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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- ado** *n.* an action, fuss, or commotion, often over a trivial or unimportant matter; unnecessary activity or effort  
*synonym*: commotion, fuss, bother  
(1) much **ado**, (2) kick up **ado**  
We need to resolve this issue without any further **ado**.
- gyre** *n.* a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents  
*synonym*: spiral, vortex, whirl  
(1) **gyre** movement, (2) subtropical **gyre**  
The trash caught in the **gyre** in the ocean, forming a massive garbage patch.
- beware** *v.* to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger  
*synonym*: heed, caution, alert  
(1) **beware** of scams, (2) **beware** of strangers  
Please **beware** of the slippery floor after it rains, or you could fall.
- claw** *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a

machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

*synonym* : paw, talon, nail

(1) **claw** marks, (2) **claw** hammer

The bear used its **claw** to catch a fish in the river.

## shun

v. to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something

*synonym* : avoid, evade, steer clear of

(1) **shun** a person, (2) **shun** office politics

He **shunned** going to the party and decided to stay home instead.

## foe

n. an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another

*synonym* : enemy, adversary, opponent

(1) a political **foe**, (2) bitter **foe**

The superhero's arch- **foe** was an evil mastermind who always got away.

## whiffle

n. a light gust or puff of air; spinning toys that emit a whistling sound as they fly; a type of baseball pitch that involves a sudden change in the direction of the ball; (verb) to move or blow with a light, fluttering or wavering motion

*synonym* : drift, gust, breeze

(1) **whiffle** through the air, (2) **whiffle** bat

The **whiffle** ball game was a popular pastime during the summer months.

## burble

v. to make a continuous murmuring or bubbling sound; to speak in a soft, soothing, or childish manner; (noun) a bubbling or gurgling sound or the act of producing such a sound

*synonym* : gurgle, babble, murmur

(1) **burble** softly, (2) stream **burble**

The boiling pot of soup **burbled** on the stove.

## snicker

v. to laugh in a sly, suppressed, or scornful manner; to snigger; to express amusement or disdain in a quiet or subdued way

*synonym*: chuckle, snigger, giggle

(1) **snicker** quietly, (2) **snicker** to himself

He couldn't help but **snicker** at his friend's silly joke.

## galumph

v. to move or run in a clumsy, heavy, or noisy manner, often with exaggerated movements; to proceed or act in a carefree or ungainly way

*synonym*: stomp, clump, lumber

(1) **galumph** across the stage, (2) **galumph** through the woods

I watched the elephant **galumph** across the savannah with grace and power.

## slay

v. to kill violently, especially with a weapon

*synonym*: kill, murder, eliminate

(1) **slay** a dragon, (2) **slay** civilians

The singer **slayed** the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.

## chortle

n. a chuckle or laugh that is mixed with or characterized by a snorting or snuffling sound

*synonym*: giggle, chuckle, laugh

(1) a **chortle** of laughter, (2) a stifled **chortle**

She couldn't help but give a little **chortle** when she saw the child's silly drawing.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------|----|---|
| 1. s__y a dragon            | v. | to kill violently, especially with a weapon   |
| 2. be___e of strangers      | v. | to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger  |
| 3. be___e of scams          | v. | to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger  |
| 4. sn____r to himself       | v. | to laugh in a sly, suppressed, or scornful manner; to snigger; to express amusement or disdain in a quiet or subdued way  |
| 5. ga____h across the stage | v. | to move or run in a clumsy, heavy, or noisy manner, often with exaggerated movements; to proceed or act in a carefree or ungainly way   |
| 6. s__n a person            | v. | to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something  |
| 7. a ch____e of laughter    | n. | a chuckle or laugh that is mixed with or characterized by a snorting or snuffling sound   |
| 8. wh____e through the air  | n. | a light gust or puff of air; spinning toys that emit a whistling sound as they fly; a type of baseball pitch that involves a sudden change in the direction of the ball; (verb) to move or blow with a light, fluttering or wavering motion |

ANSWERS: 1. slay, 2. beware, 3. beware, 4. snicker, 5. galumph, 6. shun, 7. chortle, 8. whiffle

9. c\_\_w marks *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
10. s\_\_y civilians *v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
11. bu\_\_\_e softly *v.* to make a continuous murmuring or bubbling sound; to speak in a soft, soothing, or childish manner; (noun) a bubbling or gurgling sound or the act of producing such a sound
12. subtropical g\_\_e *n.* a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents
13. bitter f\_e *n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
14. c\_\_w hammer *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
15. g\_\_e movement *n.* a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents
16. stream bu\_\_\_e *v.* to make a continuous murmuring or bubbling sound; to speak in a soft, soothing, or childish manner; (noun) a bubbling or gurgling sound or the act of producing such a sound

ANSWERS: 9. claw, 10. slay, 11. burble, 12. gyre, 13. foe, 14. claw, 15. gyre, 16. burble

17. kick up a \_o *n.* an action, fuss, or commotion, often over a trivial or unimportant matter; unnecessary activity or effort
18. ga \_\_\_\_ h through the woods *v.* to move or run in a clumsy, heavy, or noisy manner, often with exaggerated movements; to proceed or act in a carefree or ungainly way
19. wh \_\_\_\_ e bat *n.* a light gust or puff of air; spinning toys that emit a whistling sound as they fly; a type of baseball pitch that involves a sudden change in the direction of the ball; (verb) to move or blow with a light, fluttering or wavering motion
20. much a \_o *n.* an action, fuss, or commotion, often over a trivial or unimportant matter; unnecessary activity or effort
21. s \_\_ n office politics *v.* to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something
22. a stifled ch \_\_\_\_ e *n.* a chuckle or laugh that is mixed with or characterized by a snorting or snuffling sound
23. a political f \_e *n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
24. sn \_\_\_\_ r quietly *v.* to laugh in a sly, suppressed, or scornful manner; to snigger; to express amusement or disdain in a quiet or subdued way

ANSWERS: 17. ado, 18. galumph, 19. whiffle, 20. ado, 21. shun, 22. chortle, 23. foe, 24. snicker

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ going to the party and decided to stay home instead.
  - v. to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something
  
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ ball game was a popular pastime during the summer months.
  - n. a light gust or puff of air; spinning toys that emit a whistling sound as they fly; a type of baseball pitch that involves a sudden change in the direction of the ball; (verb) to move or blow with a light, fluttering or wavering motion
  
3. The superhero's arch-\_\_\_\_\_ was an evil mastermind who always got away.
  - n. an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
  
4. He couldn't help but \_\_\_\_\_ at his friend's silly joke.
  - v. to laugh in a sly, suppressed, or scornful manner; to snigger; to express amusement or disdain in a quiet or subdued way
  
5. The bear used its \_\_\_\_\_ to catch a fish in the river.
  - n. a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
  
6. We need to resolve this issue without any further \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n. an action, fuss, or commotion, often over a trivial or unimportant matter; unnecessary activity or effort
  
7. She couldn't help but give a little \_\_\_\_\_ when she saw the child's silly drawing.
  - n. a chuckle or laugh that is mixed with or characterized by a snorting or snuffling sound

ANSWERS: 1. shunned, 2. whiffle, 3. foe, 4. snicker, 5. claw, 6. ado, 7. chortle

8. The trash caught in the \_\_\_\_\_ in the ocean, forming a massive garbage patch.
- n.* a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents
9. I watched the elephant \_\_\_\_\_ across the savannah with grace and power.
- v.* to move or run in a clumsy, heavy, or noisy manner, often with exaggerated movements; to proceed or act in a carefree or ungainly way
10. The boiling pot of soup \_\_\_\_\_ on the stove.
- v.* to make a continuous murmuring or bubbling sound; to speak in a soft, soothing, or childish manner; (noun) a bubbling or gurgling sound or the act of producing such a sound
11. Please \_\_\_\_\_ of the slippery floor after it rains, or you could fall.
- v.* to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger
12. The singer \_\_\_\_\_ the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.
- v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon

ANSWERS: 8. gyre, 9. galumph, 10. burbled, 11. beware, 12. slayed