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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

### uptight

*adj.* tense, anxious, or stressed; showing or feeling a need for control or perfection

*synonym*: nervous, anxious, tense

(1) **uptight** attitude, (2) **uptight** schedule

My boss is always **uptight** and stressed out.

### brim

*n.* the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat

*synonym*: beak, edge, bound

(1) the **brim** of a hat, (2) the pelvic **brim**

The glass was filled to the **brim** with beer.

### dedicate

*v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

*synonym*: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

## foodie

*n.* a person who has a passionate interest in food, especially in trying new and exotic dishes

*synonym*: gourmet, epicure, gastronome

(1) **foodie** culture, (2) **foodie** destination

She considered herself a **foodie** and loved trying new restaurants and dishes.

## jalapeno

*n.* a small hot pepper, typically green or red, that is often used in Mexican cuisine and has a distinctive spicy flavor

*synonym*: chili pepper, hot pepper

(1) **jalapeno** cheese dip, (2) **jalapeno** salsa

I love the spicy kick that **jalapeno** peppers add to my favorite dishes.

## clap

*v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

*synonym*: applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

## starve

*v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

*synonym*: famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

## staple

*adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used

*synonym*: essential, fundamental, pivotal

(1) **staple** commodities, (2) **staple** crop

Rice and beans are a **staple** food in many cultures.

## hobble

*v.* to walk with difficulty, often due to injury or disability; to hamper or impede someone's progress or movement

*synonym* : limp, fether, shuffle

(1) **hobble** down the street, (2) **hobble** due to injury  
She had to **hobble** with crutches after breaking her ankle.

## aisle

*n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

*synonym* : corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church  
She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

## imitation

*n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something

*synonym* : fabrication, replica, fake

(1) **imitation** antique, (2) artificial **imitation**  
Many individuals believe that children learn languages through **imitation**.

## invincible

*adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable

*synonym* : unassailable, unbeatable, indomitable

(1) **invincible** army, (2) **invincible** will  
The team felt **invincible** after their winning streak.

## 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.

## roadmap

*n.* a strategic plan or guide that outlines key objectives, goals, milestones, and tasks necessary to achieve a desired outcome or objective

*synonym* : plan, strategy, guide

(1) **roadmap** to success, (2) technology **roadmap**

We must create a **roadmap** for the new project to ensure everything is completed on time.

## **vow**

*v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

*synonym*: promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up

They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

## **sarcastic**

*adj.* using irony and cutting language to mock, ridicule, or convey contempt; saying the opposite of what is meant in a mocking tone

*synonym*: mocking, ironic, sardonic

(1) use **sarcastic** language, (2) **sarcastic** sense of humor

Her **sarcastic** remarks made it clear that she wasn't happy with the situation.

## **phenomenal**

*adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding

*synonym*: extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. phe\_\_\_\_\_al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
2. c\_\_p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
3. im\_\_\_\_\_on antique *n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
4. the center ai\_\_e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
5. inv\_\_\_\_\_le army *adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
6. c\_\_p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
7. v\_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
8. ho\_\_\_e down the street *v.* to walk with difficulty, often due to injury or disability; to hamper or impede someone's progress or movement
9. de\_\_\_\_\_te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 1. phenomenal, 2. clap, 3. imitation, 4. aisle, 5. invincible, 6. clap, 7. vow, 8. hobble, 9. dedicate

10. ro\_\_\_\_p to success *n.* a strategic plan or guide that outlines key objectives, goals, milestones, and tasks necessary to achieve a desired outcome or objective
11. fo\_\_\_e culture *n.* a person who has a passionate interest in food, especially in trying new and exotic dishes
12. st\_\_\_e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
13. de\_\_\_\_te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
14. 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
15. artificial im\_\_\_\_on *n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
16. st\_\_\_e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
17. the pelvic b\_\_m *n.* the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat

ANSWERS: 10. roadmap, 11. foodie, 12. starve, 13. dedicate, 14. whomp, 15. imitation, 16. starve, 17. brim

18. inv\_\_\_\_\_le will *adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
19. technology ro\_\_\_\_\_p *n.* a strategic plan or guide that outlines key objectives, goals, milestones, and tasks necessary to achieve a desired outcome or objective
20. v\_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
21. ja\_\_\_\_\_no cheese dip *n.* a small hot pepper, typically green or red, that is often used in Mexican cuisine and has a distinctive spicy flavor
22. st\_\_\_\_e crop *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
23. st\_\_\_\_e commodities *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
24. use sa\_\_\_\_\_ic language *adj.* using irony and cutting language to mock, ridicule, or convey contempt; saying the opposite of what is meant in a mocking tone
25. 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
26. up\_\_\_\_\_t attitude *adj.* tense, anxious, or stressed; showing or feeling a need for control or perfection
27. up\_\_\_\_\_t schedule *adj.* tense, anxious, or stressed; showing or feeling a need for control or perfection
28. ex\_\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
29. ex\_\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 18. invincible, 19. roadmap, 20. vow, 21. jalapeno, 22. staple, 23. staple, 24. sarcastic, 25. whomp, 26. uptight, 27. uptight, 28. excite, 29. excite

30. phe\_\_\_\_\_al growth *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
31. sa\_\_\_\_\_ic sense of humor *adj.* using irony and cutting language to mock, ridicule, or convey contempt; saying the opposite of what is meant in a mocking tone
32. ai\_\_e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
33. the b\_\_m of a hat *n.* the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat
34. ja\_\_\_\_\_no salsa *n.* a small hot pepper, typically green or red, that is often used in Mexican cuisine and has a distinctive spicy flavor
35. ho\_\_\_e due to injury *v.* to walk with difficulty, often due to injury or disability; to hamper or impede someone's progress or movement
36. fo\_\_\_e destination *n.* a person who has a passionate interest in food, especially in trying new and exotic dishes

ANSWERS: 30. phenomenal, 31. sarcastic, 32. aisle, 33. brim, 34. jalapeno, 35. hobble, 36. foodie



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We must create a \_\_\_\_\_ for the new project to ensure everything is completed on time.
  - n.* a strategic plan or guide that outlines key objectives, goals, milestones, and tasks necessary to achieve a desired outcome or objective
2. Rice and beans are a \_\_\_\_\_ food in many cultures.
  - adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
3. My boss is always \_\_\_\_\_ and stressed out.
  - adj.* tense, anxious, or stressed; showing or feeling a need for control or perfection
4. The basketball player \_\_\_\_\_ the ball into the hoop, scoring the winning point for his team.
  - v.* to strike or hit something with a heavy or resounding impact, often causing a loud noise or vibration
5. She had to \_\_\_\_\_ with crutches after breaking her ankle.
  - v.* to walk with difficulty, often due to injury or disability; to hamper or impede someone's progress or movement
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ along with the singer's song.
  - v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
7. She considered herself a \_\_\_\_\_ and loved trying new restaurants and dishes.
  - n.* a person who has a passionate interest in food, especially in trying new and exotic dishes

ANSWERS: 1. roadmap, 2. staple, 3. uptight, 4. whomped, 5. hobble, 6. clapped, 7. foodie

8. The team felt \_\_\_\_\_ after their winning streak.  
*adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
9. They \_\_\_\_\_ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.  
*v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
10. Many individuals believe that children learn languages through \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
11. Her \_\_\_\_\_ remarks made it clear that she wasn't happy with the situation.  
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12. I love the spicy kick that \_\_\_\_\_ peppers add to my favorite dishes.  
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13. If you don't eat soon, you're going to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
14. He \_\_\_\_\_ his life to helping others.  
*v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
15. The athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ performance broke all previous records.  
*adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding

ANSWERS: 8. invincible, 9. vowed, 10. imitation, 11. sarcastic, 12. jalapeno, 13. starve, 14. dedicated, 15. phenomenal

16. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

17. She walked down the \_\_\_\_\_ to the front of the church.

*n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

18. The glass was filled to the \_\_\_\_\_ with beer.

*n.* the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat

ANSWERS: 16. excited, 17. aisle, 18. brim