.  
*v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
10. He used to be a successful businessman, but now he's a washed-up \_\_\_\_\_ with nothing to show.  
*n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
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*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
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ANSWERS: 7. untapped, 8. fathom, 9. prosecute, 10. bum, 11. discotheque, 12. stigma, 13. blared, 14. whomped

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ANSWERS: 15. bureaucracy, 16. audacious