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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### hare

*n.* a fast-running mammal with long ears and a short tail that closely resembles a rabbit but is larger and has longer hind legs

*synonym* : rabbit, bunny, lapin

(1) **hare** hunting, (2) brown **hare**

The farmer noticed a group of **hares** had been eating his vegetables, so he put up a fence to keep them out.

### harmonium

*n.* a small keyboard instrument that produces sound by the forcing of air through metal reeds, often used in Indian classical music

*synonym* : reed organ, pump organ, melodeon

(1) **harmonium** player, (2) Indian **harmonium**

The musician played a beautiful melody on the **harmonium** during the church service.

### intelligentsia

*n.* the educated and intellectual elite of society, particularly those involved in cultural or artistic pursuits

*synonym* : intellectuals, intelligents, savants

(1) members of **intelligentsia**, (2) artistic **intelligentsia**

The voices of the political and academic **intelligentsia** dominated the debate.

## 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.

## unreliable

*adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on

*synonym*: inconsistent, erratic, undependable

(1) prove **unreliable**, (2) **unreliable** source of information

By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously **unreliable**.

## explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

*synonym*: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

## dizzy

*adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

*synonym*: addled, confounded, unsteady

(1) feel **dizzy**, (2) had a **dizzy** spell

Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting **dizzy**.

## sustenance

n. food and drink that living things need to nourish their body

*synonym*: nourishment, livelihood, nutrition

(1) scanty **sustenance**, (2) **sustenance** allowance

A regular job is often a spiritual **sustenance**.

## 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.**

**boreal**

*adj.* relating to the Northern Hemisphere or relating to the northern forests called taiga

*synonym* : arctic, northern, tundra

(1) **boreal** conifer, (2) **boreal** ecosystem

The **boreal** forest covers vast areas of Canada and Alaska.

**fang**

*n.* a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals

*synonym* : tooth, canine, tusk

(1) **fang** mark, (2) poison **fang**

The vampire bared its **fangs** and growled.

**ripple**

*n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

*synonym* : wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water

Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

**canyon**

*n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

*synonym* : gorge, valley, ravine

(1) twisty **canyon** road, (2) **canyon** of skyscrapers

The Grand **Canyon** has an awe-inspiring sight.

**sundown**

*n.* the time of day when the sun sets below the horizon; twilight; dusk

*synonym* : sunset, nightfall, dusk

(1) during **sundown**, (2) **sundown** candle

We watched the beautiful **sundown** over the horizon with peace and tranquility.

**pretension**

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded

or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym* : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym* : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## deathbed

*n.* a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life

*synonym* : dying bed, death watch, last moments

(1) **deathbed** confession, (2) **deathbed** scene

The family gathered around their grandfather's **deathbed** to say goodbye.

## stepfather

*n.* a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father

*synonym* : stepdad, father figure, dad-in-law

(1) supportive **stepfather**, (2) **stepfather** role

I didn't get along with my **stepfather** when I was young, but now we're like best friends.

## blazing

*adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

*synonym* : burning, fiery, scorching

(1) **blazing** fury, (2) **blazing** fire

The **blazing** sun beat down on the desert.

## crossbow

*n.* a weapon consisting of a bow mounted on a stock that shoots projectiles, such as arrows, by pulling a trigger

*synonym*: bow, arrow gun, slingshot

(1) medieval **crossbow**, (2) **crossbow** bolts

The hunter aimed his **crossbow** at the deer in the forest.

## colonel

*n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general

*synonym*: officer, military, ranking officer

(1) **colonel** rank, (2) brevet **colonel**

The Army **colonel** led the troops into battle.

## decorate

*v.* to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc

*synonym*: adorn, embellish, beautify

(1) **decorate** a wall, (2) **decorate** for Christmas

They **decorated** the room with balloons and streamers for the birthday party.

## bravery

*n.* courage in the face of danger

*synonym*: courage, valor, heroism

(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire

His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## individuality

*n.* the qualities or characters that distinguish a particular person or thing from others of the same kind

*synonym*: personality, distinctiveness, eccentricity

(1) your **individuality**, (2) emphasize **individuality**

He has a strong sense of **individuality**.

**wan**

*adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy

*synonym* : pale, pallid, ashen

(1) **wan** light, (2) a **wan** smile

His **wan** complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
3. during su\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* the time of day when the sun sets below the horizon; twilight; dusk
4. prove unr\_\_\_\_\_le *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
5. low-r\_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
6. r\_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
7. 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
8. bl\_\_\_\_\_g fury *adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

ANSWERS: 1. aurora, 2. opportune, 3. sundown, 4. unreliable, 5. rev, 6. rev, 7. aurora, 8. blazing

9. li\_\_\_\_te people from oppression      *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
10. bo\_\_\_\_l conifer      *adj.* relating to the Northern Hemisphere or relating to the northern forests called taiga
11. br\_\_\_\_y under fire      *n.* courage in the face of danger
12. bo\_\_\_\_l ecosystem      *adj.* relating to the Northern Hemisphere or relating to the northern forests called taiga
13. de\_\_\_\_te a wall      *v.* to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc
14. f\_\_g mark      *n.* a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals
15. h\_\_e hunting      *n.* a fast-running mammal with long ears and a short tail that closely resembles a rabbit but is larger and has longer hind legs
16. co\_\_\_\_l rank      *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
17. scanty sus\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
18. de\_\_\_\_ed scene      *n.* a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life
19. ex\_\_\_\_e in popularity      *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

ANSWERS: 9. liberate, 10. boreal, 11. bravery, 12. boreal, 13. decorate, 14. fang, 15. hare, 16. colonel, 17. sustenance, 18. deathbed, 19. explode



20. twisty ca\_\_\_n road *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
21. bl\_\_\_\_g fire *adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive
22. br\_\_\_\_y against the enemy *n.* courage in the face of danger
23. ha\_\_\_\_\_um player *n.* a small keyboard instrument that produces sound by the forcing of air through metal reeds, often used in Indian classical music
24. ste\_\_\_\_\_er role *n.* a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father
25. li\_\_\_\_te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
26. members of int\_\_\_\_\_sia *n.* the educated and intellectual elite of society, particularly those involved in cultural or artistic pursuits
27. unr\_\_\_\_\_le source of information *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
28. baseless pre\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
29. sus\_\_\_\_\_ce allowance *n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
30. brown h\_\_e *n.* a fast-running mammal with long ears and a short tail that closely resembles a rabbit but is larger and has longer hind legs

ANSWERS: 20. canyon, 21. blazing, 22. bravery, 23. harmonium, 24. stepfather, 25. liberate, 26. intelligentsia, 27. unreliable, 28. pretension, 29. sustenance, 30. hare

31. feel di\_\_y *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
32. artistic int\_\_\_\_\_sia *n.* the educated and intellectual elite of society, particularly those involved in cultural or artistic pursuits
33. brevet co\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
34. a w\_n smile *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
35. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
36. ca\_\_\_n of skyscrapers *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
37. su\_\_\_\_\_n candle *n.* the time of day when the sun sets below the horizon; twilight; dusk
38. emphasize ind\_\_\_\_\_ity *n.* the qualities or characters that distinguish a particular person or thing from others of the same kind
39. ex\_\_\_\_\_e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
40. de\_\_\_\_\_te for Christmas *v.* to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc
41. medieval cr\_\_\_\_\_ow *n.* a weapon consisting of a bow mounted on a stock that shoots projectiles, such as arrows, by pulling a trigger

ANSWERS: 31. dizzy, 32. intelligentsia, 33. colonel, 34. wan, 35. opportune, 36. canyon, 37. sundown, 38. individuality, 39. explode, 40. decorate, 41. crossbow

42. a ri\_\_\_e of laughter *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
43. w\_n light *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
44. pre\_\_\_\_\_on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
45. your ind\_\_\_\_\_ity *n.* the qualities or characters that distinguish a particular person or thing from others of the same kind
46. de\_\_\_\_\_ed confession *n.* a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life
47. cr\_\_\_\_\_ow bolts *n.* a weapon consisting of a bow mounted on a stock that shoots projectiles, such as arrows, by pulling a trigger
48. had a di\_\_y spell *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
49. Indian ha\_\_\_\_\_um *n.* a small keyboard instrument that produces sound by the forcing of air through metal reeds, often used in Indian classical music
50. supportive ste\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father

ANSWERS: 42. ripple, 43. wan, 44. pretension, 45. individuality, 46. deathbed, 47. crossbow, 48. dizzy, 49. harmonium, 50. stepfather

51. ri\_\_\_e in the water

*n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

52. poison f\_\_g

*n.* a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals

ANSWERS: 51. ripple, 52. fang

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The hunter aimed his \_\_\_\_\_ at the deer in the forest.  
*n.* a weapon consisting of a bow mounted on a stock that shoots projectiles, such as arrows, by pulling a trigger
  
2. Many businesses felt the \_\_\_\_\_ effect of the economy's decline.  
*n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
  
3. I didn't get along with my \_\_\_\_\_ when I was young, but now we're like best friends.  
*n.* a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father
  
4. The vampire bared its \_\_\_\_\_ and growled.  
*n.* a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals
  
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ forest covers vast areas of Canada and Alaska.  
*adj.* relating to the Northern Hemisphere or relating to the northern forests called taiga
  
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*n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
  
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ANSWERS: 1. crossbow, 2. ripple, 3. stepfather, 4. fangs, 5. boreal, 6. sustenance, 7. deathbed

8. Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ sun beat down on the desert.  
*adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive
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11. He has a strong sense of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the qualities or characters that distinguish a particular person or thing from others of the same kind
12. The Army \_\_\_\_\_ led the troops into battle.  
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14. By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
15. They \_\_\_\_\_ the room with balloons and streamers for the birthday party.  
*v.* to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc
16. The musician played a beautiful melody on the \_\_\_\_\_ during the church service.  
*n.* a small keyboard instrument that produces sound by the forcing of air through metal reeds, often used in Indian classical music

ANSWERS: 8. dizzy, 9. blazing, 10. intelligentsia, 11. individuality, 12. colonel, 13. aurora, 14. unreliable, 15. decorated, 16. harmonium

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21. His \_\_\_\_ complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.
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ANSWERS: 17. hares, 18. rev, 19. bravery, 20. pretensions, 21. wan, 22. liberated, 23. opportune, 24. exploded

25. We watched the beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ over the horizon with peace and tranquility.

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26. The Grand \_\_\_\_\_ has an awe-inspiring sight.

*n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

ANSWERS: 25. sundown, 26. Canyon