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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### oncoming

*adj.* approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer

*synonym*: approaching, incoming, imminent

(1) **oncoming** traffic, (2) **oncoming** disaster

The driver had to swerve to avoid an **oncoming** car that veered into his lane.

### superpower

*n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

*synonym*: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

### outdo

*v.* to do better than someone; to surpass

*synonym*: excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

## superhero

*n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

(1) **superhero** movies, (2) **superhero** comics

Superman is a classic **superhero** known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.

## nanosecond

*n.* one thousand millionth or billionth (= 0.000,000,001) of a second

(1) **nanosecond** response, (2) **nanosecond** laser pulse

The processor performs calculations on the **nanosecond** timescale.

## centimeter

*n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

(1) **centimeter** measurement, (2) thirty **centimeters** tall

The room was only one **centimeter** wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.

## picosecond

*n.* a unit of time that is equal to one trillionth ( $10^{-12}$ ) of a second

*synonym*: trillionth of a second

(1) **picosecond** resolution, (2) **picosecond** pulse

The computer processor can execute instructions in a **picosecond**.

## scatter

*v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions

*synonym*: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

## glossy

*adj.* having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish

*synonym*: shiny, polished, gleaming

(1) **glossy** lipstick, (2) **glossy** photograph

The magazine cover had a **glossy** finish, making the images

shine.

## discotheque

*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

*synonym*: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

## discus

*n.* a heavy, flat round object that is thrown in athletic competitions, consisting of a central hub with a raised rim and a metal or wooden plate attached to the edge, which is thrown by spinning rapidly and releasing it from the hand

*synonym*: disc, saucer, plate

(1) Olympic **discus**, (2) **discus** event

The athlete's personal best in the **discus** throw earned her a spot on the national team.

## facet

*n.* one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something

*synonym*: aspect, side, angle

(1) **facet** to a question, (2) important **facet**

The different **facets** of his personality make him a complex individual.

## visualize

*v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

*synonym*: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

## illuminating

*adj.* making something clear or easy to understand; providing light

*synonym*: enlightening, informative, clarifying

(1) **illuminating** light, (2) an **illuminating** answer

The lecture was **illuminating** and gave me a new perspective on the topic.

## **firework**

*n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited

*synonym*: pyrotechnic, sparkler, firecracker

(1) **firework** discharge, (2) grand **firework** display

The children were excited to see the **firework** show.

## **reconstruct**

*v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

*synonym*: rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text

They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

## **tracksuit**

*n.* a two-piece athletic outfit consisting of a jacket and pants, often made of lightweight and breathable material, commonly worn during exercise or athletic activities

*synonym*: training suit, sports suit

(1) black **tracksuit**, (2) **tracksuit** pants

I wore a comfortable **tracksuit** on my flight to Europe.

## **biomedical**

*adj.* relating to the application of the natural sciences, especially biology, and physiology, to clinical medicine and healthcare

*synonym*: medical, clinical, health-related

(1) **biomedical** assay, (2) cutting-edge **biomedical**

**Biomedical** engineering focuses on developing new medical technologies and innovations to improve patient health outcomes.

## **bulky**

*adj.* taking up much space or being difficult to move because of its size or weight; large and unwieldy

*synonym*: large, cumbersome, unwieldy

(1) **bulky** material, (2) **bulky** packaging

The **bulky** furniture made it difficult to move around the small room.

## **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**.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|----------------------------|---|
| 1. su_____ro comics        | <i>n.</i> a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public   |
| 2. thirty cen_____ers tall | <i>n.</i> a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter  |
| 3. bu__y material          | <i>adj.</i> taking up much space or being difficult to move because of its size or weight; large and unwieldy   |
| 4. ill_____ing light       | <i>adj.</i> making something clear or easy to understand; providing light   |
| 5. black tr_____it         | <i>n.</i> a two-piece athletic outfit consisting of a jacket and pants, often made of lightweight and breathable material, commonly worn during exercise or athletic activities       |
| 6. fa__t to a question     | <i>n.</i> one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something |
| 7. on_____ng disaster      | <i>adj.</i> approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer   |
| 8. pic_____nd resolution   | <i>n.</i> a unit of time that is equal to one trillionth ( $10^{-12}$ ) of a second   |

ANSWERS: 1. superhero, 2. centimeter, 3. bulky, 4. illuminating, 5. tracksuit, 6. facet, 7. oncoming, 8. picosecond

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| 9. gl___y lipstick               | <i>adj.</i> having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish   |
| 10. tr_____it pants              | <i>n.</i> a two-piece athletic outfit consisting of a jacket and pants, often made of lightweight and breathable material, commonly worn during exercise or athletic activities   |
| 11. rec_____ct an image          | <i>v.</i> to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed   |
| 12. ou__o the competition        | <i>v.</i> to do better than someone; to surpass   |
| 13. rec_____ct the original text | <i>v.</i> to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed   |
| 14. sup_____er leader            | <i>n.</i> a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities |
| 15. dis_____ue scene             | <i>n.</i> a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance  |
| 16. nan_____nd response          | <i>n.</i> one thousand millionth or billionth (= 0.000,000,001) of a second   |
| 17. an ill_____ing answer        | <i>adj.</i> making something clear or easy to understand; providing light   |
| 18. vi_____ze data               | <i>v.</i> to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible   |

ANSWERS: 9. glossy, 10. tracksuit, 11. reconstruct, 12. outdo, 13. reconstruct, 14. superpower, 15. discotheque, 16. nanosecond, 17. illuminating, 18. visualize

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| 19. di___s event                   | <i>n.</i> a heavy, flat round object that is thrown in athletic competitions, consisting of a central hub with a raised rim and a metal or wooden plate attached to the edge, which is thrown by spinning rapidly and releasing it from the hand |
| 20. sc____r seeds                  | <i>v.</i> to cause to separate and go in different directions  |
| 21. jazz imp_____ion               | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation   |
| 22. pic_____nd pulse               | <i>n.</i> a unit of time that is equal to one trillionth ( $10^{-12}$ ) of a second  |
| 23. cutting-edge bio_____al        | <i>adj.</i> relating to the application of the natural sciences, especially biology, and physiology, to clinical medicine and healthcare   |
| 24. bu__y packaging                | <i>adj.</i> taking up much space or being difficult to move because of its size or weight; large and unwieldy  |
| 25. important fa__t                | <i>n.</i> one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something  |
| 26. vi_____ze flying through space | <i>v.</i> to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible  |
| 27. sc____r around the internet    | <i>v.</i> to cause to separate and go in different directions  |

ANSWERS: 19. discuss, 20. scatter, 21. improvisation, 22. picosecond, 23. biomedical, 24. bulky, 25. facet, 26. visualize, 27. scatter



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| 28. nan_____nd laser pulse  | <i>n.</i> one thousand millionth or billionth (= 0.000,000,001) of a second  |
| 29. imp_____ion on stage    | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation   |
| 30. grand fi_____rk display | <i>n.</i> a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited  |
| 31. gl____y photograph      | <i>adj.</i> having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish  |
| 32. bio_____al assay        | <i>adj.</i> relating to the application of the natural sciences, especially biology, and physiology, to clinical medicine and healthcare   |
| 33. ou__o him in trickery   | <i>v.</i> to do better than someone; to surpass  |
| 34. Olympic di____s         | <i>n.</i> a heavy, flat round object that is thrown in athletic competitions, consisting of a central hub with a raised rim and a metal or wooden plate attached to the edge, which is thrown by spinning rapidly and releasing it from the hand |
| 35. sup_____er country      | <i>n.</i> a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities        |

ANSWERS: 28. nanosecond, 29. improvisation, 30. firework, 31. glossy, 32. biomedical, 33. outdo, 34. discus, 35. superpower

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| 36. on____ng traffic       | <i>adj.</i> approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer |
| 37. cen_____er measurement | <i>n.</i> a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter                          |
| 38. dis_____ue party       | <i>n.</i> a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance  |
| 39. su_____ro movies       | <i>n.</i> a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public           |
| 40. fi_____rk discharge    | <i>n.</i> a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited                                       |

ANSWERS: 36. oncoming, 37. centimeter, 38. discotheque, 39. superhero, 40. firework

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The driver had to swerve to avoid an \_\_\_\_\_ car that veered into his lane.  
*adj.* approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer
2. They've decided to \_\_\_\_\_ a ruined castle.  
*v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
3. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his rival by breaking the world record.  
*v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
4. The hunter's approach \_\_\_\_\_ the geese.  
*v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
5. The processor performs calculations on the \_\_\_\_\_ timescale.  
*n.* one thousand millionth or billionth (= 0.000,000,001) of a second
6. Superman is a classic \_\_\_\_\_ known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.  
*n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
7. The different \_\_\_\_\_ of his personality make him a complex individual.  
*n.* one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something
8. \_\_\_\_\_ engineering focuses on developing new medical technologies and innovations to improve patient health outcomes.  
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ANSWERS: 1. oncoming, 2. reconstruct, 3. outdo, 4. scattered, 5. nanosecond, 6. superhero, 7. facets, 8. Biomedical

9. The athlete's personal best in the \_\_\_\_\_ throw earned her a spot on the national team.
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ANSWERS: 9. discus, 10. tracksuit, 11. picosecond, 12. glossy, 13. improvisation, 14. superpower, 15. firework

16. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the layout of the new house in her mind.

*v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

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*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

18. The lecture was \_\_\_\_\_ and gave me a new perspective on the topic.

*adj.* making something clear or easy to understand; providing light

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20. The \_\_\_\_\_ furniture made it difficult to move around the small room.

*adj.* taking up much space or being difficult to move because of its size or weight; large and unwieldy

ANSWERS: 16. visualize, 17. discotheque, 18. illuminating, 19. centimeter, 20. bulky