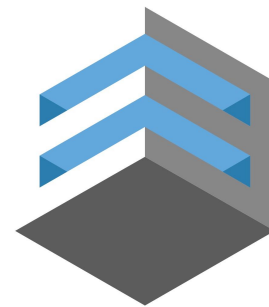


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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym*: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

### fleeting

*adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time

*synonym*: temporary, brief, transitory

(1) for a **fleeting** moment, (2) **fleeting** opportunity

She savored the **fleeting** happiness she felt during the vacation.

### flamingo

*n.* a tall wading bird with predominantly pink or orange plumage and a long, slender neck and legs, native to Central and South America and parts of Africa

(1) **flamingo** habitat, (2) **flamingo** flock

The **flamingo's** bright pink feathers perfectly blended into the tropical sunset.

## thunderstorm

*n.* a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind

*synonym*: tempest, lightning storm, deluge

(1) severe **thunderstorms**, (2) **thunderstorm** advisory

The forecast called for a chance of **thunderstorms** in the afternoon.

## liquefy

*v.* to turn a solid substance into a liquid state; to make something fluid or easier to flow

*synonym*: melt, dissolve, thaw

(1) **liquefy** the soil, (2) **liquefy** cement

The butter began to **liquefy** during the heat wave and drip off the countertop.

## glacial

*adj.* relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement

*synonym*: cold, icy, frozen

(1) **glacial** movements, (2) **glacial** terrain

The **glacial** pace of the negotiations frustrated both parties.

## iceberg

*n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

*synonym*: glacier, ice mass, floe

(1) hit an **iceberg**, (2) **iceberg** melting

The ship encountered a series of **icebergs** and had to change its course.

## seawater

*n.* water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals

*synonym*: saltwater, brine, ocean water

(1) **seawater** pollution, (2) **seawater** bacteria

The desalination plant turned **seawater** into drinking water through a complex process.

## plankton

*n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed

(1) **plankton** blooms, (2) **plankton** community

**Plankton** is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.

## **krill**

*n.* a small, shrimp-like crustacean that is a major food source for many marine animals

*synonym*: shrimp, plankton, zooplankton

(1) eat **krill**, (2) Antarctic **krill**

The decline in **krill** populations in recent years has raised concerns about the health of marine ecosystems.

## **humpback**

*n.* a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres

*synonym*: whale, cetacean, mammal

(1) **humpback** mountain, (2) **humpback** bridge

The **humpback** whale is known for its distinctive songs that can travel great distances.

## **coastline**

*n.* the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea

*synonym*: shoreline, seashore, beach

(1) **coastline** erosion, (2) deeply indented **coastline**

The new resort was built along the **coastline**, offering stunning ocean views from every room.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pl____on blooms   | <i>n.</i> tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed  |
| 2. r_v up the crowd  | <i>n.</i> a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute  |
| 3. fl____go flock    | <i>n.</i> a tall wading bird with predominantly pink or orange plumage and a long, slender neck and legs, native to Central and South America and parts of Africa            |
| 4. hit an ic____g    | <i>n.</i> a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier  |
| 5. low-r_v engine    | <i>n.</i> a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute  |
| 6. gl____l movements | <i>adj.</i> relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement |
| 7. eat kr__l         | <i>n.</i> a small, shrimp-like crustacean that is a major food source for many marine animals  |

ANSWERS: 1. plankton, 2. rev, 3. flamingo, 4. iceberg, 5. rev, 6. glacial, 7. krill

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| 8. gl_____l terrain          | <i>adj.</i> relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement |
| 9. deeply indented co_____ne | <i>n.</i> the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea   |
| 10. li_____y the soil        | <i>v.</i> to turn a solid substance into a liquid state; to make something fluid or easier to flow   |
| 11. hu_____ck bridge         | <i>n.</i> a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres   |
| 12. ic_____g melting         | <i>n.</i> a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier  |
| 13. fl_____ng opportunity    | <i>adj.</i> brief or temporary, lasting only a short time  |
| 14. Antarctic kr__l          | <i>n.</i> a small, shrimp-like crustacean that is a major food source for many marine animals  |
| 15. pl_____on community      | <i>n.</i> tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed  |
| 16. fl_____go habitat        | <i>n.</i> a tall wading bird with predominantly pink or orange plumage and a long, slender neck and legs, native to Central and South America and parts of Africa            |
| 17. se_____er pollution      | <i>n.</i> water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals  |

ANSWERS: 8. glacial, 9. coastline, 10. liquefy, 11. humpback, 12. iceberg, 13. fleeting, 14. krill, 15. plankton, 16. flamingo, 17. seawater

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| 18. li____y cement        | <i>v.</i> to turn a solid substance into a liquid state; to make something fluid or easier to flow                         |
| 19. for a fl____ng moment | <i>adj.</i> brief or temporary, lasting only a short time  |
| 20. thu____orm advisory   | <i>n.</i> a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind                           |
| 21. co____ne erosion      | <i>n.</i> the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea                           |
| 22. severe thu____orms    | <i>n.</i> a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind                           |
| 23. hu____ck mountain     | <i>n.</i> a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres |
| 24. se____er bacteria     | <i>n.</i> water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals                      |

ANSWERS: 18. liquefy, 19. fleeting, 20. thunderstorm, 21. coastline, 22. thunderstorm, 23. humpback, 24. seawater

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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3. The butter began to \_\_\_\_\_ during the heat wave and drip off the countertop.  
*v.* to turn a solid substance into a liquid state; to make something fluid or easier to flow
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ bright pink feathers perfectly blended into the tropical sunset.  
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5. The \_\_\_\_\_ pace of the negotiations frustrated both parties.  
*adj.* relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement
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ANSWERS: 1. krill, 2. icebergs, 3. liquefy, 4. flamingo's, 5. glacial, 6. humpback, 7. rev

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9. The desalination plant turned \_\_\_\_\_ into drinking water through a complex process.
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12. The forecast called for a chance of \_\_\_\_\_ in the afternoon.
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ANSWERS: 8. Plankton, 9. seawater, 10. coastline, 11. fleeting, 12. thunderstorms