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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### durum

*n.* a type of wheat that is well-suited for making pasta and couscous due to its high protein content and superior gluten strength

*synonym* : hard wheat, macaroni wheat

(1) **durum** pasta, (2) **durum** wheat

This bakery specializes in bread made with organic **durum** flour.

### blossom

*n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

*synonym* : flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden

The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

### Renaissance

*n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

*synonym* : rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

- rib**
- n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
- synonym* : costa
- (1) brake a **rib**, (2) **rib** cage
- The accident caused a cracked **rib**.
- palate**
- n.* the roof of the mouth, including the hard and soft tissues used in speech and the sense of taste; a person's ability to taste or appreciate different flavors and tastes
- synonym* : mouth, flavor, sense
- (1) **palate** cleanser, (2) refined **palate**
- The restaurant's menu offered various dishes to satisfy everyone's **palate**.
- taxonomy**
- n.* the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area
- synonym* : classification, categorization, hierarchy
- (1) **taxonomy** system, (2) biological **taxonomy**
- The **taxonomy** of insects is incredibly complex due to the huge number of species.
- slant**
- v.* to lean or slope in a particular direction; to present or interpret information or a situation in a biased or distorted way
- synonym* : slope, tilt, incline
- (1) **slant** upward, (2) **slant** a hat
- The news article **slanted** the story in favor of one political party.
- hone**
- v.* to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice
- synonym* : sharpen, refine, perfect
- (1) **hone** abilities, (2) **hone** intuition

The athlete worked with a coach to **hone** her techniques and improve her performance.

## mandala

*n.* a geometric pattern representing the universe or a microcosm of it used in Hindu and Buddhist religious practices as a focus for meditation and contemplation

*synonym* : sacred circle, geometric pattern

(1) **mandala** tattoo, (2) **mandala** meditation

The **mandala** design on the temple floor is used for meditation and spiritual contemplation.

## mushy

*adj.* soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet

*synonym* : sappy, sentimental

(1) **mushy** romance, (2) **mushy** peas

The cake was **mushy** because I accidentally added too much milk to the batter.

## crunch

*n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

*synonym* : crushing, snapping, crisis

(1) financial **crunch**, (2) a gas **crunch**

The **crunch** of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

## carbohydrate

*n.* (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals

*synonym* : sugar, starch, cellulose

(1) complex **carbohydrate**, (2) **carbohydrate** metabolism

Foods high in **carbohydrates** include bread, pasta, and rice.

## scaffold

*n.* a temporary platform or structure used to support workers and materials during construction or maintenance work

*synonym* : platform, staging, framework

(1) **scaffold** construction, (2) go to the **scaffold**

The construction workers set up the **scaffold** to reach the top of the building.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. mu\_\_y romance *adj.* soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet
2. artistic ren\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
3. car\_\_\_\_\_ate metabolism *n.* (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals
4. ma\_\_\_\_\_a meditation *n.* a geometric pattern representing the universe or a microcosm of it used in Hindu and Buddhist religious practices as a focus for meditation and contemplation
5. mu\_\_y peas *adj.* soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet
6. refined pa\_\_\_e *n.* the roof of the mouth, including the hard and soft tissues used in speech and the sense of taste; a person's ability to taste or appreciate different flavors and tastes

ANSWERS: 1. mushy, 2. Renaissance, 3. carbohydrate, 4. mandala, 5. mushy, 6. palate

7. go to the sc\_\_\_\_ld *n.* a temporary platform or structure used to support workers and materials during construction or maintenance work
8. bl\_\_\_\_m garden *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
9. sl\_\_t a hat *v.* to lean or slope in a particular direction; to present or interpret information or a situation in a biased or distorted way
10. h\_\_e intuition *v.* to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice
11. financial cr\_\_\_\_h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
12. du\_\_m wheat *n.* a type of wheat that is well-suited for making pasta and couscous due to its high protein content and superior gluten strength
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ANSWERS: 7. scaffold, 8. blossom, 9. slant, 10. hone, 11. crunch, 12. durum, 13. scaffold, 14. mandala, 15. crunch

16. complex car\_\_\_\_\_ate *n.* (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals
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18. biological ta\_\_\_\_\_my *n.* the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area
19. ta\_\_\_\_\_my system *n.* the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area
20. sl\_\_t upward *v.* to lean or slope in a particular direction; to present or interpret information or a situation in a biased or distorted way
21. industrial ren\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
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23. r\_b cage *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
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ANSWERS: 23. rib, 24. hone, 25. durum, 26. rib



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of insects is incredibly complex due to the huge number of species.
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5. Folk music is now experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_.
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6. The news article \_\_\_\_\_ the story in favor of one political party.
  - v.* to lean or slope in a particular direction; to present or interpret information or a situation in a biased or distorted way

ANSWERS: 1. blossom, 2. crunch, 3. taxonomy, 4. rib, 5. renaissance, 6. slanted

7. The athlete worked with a coach to \_\_\_\_\_ her techniques and improve her performance.
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