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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### subservience

*n.* the state of being subordinate or obedient to someone or something else; the quality of being excessively submissive or deferential

*synonym* : subordination, compliance, obedience

(1) **subservience** to authority, (2) blind **subservience**

The country's **subservience** to foreign power was a major cause of unrest among its citizens.

### aghast

*adj.* filled with shock, horror, or amazement

*synonym* : shocked, horrified, amazed

(1) **aghast** at the sight, (2) **aghast** at the situation

She was **aghast** at the news of the accident.

### 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.

## uplift

*n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

*synonym*: upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

(1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit

The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

## perpetuate

*v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time

*synonym*: eternalize, preserve, maintain

(1) **perpetuate** a myth, (2) **perpetuate** chronic pain

That work **perpetuates** his fame.

## ovary

*n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower

(1) **ovary** atrophy, (2) salted **ovary** of walleye pollack

They found **ovary** cancer in an early stage.

## insecure

*adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

*synonym*: uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

## nuanced

*adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

*synonym*: fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

## degrade

*v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

*synonym*: demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

## 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.

## airwave

*n.* a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves

*synonym* : broadcast, transmission, radio signal

(1) walkie-talkie **airwave**, (2) commercial **airwave**

The radio station broadcasts my favorite song over the **airwaves**.

## depict

*v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

*synonym* : illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

## vibe

*n.* an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood

*synonym* : atmosphere, aura, feeling

(1) party **vibe**, (2) chill **vibe**

The music festival had a great **vibe**, with everyone enjoying the performances and having a good time.

## queer

*adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

*synonym* : strange, odd, unusual

(1) **queer** money, (2) **queer** fashion

The behavior of the clown at the party was quite **queer**.

## swag

*n.* a decorative arrangement of fabric or material; stolen goods or loot; a slang term for confident style or coolness

*synonym* : booty, loot, plunder

(1) stolen **swag**, (2) **swag** outfit

The rapper showed off his new **swag** during his performance on stage.

## infuse

*v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

*synonym* : instill, fill, permeate

(1) **infuse** with spirit, (2) **infuse** life with meaning

She **infused** fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

## posit

*v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

*synonym* : assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

## disempower

*v.* to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective

*synonym* : disenfranchise, weaken, undermine

(1) **disempower** the employees, (2) **disempower** the opposition

The politician's efforts to **disempower** marginalized communities were met with widespread criticism.

## mute

*adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated

*synonym* : silent, unspoken, voiceless

(1) **mute** button, (2) **mute** sound

The actor played a **mute** character and had to rely on facial

expressions to portray his emotions.

## secondly

*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

*synonym* : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important  
Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

## doe

*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

*synonym* : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## liberate

*v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

*synonym* : emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. per\_\_\_\_\_te chronic pain  
*v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
2. nu\_\_\_\_\_d view  
*adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
3. m\_\_e button  
*adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated
4. dis\_\_\_\_\_er the opposition  
*v.* to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective
5. an in\_\_\_\_\_re future  
*adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
6. per\_\_\_\_\_te a myth  
*v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
7. qu\_\_r fashion  
*adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
8. li\_\_\_\_\_te potential  
*v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
9. po\_\_t the premise  
*v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
10. d\_e rabbit  
*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
11. commercial ai\_\_\_\_\_e  
*n.* a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves

ANSWERS: 1. perpetuate, 2. nuanced, 3. mute, 4. disempower, 5. insecure, 6. perpetuate, 7. queer, 8. liberate, 9. posit, 10. doe, 11. airwave

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| 12. li____te people from oppression | <i>v.</i>   | to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression  |
| 13. salted ov__y of walleye pollack | <i>n.</i>   | either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower                                 |
| 14. up____t my spirit               | <i>n.</i>   | the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits   |
| 15. stolen s__g                     | <i>n.</i>   | a decorative arrangement of fabric or material; stolen goods or loot; a slang term for confident style or coolness  |
| 16. op____s the people with force   | <i>v.</i>   | to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people  |
| 17. de____e environmental quality   | <i>v.</i>   | to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others |
| 18. in____e with spirit             | <i>v.</i>   | to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue  |
| 19. buck and d_e                    | <i>n.</i>   | a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit   |
| 20. m__e sound                      | <i>adj.</i> | silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated   |
| 21. s__g outfit                     | <i>n.</i>   | a decorative arrangement of fabric or material; stolen goods or loot; a slang term for confident style or coolness  |

ANSWERS: 12. liberate, 13. ovary, 14. uplift, 15. swag, 16. oppress, 17. degrade, 18. infuse, 19. doe, 20. mute, 21. swag

22. up\_\_\_t mountains *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
23. the mi\_\_\_\_\_ny of medieval Christianity *n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
24. op\_\_\_\_\_s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
25. po\_\_t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
26. ag\_\_\_t at the situation *adj.* filled with shock, horror, or amazement
27. chill v\_\_e *n.* an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood
28. blind sub\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the state of being subordinate or obedient to someone or something else; the quality of being excessively submissive or deferential
29. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
30. se\_\_\_\_\_ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
31. de\_\_\_\_\_e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

ANSWERS: 22. uplift, 23. misogyny, 24. oppress, 25. posit, 26. aghast, 27. vibe, 28. subservience, 29. industrious, 30. secondly, 31. degrade



32. ov\_\_y atrophy *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
33. mi\_\_\_\_ny issue *n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
34. ind\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
35. sub\_\_\_\_nce to authority *n.* the state of being subordinate or obedient to someone or something else; the quality of being excessively submissive or deferential
36. party v\_\_e *n.* an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood
37. in\_\_\_\_re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
38. de\_\_t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
39. de\_\_t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
40. walkie-talkie ai\_\_\_\_e *n.* a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves
41. qu\_\_r money *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
42. the common but nu\_\_\_\_d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

ANSWERS: 32. ovary, 33. misogyny, 34. industrious, 35. subservience, 36. vibe, 37. insecure, 38. depict, 39. depict, 40. airwave, 41. queer, 42. nuanced

43. dis\_\_\_\_\_er the employees

*v.* to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective

44. ag\_\_\_t at the sight

*adj.* filled with shock, horror, or amazement

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ANSWERS: 43. disempower, 44. aghast, 45. infuse, 46. secondly

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ yourself by allowing them to use you.  
*v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
2. His son had accurately \_\_\_\_\_ the bloom.  
*v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
3. The behavior of the clown at the party was quite \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
4. The prisoners were \_\_\_\_\_ after the war ended.  
*v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
5. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
6. Hunters use a whistle that makes the \_\_\_\_ sound to lure stags.  
*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
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8. Children in an unstructured environment often feel \_\_\_\_\_.  
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ANSWERS: 9. perpetuates, 10. ovary, 11. posit, 12. aghast, 13. vibe, 14. swag, 15. secondly, 16. oppressed

17. The actor played a \_\_\_\_\_ character and had to rely on facial expressions to portray his emotions.

*adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated

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21. The radio station broadcasts my favorite song over the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves

22. The country's \_\_\_\_\_ to foreign power was a major cause of unrest among its citizens.

*n.* the state of being subordinate or obedient to someone or something else; the quality of being excessively submissive or deferential

23. The politician's efforts to \_\_\_\_\_ marginalized communities were met with widespread criticism.

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ANSWERS: 17. mute, 18. misogyny, 19. infused, 20. nuanced, 21. airwaves, 22. subservience, 23. disempower