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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### puzzling

*adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

*synonym* : baffling, confusing, enigmatic

(1) **puzzling** behavior, (2) **puzzling** questions

The detective found the clues **puzzling** and couldn't solve the case immediately.

### tint

*n.* a shade or small amount of a color

*synonym* : hue, stain, pigment

(1) rosy **tint** lip, (2) **tint** color

This flower has milky white petals with a pink **tint** on its edges.

### benevolent

*adj.* well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose

*synonym* : kindly, compassionate, philanthropic

(1) **benevolent** gesture, (2) a **benevolent** individual

The **benevolent** donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.

### oppress

*v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

*synonym* : antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force  
Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

## beep

*v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning

*synonym*: bleep, honk, buzz

(1) **beep** out a warning, (2) **beep** the horn

The timer **beeped**, reminding me that the cake was ready to come out of the oven.

## murky

*adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through

*synonym*: dim, fuzzy, foggy

(1) **murky** waters, (2) a **murky** dungeon

Prospects for the suspect's conviction are **murky** due to a lack of helpful evidence.

## cliche

*n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

*synonym*: truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

## stereotype

*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

## phobia

*n.* an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder

*synonym*: fear, dread, terror

(1) **phobia** treatment, (2) social **phobia**

She has a **phobia** of spiders and always avoids them.

## misogyny

*n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women

*synonym*: sexism, chauvinism

(1) **misogyny** issue, (2) the **misogyny** of medieval Christianity

His speech was filled with **misogyny** and caused widespread outrage.

## invariably

*adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception

*synonym*: consistently, always, uniformly

(1) **invariably** polite, (2) **invariably** correct

She **invariably** arrived at the office early each day.

## broaden

*v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

*synonym*: expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

## worldview

*n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

*synonym*: perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

## obligatory

*adj.* required by a rule, law, or social convention; compulsory

*synonym*: mandatory, required, compulsory

(1) **obligatory** audit, (2) an **obligatory** subject

Attending the meeting was **obligatory** for all employees.

## orangutan

*n.* a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits

(1) **orangutan** arm, (2) female **orangutan**

The researcher found new species of **orangutan** on the island.

## sitcom

*n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format

*synonym*: comedy, TV show

(1) **sitcom** series, (2) popular **sitcom**

I love to watch **sitcoms** when I need a good laugh.

## interrogate

*v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

*synonym*: question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police

The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

## cosplay

*n.* a type of performance art in which participants dress up in costumes and accessories to represent a specific character or idea from a book, movie, video game, or other media

*synonym*: costume play, dress-up, masquerading

(1) participate in **cosplay**, (2) **cosplay** makeup

The **cosplay** community is a supportive and welcoming group of people.

## genesis

*n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind

*synonym*: beginning, creation, provenance

(1) the **genesis** of civilization, (2) in the Book of **Genesis**

The politician's remarks became the **genesis** of the clash between the two countries.

## geopolitical

*adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk  
The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its neighbors.

## staid

*adj.* sedate, respectable, and unadventurous in style, character, or manner; exhibiting a calm and steady demeanor

*synonym* : sedate, serious, grave

(1) **staid** demeanor, (2) **staid** professionalism

The courtroom was filled with **staid** faces as the verdict was read.

## sociologist

*n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

(1) religious **sociologist**, (2) French **sociologist**

**Sociologist** studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

## anthropology

*n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

## confine

*v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something

*synonym* : restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym* : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

*synonym* : disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

## reignite

v. to cause something to start burning again

*synonym* : rekindle, revive, renew

(1) **reignite** my interest, (2) **reignite** the spark

His speech **reignited** the passion of the crowd.

## conjure

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

*synonym* : summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. co_____e evil spirits away | <i>v.</i> to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination   |
| 2. a ben_____nt individual    | <i>adj.</i> well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose   |
| 3. cl___e plot                | <i>n.</i> a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement                |
| 4. op_____s the minority      | <i>v.</i> to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people   |
| 5. or_____an arm              | <i>n.</i> a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits  |
| 6. co_____e a vision          | <i>v.</i> to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination   |
| 7. br_____n their horizon     | <i>v.</i> to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.   |
| 8. religious soc_____st       | <i>n.</i> a person who studies the institutions and development of human society   |
| 9. in the Book of Ge_____s    | <i>n.</i> the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind |

ANSWERS: 1. conjure, 2. benevolent, 3. cliché, 4. oppress, 5. orangutan, 6. conjure, 7. broaden, 8. sociologist, 9. genesis

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| 10. social ph___a                             | <i>n.</i> an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder  |
| 11. re_____te my interest                     | <i>v.</i> to cause something to start burning again   |
| 12. avoid ste_____pe                          | <i>n.</i> a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense             |
| 13. un_____r a potential problem              | <i>v.</i> to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden   |
| 14. int_____te an enemy soldier               | <i>v.</i> to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner   |
| 15. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization | <i>n.</i> a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world   |
| 16. co_____e the scope of use                 | <i>v.</i> to restrict the movement of someone or something  |
| 17. an obl_____ry subject                     | <i>adj.</i> required by a rule, law, or social convention; compulsory   |
| 18. obl_____ry audit                          | <i>adj.</i> required by a rule, law, or social convention; compulsory   |
| 19. ant_____ogy of religion                   | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species |

ANSWERS: 10. phobia, 11. reignite, 12. stereotype, 13. uncover, 14. interrogate, 15. worldview, 16. confine, 17. obligatory, 18. obligatory, 19. anthropology



20. participate in co\_\_\_\_y *n.* a type of performance art in which participants dress up in costumes and accessories to represent a specific character or idea from a book, movie, video game, or other media
21. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
22. pu\_\_\_\_\_ng questions *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
23. French soc\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
24. ph\_\_\_a treatment *n.* an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder
25. si\_\_\_m series *n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format
26. the mi\_\_\_\_\_ny of medieval Christianity *n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
27. the ge\_\_\_\_\_s of civilization *n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
28. rosy t\_\_t lip *n.* a shade or small amount of a color
29. re\_\_\_\_\_te the spark *v.* to cause something to start burning again

ANSWERS: 20. cosplay, 21. determinant, 22. puzzling, 23. sociologist, 24. phobia, 25. sitcom, 26. misogyny, 27. genesis, 28. tint, 29. reignite

30. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
31. negative ste\_\_\_\_\_pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
32. a mu\_\_y dungeon *adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through
33. b\_\_p out a warning *v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
34. b\_\_p the horn *v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
35. mainstream wo\_\_\_\_\_ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
36. age-old cl\_\_\_e *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
37. inv\_\_\_\_\_ly correct *adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception
38. un\_\_\_\_\_r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
39. co\_\_\_\_\_y makeup *n.* a type of performance art in which participants dress up in costumes and accessories to represent a specific character or idea from a book, movie, video game, or other media

ANSWERS: 30. determinant, 31. stereotype, 32. murky, 33. beep, 34. beep, 35. worldview, 36. cliché, 37. invariably, 38. uncover, 39. cosplay

40. inv\_\_\_\_\_ly polite *adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception
41. int\_\_\_\_\_ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
42. co\_\_\_\_\_e themselves solely *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
43. br\_\_\_\_\_n students' knowledge *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
44. mu\_\_y waters *adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through
45. op\_\_\_\_\_s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
46. mi\_\_\_\_\_ny issue *n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
47. popular si\_\_\_m *n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format
48. the geo\_\_\_\_\_cal situations *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
49. reduce geo\_\_\_\_\_cal risk *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

ANSWERS: 40. invariably, 41. interrogate, 42. confine, 43. broaden, 44. murky, 45. oppress, 46. misogyny, 47. sitcom, 48. geopolitical, 49. geopolitical



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The animal was \_\_\_\_\_ in a small cage.  
*v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
2. \_\_\_\_\_ studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.  
*n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
3. The detective found the clues \_\_\_\_\_ and couldn't solve the case immediately.  
*adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
4. The politician's remarks became the \_\_\_\_\_ of the clash between the two countries.  
*n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
5. The courtroom was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ faces as the verdict was read.  
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6. The \_\_\_\_\_ community is a supportive and welcoming group of people.  
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7. I love to watch \_\_\_\_\_ when I need a good laugh.  
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