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# **Advanced Words Only**

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# **Session 1: Word List**

jean

 a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

synonym: denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of jeans to the party.

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.

pardon

 to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

synonym: forgive, excuse, absolve

(1) pardon me, (2) supplicate for pardon

The governor decided to **pardon** the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.

commute

 to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work synonym: travel, journey, trip

# (1) commute to work, (2) daily commute

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

### expunge

v. to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot out or destroy; to strike out or delete from a record or registry

synonym: erase, delete, remove

(1) **expunge** a memory, (2) **expunge** a word from a text The court ordered to **expunge** the criminal record of the falsely accused individual.

# disparity

 a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

synonym: difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity** 

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

# inequity

n. a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice

synonym: injustice, unfairness, bias

(1) inequity in education, (2) market inequity

There's an **inequity** in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.

#### resentment

- n. bitterness or indignation at being treated unfairlysynonym: bitterness, enmity, animosity
- (1) abiding **resentment**, (2) bitter **resentment**She felt **resentment** towards her boss for not giving her a promotion.

# apartheid

 a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

synonym: segregation, discrimination, oppression

(1) apartheid system, (2) apartheid policies

The South African government enforced **apartheid** laws that segregated people based on race.

anew

adv. in a new or different way synonym: again, once more, fresh

(1) arm anew, (2) review anew

He decided to start **anew** and leave his old life behind.

# 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.

#### convict

- v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prisonsynonym: condemn, sentence, judge
- (1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

#### mustache

- n. an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip synonym: whisker
- a gray mustache,
   big mustache
   actor's mustache has become an icon.

#### incarceration

- n. the state of being confined in prison or jailsynonym: confinement, imprisonment, detention
- (1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

  The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

#### offend

- v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed synonym: insult, hurt, anger
- (1) offend his sensibilities, (2) offend a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

#### condemn

- v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something synonym: criticize, denounce, censure
- (1) condemn violence, (2) condemn crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

### pun

 a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty pun, (2) silly pun

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

#### warlord

 a military leader who has gained control over a region or territory, typically through force or intimidation; a commander of an army or group of soldiers who operates outside the control of a legitimate government

synonym: chieftain, commander, leader

(1) tribal warlord, (2) regional warlord

The **warlord's** army was well-equipped and well-trained, making them a formidable force to reckon with.

#### enlist

v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

synonym: join, sign up, appoint

(1) enlist in a cause, (2) enlist for a soldier

He decided to **enlist** in the military after graduating from high school.

#### resonant

 adj. tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling

synonym: echoing, reverberating, resonating

(1) **resonant** with the sound, (2) **resonant** cavity

The resonant frequency of the guitar string was measured

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#### with a tuner.

# disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

- (1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.
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#### narrate

v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

synonym: tell, recount, describe

(1) **narrate** a news article, (2) **narrate** an event The audiobook hired a professional actor to **narrate** the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

# graffiti

- n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public placesynonym: street art, tagging, vandalism
- (1) graffiti art, (2) graffiti tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

#### escalate

 $\nu$ . to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

*synonym*: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate** 

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

#### orchestrate

v. to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music

*synonym*: plan, coordinate, arrange

(1) **orchestrate** a takeover, (2) **orchestrate** the political

#### reinstatement

He carefully **orchestrated** the details of his business plan.

### wrongdoing

- n. an improper or illegal behavior or actionsynonym: misconduct, crime, offense
- (1) an accusation of **wrongdoing**, (2) willful **wrongdoing**The CEO of the company denied any **wrongdoing** while admitting to mismanagement.

#### accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

# adversary

 a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

synonym: opponent, enemy, foe

(1) adversary team, (2) political adversary

The boxer's toughest adversary was his fear of losing.

# jubilee

a special anniversary or celebration, especially one marking a 25th, 50th, or 60th year

*synonym*: anniversary, celebration, commemorative event

(1) jubilee procession, (2) golden jubilee

The royal family celebrated their **jubilee** with a parade and a special concert.

#### papal

adj. relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

synonym: pontifical, papistic, apostolical

(1) papal authority, (2) papal visit

The **papal** palace was a grand and imposing structure.

## indigent

adj. lacking the necessities of life, especially food and shelter, or lacking the means to acquire them; poor or destitute

synonym: deprived, impoverished, needy

(1) **indigent** population, (2) **indigent** elderly

The charity organization provides aid and support to **indigent** communities.

# amnesty

- n. a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimessynonym: pardon, clemency, reprieve
- (1) grant an **amnesty**, (2) **amnesty** for debt The government declared **amnesty** for all political prisoners.

### lawbreaker

 a person who breaks the law, especially habitually or deliberately

synonym: criminal, offender, transgressor

(1) **lawbreaker** behavior, (2) accuse and judge **lawbreaker** The **lawbreaker's** past criminal record was considered when determining the sentence.

widen

 to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

synonym: broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

# **Session 2: Spelling**

1. a j\_\_n skirt

2. grant an am\_\_\_\_y

3. wi\_\_n in excitement

4. abiding res\_\_\_\_nt

5. ac\_\_\_e his rudeness

6. co\_\_\_t in a jail

7. witty p\_n

8. law\_\_\_\_er behavior

9. bitter res\_\_\_\_nt

10. daily co\_\_\_\_e

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- n. a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
- v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
- n. bitterness or indignation at being treated unfairly
- v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
- v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
- a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
- n. a person who breaks the law, especially habitually or deliberately
- n. bitterness or indignation at being treated unfairly
- v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

ANSWERS: 1. jean, 2. amnesty, 3. widen, 4. resentment, 5. accuse, 6. convict, 7. pun, 8. lawbreaker, 9. resentment, 10. commute

14. orc\_\_\_\_\_te the political reinstatement
 ν. to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music
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17. na e an event

18. ex\_\_\_\_e a word from a text

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20. income di ty

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

adv. in a new or different way

 to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

v. to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot out or destroy; to strike out or delete from a record or registry

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

*n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

ANSWERS: 11. graffiti, 12. pun, 13. widen, 14. orchestrate, 15. condemn, 16. anew, 17. narrate, 18. expunge, 19. opportune, 20. disparity

| 21. an opne remark        | adj.       | suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose  |
|---------------------------|------------|--|
| 22. ovok that fact        | <i>v</i> . | to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above   |
| 23. rent cavity           | adj.       | tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling  |
| 24. market inty           | n.         | a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice  |
| 25. ofd his sensibilities | ν.         | to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed  |
| 26. big muhe              | n.         | an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip  |
| 27. to este               | <i>v</i> . | to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious   |
| 28. jn denim              | n.         | a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing  |
| 29. tribal wad            | n.         | a military leader who has gained control<br>over a region or territory, typically<br>through force or intimidation; a<br>commander of an army or group of<br>soldiers who operates outside the<br>control of a legitimate government |
| 30. supplicate for pan    | v.         | to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense  |

ANSWERS: 21. opportune, 22. overlook, 23. resonant, 24. inequity, 25. offend, 26. mustache, 27. escalate, 28. jean, 29. warlord, 30. pardon

| 31. | ace each other               | ν.         | to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing  |
|-----|------------------------------|------------|--|
| 32. | incion rates                 | n.         | the state of being confined in prison or jail  |
| 33. | review aw                    | adv.       | in a new or different way  |
| 34. | dit a well-ordered condition | <i>v</i> . | to prevent or stop something, especially<br>an event, activity, or process, from<br>continuing in the usual way by causing<br>a problem or disturbance                                 |
| 35. | accuse and judge lawer       | n.         | a person who breaks the law, especially habitually or deliberately   |
| 36. | ent for a soldier            | ν.         | to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization   |
| 37. | inty in education            | n.         | a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice  |
| 38. | ofd a customer               | v.         | to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed  |
| 39. | orcte a takeover             | <i>v</i> . | to plan, coordinate, or arrange<br>something, especially skillfully or<br>cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or<br>directing the elements of a composition,<br>especially in music |
| 40. | paI authority                | adj.       | relating to the pope (= the head of the<br>Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman<br>Catholic Church  |
| 41. | a gray muhe                  | n.         | an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip  |
| 42. | political adry               | n.         | a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent   |
|     |                              |            |  |

ANSWERS: 31. accuse, 32. incarceration, 33. anew, 34. disrupt, 35. lawbreaker, 36. enlist, 37. inequity, 38. offend, 39. orchestrate, 40. papal, 41. mustache, 42. adversary

| 43. | cot him of manslaughter | <i>v</i> . | to prove or declare someone to be<br>guilty of a crime; (noun) a person<br>serving a sentence in a jail or prison  |
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| 44. | apid policies           | n.         | a system of racial segregation and<br>discrimination that was enforced in<br>South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any<br>similar system of discrimination or<br>segregation based on race, ethnicity, or<br>other factors |
| 45. | con violence            | v.         | to express strong disapproval or criticism of something  |
| 46. | pal visit               | adj.       | relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church  |
| 47. | apid system             | n.         | a system of racial segregation and<br>discrimination that was enforced in<br>South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any<br>similar system of discrimination or<br>segregation based on race, ethnicity, or<br>other factors |
| 48. | jue procession          | n.         | a special anniversary or celebration, especially one marking a 25th, 50th, or 60th year  |
| 49. | adry team               | n.         | a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent   |
| 50. | willful wrong           | n.         | an improper or illegal behavior or action  |
| 51. | golden jue              | n.         | a special anniversary or celebration, especially one marking a 25th, 50th, or 60th year  |

ANSWERS: 43. convict, 44. apartheid, 45. condemn, 46. papal, 47. apartheid, 48. jubilee, 49. adversary, 50. wrongdoing, 51. jubilee

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| 53. | grti art                                 | n.         | writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place  |
| 54. | dit sleep                                | v.         | to prevent or stop something, especially<br>an event, activity, or process, from<br>continuing in the usual way by causing<br>a problem or disturbance |
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| 57. | amy for debt                             | n.         | a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes   |
| 58. | innt population                          | adj.       | lacking the necessities of life, especially food and shelter, or lacking the means to acquire them; poor or destitute                                  |
| 59. | an accusation of wrong                   | n.         | an improper or illegal behavior or action  |
| 60. | innt elderly                             | adj.       | lacking the necessities of life, especially food and shelter, or lacking the means to acquire them; poor or destitute                                  |
| 61. | pan me                                   | ν.         | to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense                              |
| 62. | exe a memory                             | v.         | to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot<br>out or destroy; to strike out or delete<br>from a record or registry  |

ANSWERS: 52. resonant, 53. graffiti, 54. disrupt, 55. incarceration, 56. escalate, 57. amnesty, 58. indigent, 59. wrongdoing, 60. indigent, 61. pardon, 62. expunge

| 63. | the dity between theory and reality | n.         | a significant difference or inequality between two or more things  |
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| 68. | ent in a cause                      | <i>v</i> . | to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization   |

ANSWERS: 63. disparity, 64. commute, 65. narrate, 66. overlook, 67. warlord, 68. enlist

# **Session 3: Fill in the Blanks**

| 1.<br>n. | She wore her favorite pair of to the party. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing                    |
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| 2.<br>v. | We cannot an opportunity for great success.  to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above                  |
| 3.<br>n. | The CEO of the company denied any while admitting to mismanagement.  an improper or illegal behavior or action                                 |
| 4.<br>n. | There's an in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice |
|          | There is a significant in pay between men and women in the company.  a significant difference or inequality between two or more things         |
| 6.<br>n. | The actor's has become an icon. an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip  |
|          | The judge sentenced him to five years of for embezzlement. the state of being confined in prison or jail                                       |
| 8.       | The past criminal record was considered when determining the sentence.   |
| n.       | a person who breaks the law, especially habitually or deliberately   |
|          | SWERS: 1. jeans, 2. overlook, 3. wrongdoing, 4. inequity, 5. disparity, 6. stache. 7. incarceration, 8. lawbreaker's                           |

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|           | He his investigation into a medical clinic. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive  |
| 34.<br>v. | He was on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.  to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison |

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ANSWERS: 32. opportune, 33. widened, 34. convicted