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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### hysterical

*adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion

*synonym* : agitated, frantic, crazy

(1) **hysterical** laughter, (2) get **hysterical** easily

The frustration that had accumulated for a long time made her **hysterical**.

### sob

*v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds

*synonym* : cry, weep, wail

(1) **sob** out a story, (2) **sob** quietly

She **sobbed** uncontrollably after hearing the news.

### frantic

*adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

*synonym* : wild, frenzied, manic

(1) **frantic** pace, (2) with **frantic** haste

The mother was **frantic** as she searched for her lost child.

### aurora

*n.* a natural appearance of colored light in Earth's sky that is usually seen in high-latitude regions, especially around the Arctic and Antarctic

(1) **aurora** watching, (2) polar **aurora**

Northern and southern hemispheres alike experience the

## aurora.

### hindsight

*n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect  
*synonym* : retrospect, afterthought

(1) **hindsight** bias, (2) 20/20 **hindsight**

With **hindsight**, we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.

### carnage

*n.* the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way  
*synonym* : slaughter, massacre, bloodshed

(1) **carnage** on the battlefield, (2) brutal **carnage**

The battlefield was filled with **carnage**, a terrible reminder of the horrors of war.

### horrific

*adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying  
*synonym* : terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

### chaotic

*adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing  
*synonym* : disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

### firstborn

*adj.* the first child born to a mother  
*synonym* : eldest, older, primary

(1) **firstborn** female child, (2) **firstborn** grandchild

The **firstborn** child is often the parents' favorite.

## nightclub

*n.* a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks

*synonym*: discotheque, club, dance hall

(1) **nightclub** entertainment, (2) **nightclub** music

They decided to go to the **nightclub** to dance the night away.

## parkland

*n.* an area of open land designated for public use as a park or recreation area

*synonym*: public park, green space, nature reserve

(1) **parkland** area, (2) **parkland** trail

The **parkland** surrounding the lake was a popular spot for picnics and outdoor activities.

## psychiatry

*n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

*synonym*: mental health, psychology, psychoanalysis

(1) **psychiatry** therapy, (2) biological **psychiatry**

The field of **psychiatry** is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.

## limelight

*n.* a bright light produced by heating a piece of lime in an oxygen-hydrogen flame; a metaphorical expression meaning to be the center of attention or in the public eye

*synonym*: spotlight, public attention, center stage

(1) **limelight** actor, (2) step into the **limelight**

The actor was in the **limelight** for his outstanding performance in the play.

## notoriety

*n.* the state of being widely known, especially for something negative or notorious; a negative reputation or fame

*synonym*: infamy, disrepute, notoriousness

(1) violent **notoriety**, (2) achieve **notoriety**

The famous gangster's **notoriety** grew with each daring heist and narrow escape.

## 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.

## mindset

*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

*synonym*: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

## infringe

*v.* to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property

*synonym*: violate, trespass, breach

(1) **infringe** a copyright, (2) **infringe** on our property

The company promised not to **infringe** on any of its competitor's patents.

## kidnapping

*n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

*synonym*: abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

## elevate

*v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

*synonym*: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

## gratuitous

*adj.* given or done without charge or payment

*synonym*: unwarranted, unjustified, unmerited

(1) render **gratuitous** service, (2) **gratuitous** insult

The **gratuitous** violence in the movie was unnecessary and disturbing.

## inaction

*n.* the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed

*synonym*: idleness, passivity, inertia

(1) excuse for **inaction**, (2) consequences of **inaction**

**Inaction** in response to climate change poses a dire threat to our future.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ho____ic condition             | <i>adj.</i> causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying   |
| 2. mass kid_____ng                | <i>n.</i> the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive   |
| 3. kid_____ng attempt             | <i>n.</i> the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive   |
| 4. el_____e a close relationship  | <i>v.</i> to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position  |
| 5. li_____ht actor                | <i>n.</i> a bright light produced by heating a piece of lime in an oxygen-hydrogen flame; a metaphorical expression meaning to be the center of attention or in the public eye |
| 6. el_____e educational standards | <i>v.</i> to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position  |
| 7. hys_____al laughter            | <i>adj.</i> marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion   |
| 8. with fr_____c haste            | <i>adj.</i> marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied   |
| 9. hi_____ht bias                 | <i>n.</i> understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect       |
| 10. ni_____ub entertainment       | <i>n.</i> a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks   |

ANSWERS: 1. horrific, 2. kidnapping, 3. kidnapping, 4. elevate, 5. limelight, 6. elevate, 7. hysterical, 8. frantic, 9. hindsight, 10. nightclub

11. ch\_\_\_\_c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
12. the ch\_\_\_\_c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
13. polar au\_\_\_\_a *n.* a natural appearance of colored light in Earth's sky that is usually seen in high-latitude regions, especially around the Arctic and Antarctic
14. render gra\_\_\_\_us service *adj.* given or done without charge or payment
15. in\_\_\_\_ge on our property *v.* to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property
16. s\_b out a story *v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
17. the mi\_\_\_\_t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
18. biological psy\_\_\_\_ry *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
19. fi\_\_\_\_rn female child *adj.* the first child born to a mother
20. fr\_\_\_\_c pace *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
21. ni\_\_\_\_ub music *n.* a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks

ANSWERS: 11. chaotic, 12. chaotic, 13. aurora, 14. gratuitous, 15. infringe, 16. sob, 17. mindset, 18. psychiatry, 19. firstborn, 20. frantic, 21. nightclub

22. gra\_\_\_\_\_us insult *adj.* given or done without charge or payment
23. 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
24. au\_\_\_\_a watching *n.* a natural appearance of colored light in Earth's sky that is usually seen in high-latitude regions, especially around the Arctic and Antarctic
25. pa\_\_\_\_\_nd area *n.* an area of open land designated for public use as a park or recreation area
26. 20/20 hi\_\_\_\_\_ht *n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect
27. consequences of in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed
28. s\_b quietly *v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
29. brutal ca\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way
30. excuse for in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed
31. psy\_\_\_\_\_ry therapy *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

ANSWERS: 22. gratuitous, 23. dedicate, 24. aurora, 25. parkland, 26. hindsight, 27. inaction, 28. sob, 29. carnage, 30. inaction, 31. psychiatry



32. get hys\_\_\_\_\_al easily      *adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion
33. pa\_\_\_\_\_nd trail      *n.* an area of open land designated for public use as a park or recreation area
34. fi\_\_\_\_\_rn grandchild      *adj.* the first child born to a mother
35. step into the li\_\_\_\_\_ht      *n.* a bright light produced by heating a piece of lime in an oxygen-hydrogen flame; a metaphorical expression meaning to be the center of attention or in the public eye
36. ca\_\_\_\_\_e on the battlefield      *n.* the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way
37. 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
38. flexible mi\_\_\_\_\_t      *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
39. achieve no\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the state of being widely known, especially for something negative or notorious; a negative reputation or fame
40. in\_\_\_\_\_ge a copyright      *v.* to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property
41. violent no\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the state of being widely known, especially for something negative or notorious; a negative reputation or fame

ANSWERS: 32. hysterical, 33. parkland, 34. firstborn, 35. limelight, 36. carnage, 37. dedicate, 38. mindset, 39. notoriety, 40. infringe, 41. notoriety

42. ho\_\_\_\_ic experience

*adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome  
and terrifying

ANSWERS: 42. horrific

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The battlefield was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ a terrible reminder of the horrors of war.  
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*adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
  
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7. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial \_\_\_\_\_ in each individual.  
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ANSWERS: 8. aurora, 9. notoriety, 10. sobbed, 11. infringe, 12. hindsight, 13. horrific, 14. psychiatry, 15. kidnapping

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ANSWERS: 16. hysterical, 17. parkland, 18. gratuitous, 19. firstborn, 20. frantic, 21. limelight