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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### flint

*n.* a hard, gray stone that can produce sparks when struck with steel used historically to start fires; a type of microcrystalline quartz used for making tools, weapons, and jewelry

*synonym* : hardstone, tinder, firestone

(1) **flint** tools, (2) the **flint** on my lighter

The archeologist found a **flint** arrowhead on the dig site.

### Zion

*n.* a term used in the Bible to refer to the hill in Jerusalem, which is the symbolic center of Jewish worship and identity; in a broader sense, Zion sometimes refers to the Jewish people, the land of Israel, or the idea of a promised homeland for the Jewish nation

*synonym* : jerusalem, promised land, holy city

(1) going up to **Zion**, (2) the ancient land of **Zion**

The Jewish people strongly connect to **Zion** as a symbol of their homeland and identity.

### obsessive

*adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

*synonym* : compulsive, fixated, besetting

(1) **obsessive-compulsive** disorder, (2) **obsessive**

thoughts

Her **obsessive** behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

## 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.

## contaminate

*v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

*synonym*: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

## whit

*n.* a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all

*synonym*: bit, atom, smidgen

(1) a **whit** of evidence, (2) not a **whit** of difference

His argument had a **whit** of truth, but it was primarily exaggerated.

## 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.

## Legionella

*n.* a bacterium found in water sources responsible for causing Legionnaires' disease, a serious form of pneumonia

(1) **Legionella** infection, (2) **Legionella** outbreak  
**Legionella** bacteria can be found in natural water sources such as rivers and lakes.

## autoimmune

*adj.* relating to a condition in which the body's immune system attacks and destroys healthy body tissue, mistaking it for harmful foreign substances

(1) insulin **autoimmune** syndrome, (2) **autoimmune** disorder

The presence of certain substances triggered the **autoimmune** response.

## lupus

*n.* an autoimmune disease that can affect various parts of the body, including the skin, joints, and internal organs, and is characterized by inflammation and tissue damage

(1) drug-induced **lupus**, (2) **lupus** treatment

Treatment for **lupus** depends on the severity of the disease and may include medication, lifestyle changes, and regular check-ups with a rheumatologist.

## 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.

## deregulation

*n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs

*synonym*: liberalization

(1) **deregulation** of the economy, (2) aviation **deregulation**

The government's **deregulation** of the telecommunications industry led to increased competition.

## cofounder

*n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**  
He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

## facade

*n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one;  
superficial or false appearance intended to conceal  
something unpleasant

*synonym*: front, camouflage, masquerade

(1) the outside **facade** of a castle, (2) **facade** of wealth  
A gentle **facade** concealed his powerfulness.

## billboard

*n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for  
advertising, marketing, or public information, typically  
located along highways or main roads

*synonym*: hoarding, signboard, advertisement

(1) **billboard** advertising, (2) digital **billboard**  
The new **billboard** on the highway promotes a popular  
vacation destination.

## nestle

*v.* to settle comfortably or cozily into a place

*synonym*: snuggle, cuddle, curl up

(1) **nestle** deeper against him, (2) **nestle** in a cozy spot  
The cat **nestled** in my lap and fell asleep.

## aquifer

*n.* an underground layer of rock, sand, or Earth that can  
take in and hold water

(1) **aquifer** soil, (2) subsurface **aquifer**

Some areas melt snow by harnessing heat from underground  
**aquifers**.

## countdown

*n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often  
marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a  
term to describe the final stages leading up to a major  
event or deadline

*synonym*: timer

(1) **countdown** clock, (2) wedding **countdown**

The **countdown** to launch began as the astronauts prepared  
for their mission.

## **institutionalize**

*v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

*synonym*: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

## **manslaughter**

*n.* the killing of a person by another person, but without the intent to cause death, often resulting from reckless or negligent behavior or actions

*synonym*: unintentional homicide, accidental killing

(1) **manslaughter** charge, (2) involuntary **manslaughter**

The lawyer argued that his client's actions didn't constitute murder but were a case of **manslaughter** due to lack of intent.

## **condensation**

*n.* the process by which water vapor in the air turns into a liquid when it comes into contact with a surface that is cooler than the air; the act of making something more concise or shorter

*synonym*: vaporization, evaporation, precipitation

(1) **condensation** nuclei, (2) **condensation** of ideas

The **condensation** on the window was a clear sign of the high humidity.

## **lightheaded**

*adj.* feeling dizzy, weak, or faint; having a sensation of being slightly detached from reality or detached from one's surroundings

*synonym*: dizzy, giddy, faint

(1) become **lightheaded**, (2) **lightheaded** from dehydration

After the rollercoaster ride, I felt **lightheaded** and needed to sit down.

## **overwhelm**

*v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

*synonym*: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

## barbecue

*n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

*synonym* : grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) **barbecue** sauce, (2) **barbecue** grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

## sip

*v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

*synonym* : taste, sample, drink

(1) **sip** a drink, (2) take a **sip** of beer

He **sipped** his tea slowly, savoring the taste.

## poetic

*adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

*synonym* : literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the fl__t on my lighter   | <i>n.</i> a hard, gray stone that can produce sparks when struck with steel used historically to start fires; a type of microcrystalline quartz used for making tools, weapons, and jewelry                   |
| 2. con_____te with a disease | <i>v.</i> to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture   |
| 3. bi_____rd advertising     | <i>n.</i> a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads  |
| 4. ba_____ue sauce           | <i>n.</i> a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food |
| 5. po___c genius             | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way   |
| 6. co_____wn clock           | <i>n.</i> a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline                   |
| 7. aq_____r soil             | <i>n.</i> an underground layer of rock, sand, or Earth that can take in and hold water  |

ANSWERS: 1. flint, 2. contaminate, 3. billboard, 4. barbecue, 5. poetic, 6. countdown, 7. aquifer

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|--|
| 8. market in_____ty               | <i>n.</i>   | a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice  |
| 9. ins_____ize a system           | <i>v.</i>   | to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)   |
| 10. drug-induced lu__s            | <i>n.</i>   | an autoimmune disease that can affect various parts of the body, including the skin, joints, and internal organs, and is characterized by inflammation and tissue damage                   |
| 11. ob_____ve-compulsive disorder | <i>adj.</i> | relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors                          |
| 12. ins_____ize customary laws    | <i>v.</i>   | to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)   |
| 13. fl__t tools                   | <i>n.</i>   | a hard, gray stone that can produce sparks when struck with steel used historically to start fires; a type of microcrystalline quartz used for making tools, weapons, and jewelry          |
| 14. con_____ion nuclei            | <i>n.</i>   | the process by which water vapor in the air turns into a liquid when it comes into contact with a surface that is cooler than the air; the act of making something more concise or shorter |
| 15. 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                |

ANSWERS: 8. inequity, 9. institutionalize, 10. lupus, 11. obsessive, 12. institutionalize, 13. flint, 14. condensation, 15. facet



16. fa\_\_\_e of wealth *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
17. co\_\_\_\_\_er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
18. take a s\_p of beer *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
19. become lig\_\_\_\_\_ed *adj.* feeling dizzy, weak, or faint; having a sensation of being slightly detached from reality or detached from one's surroundings
20. subsurface aq\_\_\_\_r *n.* an underground layer of rock, sand, or Earth that can take in and hold water
21. con\_\_\_\_\_te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
22. Leg\_\_\_\_\_la infection *n.* a bacterium found in water sources responsible for causing Legionnaires' disease, a serious form of pneumonia
23. late co\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
24. wedding co\_\_\_\_\_wn *n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline
25. in\_\_\_\_\_ty in education *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
26. con\_\_\_\_\_ion of ideas *n.* the process by which water vapor in the air turns into a liquid when it comes into contact with a surface that is cooler than the air; the act of making something more concise or shorter

ANSWERS: 16. facade, 17. cofounder, 18. sip, 19. lightheaded, 20. aquifer, 21. contaminate, 22. Legionella, 23. cofounder, 24. countdown, 25. inequity, 26. condensation

27. po\_\_\_c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
28. aut\_\_\_\_\_ne disorder *adj.* relating to a condition in which the body's immune system attacks and destroys healthy body tissue, mistaking it for harmful foreign substances
29. s\_p a drink *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
30. important fa\_\_t *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
31. lig\_\_\_\_\_ed from dehydration *adj.* feeling dizzy, weak, or faint; having a sensation of being slightly detached from reality or detached from one's surroundings
32. going up to Z\_\_n *n.* a term used in the Bible to refer to the hill in Jerusalem, which is the symbolic center of Jewish worship and identity; in a broader sense, Zion sometimes refers to the Jewish people, the land of Israel, or the idea of a promised homeland for the Jewish nation
33. insulin aut\_\_\_\_\_ne syndrome *adj.* relating to a condition in which the body's immune system attacks and destroys healthy body tissue, mistaking it for harmful foreign substances

ANSWERS: 27. poetic, 28. autoimmune, 29. sip, 30. facet, 31. lightheaded, 32. Zion, 33. autoimmune

34. aviation der\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs
35. the outside fa\_\_\_e of a castle *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
36. not a w\_\_t of difference *n.* a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all
37. ne\_\_\_e in a cozy spot *v.* to settle comfortably or cozily into a place
38. man\_\_\_\_\_ter charge *n.* the killing of a person by another person, but without the intent to cause death, often resulting from reckless or negligent behavior or actions
39. in\_\_\_t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
40. in\_\_\_t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
41. digital bi\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
42. ob\_\_\_\_\_ve thoughts *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

ANSWERS: 34. deregulation, 35. facade, 36. whit, 37. nestle, 38. manslaughter, 39. infect, 40. infect, 41. billboard, 42. obsessive

43. der\_\_\_\_\_ion of the economy      *n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs
44. the ancient land of Z\_\_n      *n.* a term used in the Bible to refer to the hill in Jerusalem, which is the symbolic center of Jewish worship and identity; in a broader sense, Zion sometimes refers to the Jewish people, the land of Israel, or the idea of a promised homeland for the Jewish nation
45. he was ov\_\_\_\_\_lmed with gratitude      *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
46. lu\_\_s treatment      *n.* an autoimmune disease that can affect various parts of the body, including the skin, joints, and internal organs, and is characterized by inflammation and tissue damage
47. involuntary man\_\_\_\_\_ter      *n.* the killing of a person by another person, but without the intent to cause death, often resulting from reckless or negligent behavior or actions
48. ne\_\_\_e deeper against him      *v.* to settle comfortably or cozily into a place
49. Leg\_\_\_\_\_la outbreak      *n.* a bacterium found in water sources responsible for causing Legionnaires' disease, a serious form of pneumonia
50. a w\_\_t of evidence      *n.* a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all

ANSWERS: 43. deregulation, 44. Zion, 45. overwhelm, 46. lupus, 47. manslaughter, 48. nestle, 49. Legionella, 50. whit

51. ov\_\_\_\_\_lm opponents by numbers

*v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

52. ba\_\_\_\_\_ue grill

*n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

ANSWERS: 51. overwhelm, 52. barbecue

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. After the rollercoaster ride, I felt \_\_\_\_\_ and needed to sit down.  
*adj.* feeling dizzy, weak, or faint; having a sensation of being slightly detached from reality or detached from one's surroundings
2. The lawyer argued that his client's actions didn't constitute murder but were a case of \_\_\_\_\_ due to lack of intent.  
*n.* the killing of a person by another person, but without the intent to cause death, often resulting from reckless or negligent behavior or actions
3. 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
4. Too much variety may \_\_\_\_\_ and confuse viewers.  
*v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
5. The new policy aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the use of renewable energy sources.  
*v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
6. We strive not to \_\_\_\_\_ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.  
*v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
7. The new \_\_\_\_\_ on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.  
*n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads

ANSWERS: 1. lightheaded, 2. manslaughter, 3. facets, 4. overwhelm, 5. institutionalize, 6. contaminate, 7. billboard

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*v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
18. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ and chairman of this tech company.  
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ANSWERS: 15. poetic, 16. Legionella, 17. sipped, 18. cofounder, 19. aquifers, 20. obsessive, 21. autoimmune, 22. Zion



23. Treatment for \_\_\_\_\_ depends on the severity of the disease and may include medication, lifestyle changes, and regular check-ups with a rheumatologist.
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ANSWERS: 23. lupus, 24. countdown, 25. inequity, 26. whit