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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### slum

*n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

*synonym* : shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

### polio

*n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

*synonym* : poliomyelitis, infantile paralysis

(1) **polio** epidemic, (2) **polio** eradication

The **polio** vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

### paralyze

*v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

*synonym* : immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

**scar**

*n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

*synonym* : blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

**infect**

*v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

*synonym* : pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

**malnourished**

*adj.* not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong

*synonym* : undernourished, underfed

(1) premature **malnourished** infant, (2) **malnourished** population

**Malnourished** children are at risk of developmental delays and chronic health problems.

**confine**

*v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something

*synonym* : restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

**aback**

*adv.* to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something

*synonym* : surprised, astounded, shocked

(1) flat **aback**, (2) **aback** shock

The sudden news of the merger took me **aback**.

**overlook**

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

*synonym* : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

## immunization

*n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure

*synonym* : vaccination, shot, inoculation

(1) **immunization** program, (2) childhood **immunization**

Due to the success of **immunization** programs, certain diseases, such as smallpox, have been eradicated.

## uncounted

*adj.* too numerous to be counted; too many to be counted or estimated accurately

*synonym* : unaccounted, myriad, countless

(1) **uncounted** ballots, (2) **uncounted** stars

The **uncounted** number of volunteers who helped during the disaster was truly inspiring.

## unprotected

*adj.* not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense

*synonym* : uncovered, defenseless, vulnerable

(1) **unprotected** area, (2) **unprotected** Wi-Fi

It's important never to have **unprotected** sex to prevent the spread of STDs.

## stateless

*adj.* having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government

*synonym* : without citizenship, homeless

(1) become **stateless**, (2) **stateless** person

The **stateless** refugees were not allowed to enter the country.

## sub-Saharan

*adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

## unbanked

*adj.* not having a bank account or access to any financial services

(1) **unbanked** customers, (2) those who are **unbanked**  
2.5 billion people in the world remain **unbanked**.

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym* : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## orderly

*adj.* clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way

*synonym* : tidy, tidied, neat

(1) **orderly** and fair market, (2) **orderly** manner

The elections were handled in a timely and **orderly** manner.

## uphold

*v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

*synonym* : defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

## paternity

*n.* the state of being a father; the attribution of a specific child to a particular father; the characteristics or traits inherited or passed down from a father

*synonym* : fatherhood, fathering, parenthood

(1) **paternity** suit, (2) **paternity** test

The **paternity** leave policy at his workplace allowed him to take time off to bond with his new baby

## 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.

## **vaccinate**

*v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

*synonym*: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

## **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.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. s__m dwellers                | <i>n.</i> a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect |
| 2. imp_____ion on stage         | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation  |
| 3. in___t other animal species  | <i>v.</i> to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism   |
| 4. pa_____ze a city             | <i>v.</i> to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel  |
| 5. premature mal_____hed infant | <i>adj.</i> not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong   |
| 6. co_____e themselves solely   | <i>v.</i> to restrict the movement of someone or something  |
| 7. ov_____ok a street           | <i>v.</i> to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above  |
| 8. burn s__r                    | <i>n.</i> a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed  |
| 9. unp_____ed Wi-Fi             | <i>adj.</i> not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense  |
| 10. or_____y manner             | <i>adj.</i> clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way   |

ANSWERS: 1. slum, 2. improvisation, 3. infect, 4. paralyze, 5. malnourished, 6. confine, 7. overlook, 8. scar, 9. unprotected, 10. orderly

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 11. become st_____ss               | <i>adj.</i> having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government  |
| 12. jazz imp_____ion               | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation  |
| 13. sub_____an countries           | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert  |
| 14. flat ab__k                     | <i>adv.</i> to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something  |
| 15. un_____ed ballots              | <i>adj.</i> too numerous to be counted; too many to be counted or estimated accurately  |
| 16. po__o epidemic                 | <i>n.</i> an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability |
| 17. in___t a computer with a virus | <i>v.</i> to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism   |
| 18. carry a s__r                   | <i>n.</i> a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed  |
| 19. co_____e the scope of use      | <i>v.</i> to restrict the movement of someone or something  |
| 20. ov_____ok that fact            | <i>v.</i> to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above  |
| 21. those who are un_____ed        | <i>adj.</i> not having a bank account or access to any financial services   |
| 22. un_____ed customers            | <i>adj.</i> not having a bank account or access to any financial services   |

ANSWERS: 11. stateless, 12. improvisation, 13. sub-Saharan, 14. aback, 15. uncounted, 16. polio, 17. infect, 18. scar, 19. confine, 20. overlook, 21. unbanked, 22. unbanked

23. 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
24. pa\_\_\_\_\_ty test                            *n.* the state of being a father; the attribution of a specific child to a particular father; the characteristics or traits inherited or passed down from a father
25. 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
26. po\_\_o eradication                         *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
27. pa\_\_\_\_\_ze a person                    *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
28. unp\_\_\_\_\_ed area                         *adj.* not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense
29. st\_\_\_\_\_ss person                       *adj.* having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government
30. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion                   *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
31. un\_\_\_\_\_ed stars                         *adj.* too numerous to be counted; too many to be counted or estimated accurately

ANSWERS: 23. inaction, 24. paternity, 25. inaction, 26. polio, 27. paralyze, 28. unprotected, 29. stateless, 30. opportune, 31. uncounted



32. sub\_\_\_\_\_an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
33. ab\_\_k shock *adv.* to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
34. va\_\_\_\_\_te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
35. up\_\_\_d tradition *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
36. s\_\_m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
37. up\_\_\_d the law *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
38. imm\_\_\_\_\_ion program *n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure
39. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
40. or\_\_\_\_\_y and fair market *adj.* clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way
41. childhood imm\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure

ANSWERS: 32. sub-Saharan, 33. aback, 34. vaccinate, 35. uphold, 36. slum, 37. uphold, 38. immunization, 39. opportune, 40. orderly, 41. immunization

42. va\_\_\_\_\_te against scarlet fever      *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
43. mal\_\_\_\_\_hed population      *adj.* not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong
44. pa\_\_\_\_\_ty suit      *n.* the state of being a father; the attribution of a specific child to a particular father; the characteristics or traits inherited or passed down from a father

ANSWERS: 42. vaccinate, 43. malnourished, 44. paternity

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. The judge may \_\_\_\_\_ the decision of the lower court.  
*v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
3. The nurse \_\_\_\_\_ the children in the school.  
*v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
4. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ leave policy at his workplace allowed him to take time off to bond with his new baby  
*n.* the state of being a father; the attribution of a specific child to a particular father; the characteristics or traits inherited or passed down from a father
6. Even after the wound has healed, a \_\_\_\_\_ remains.  
*n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
7. \_\_\_\_\_ in response to climate change poses a dire threat to our future.  
*n.* the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. uphold, 3. vaccinated, 4. improvisation, 5. paternity, 6. scar, 7. Inaction

8. It's important never to have \_\_\_\_\_ sex to prevent the spread of STDs.  
*adj.* not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense
9. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ an opportunity for great success.  
*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
10. The animal was \_\_\_\_\_ in a small cage.  
*v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
11. 2.5 billion people in the world remain \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* not having a bank account or access to any financial services
12. The sudden news of the merger took me \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
13. Children often \_\_\_\_\_ parents with this head cold.  
*v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ number of volunteers who helped during the disaster was truly inspiring.  
*adj.* too numerous to be counted; too many to be counted or estimated accurately
15. The elections were handled in a timely and \_\_\_\_\_ manner.  
*adj.* clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way
16. \_\_\_\_\_ children are at risk of developmental delays and chronic health problems.  
*adj.* not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong

ANSWERS: 8. unprotected, 9. overlook, 10. confined, 11. unbanked, 12. aback, 13. infect, 14. uncounted, 15. orderly, 16. Malnourished

17. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
18. The coffee producers in \_\_\_\_\_ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.
- adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ refugees were not allowed to enter the country.
- adj.* having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government
20. Due to the success of \_\_\_\_\_ programs, certain diseases, such as smallpox, have been eradicated.
- n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.
- n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
22. The venom from the snake bite \_\_\_\_\_ his arm.
- v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

ANSWERS: 17. slums, 18. sub-Saharan, 19. stateless, 20. immunization, 21. polio, 22. paralyzed