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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

*synonym*: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

### confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym*: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

### ashore

*adv.* on or towards the land, as opposed to the sea or water

*synonym*: on the beach, on the shore

(1) bring **ashore**, (2) go **ashore** after sunset

The ship finally came **ashore** after a long voyage.

### beautify

v. to enhance the physical appearance of something by making it more attractive or aesthetically pleasing; to make something more attractive or appealing in general

*synonym*: embellish, enhance, decorate

(1) **beautify** my skin, (2) **beautify** a room

The city plans to **beautify** the park with new flowers and trees.

## bleach

*v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach

*synonym* : whiten, lighten, blanch

(1) **bleach** stains, (2) **bleach** hair

I need to **bleach** this shirt to remove the stains.

## toothbrush

*n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth

*synonym* : brush, scrubber, cleaner

(1) **toothbrush** stand, (2) power **toothbrush**

My **toothbrush** with end-rounded bristles is excellent for gently cleaning my teeth and gums.

## utensil

*n.* a tool used in the house

*synonym* : appliance, equipment, instrument

(1) cooking **utensils**, (2) cleaning **utensils**

This cuisine requires special kitchen **utensils**.

## fume

*v.* to emit gas, smoke, vapor, or a strong, unpleasant odor; to show anger, irritation, or annoyance in a visible way;  
(noun) gas or vapor that is emitted from a substance, usually as a result of heating or combustion

*synonym* : smoke, vaporize, emit

(1) **fume** with anger, (2) acrid **fumes**

The angry customer began to **fume** when their order was delayed.

## prosthetic

*adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant

(1) have **prosthetic** arms, (2) **prosthetic** limbs

New **prosthetic** joints are less prone to metal poisoning.

## hermit

*n.* a person who lives alone or in seclusion from society, typically for religious or spiritual reasons; a person who avoids social interactions or seeks solitude

*synonym* : recluse, solitary, anchorite

(1) **hermit** lifestyle, (2) mountain **hermit**

The **hermit-monk** spent his entire life in solitary contemplation, far from the world's hustle.

## ephemeral

*adj.* lasting or used for only a short time

*synonym*: temporary, momentary, brief

(1) **ephemeral** joys, (2) **ephemeral** materials

His success as a famous actor was **ephemeral**.

## exalt

*v.* to praise or honor someone or something highly; to elevate in status, rank, or position; to raise in intensity or intensity of emotion

*synonym*: glorify, elevate, promote

(1) **exalt** the magnificence, (2) **exalt** in victory

The tribe would **exalt** their leader with song and dance during special ceremonies.

## pedestal

*n.* a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed

*synonym*: base, stand, platform

(1) **pedestal** sink, (2) a stone **pedestal**

The statue was placed on a **pedestal** in the center of the park.

## curate

*n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

*synonym*: minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

## numb

*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

*synonym*: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

## smog

*n.* a type of air pollution that forms a mixture of smoke and fog resulting from the combustion of fossil fuels, industrial activity, and motor vehicle emissions in urban areas

*synonym* : smog, haze, pollution

(1) **smog** alert, (2) toxic **smog**

The heavy **smog** in the city was causing health issues for the residents.

## depict

*v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

*synonym* : illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

## degrade

*v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

*synonym* : demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

## recycle

*v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

*synonym* : reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

## endlessly

*adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

*synonym* : ceaselessly, interminably, unceasingly

(1) repeat **endlessly**, (2) worry **endlessly** about our future  
The procession of demonstrators was **endlessly** continuing.

## obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

*synonym*: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

## excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## morph

v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

*synonym*: alter, modify, transform

(1) **morph** into a different shape, (2) **morph** into something entirely different

This company **morphed** into an enterprise company.

## inextricable

*adj.* unable to be separated or escaped from

*synonym*: inescapable, inseparable, entangled

(1) an **inextricable** part of life, (2) form an **inextricable** bond

The knot was **inextricable**, and she had to use scissors to cut it.

## rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

*synonym*: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. re\_\_\_\_k a marketing plan  
*v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
2. he\_\_\_\_t lifestyle  
*n.* a person who lives alone or in seclusion from society, typically for religious or spiritual reasons; a person who avoids social interactions or seeks solitude
3. cu\_\_\_\_e an art website  
*n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
4. s\_\_g alert  
*n.* a type of air pollution that forms a mixture of smoke and fog resulting from the combustion of fossil fuels, industrial activity, and motor vehicle emissions in urban areas
5. re\_\_\_\_e milk packaging into new paper  
*v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
6. mountain he\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* a person who lives alone or in seclusion from society, typically for religious or spiritual reasons; a person who avoids social interactions or seeks solitude
7. acrid f\_\_es  
*v.* to emit gas, smoke, vapor, or a strong, unpleasant odor; to show anger, irritation, or annoyance in a visible way; (noun) gas or vapor that is emitted from a substance, usually as a result of heating or combustion

ANSWERS: 1. rethink, 2. hermit, 3. curate, 4. smog, 5. recycle, 6. hermit, 7. fume

8. n\_\_b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
9. de\_\_\_\_\_e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
10. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
11. ho\_\_\_\_\_y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
12. mo\_\_h into a different shape *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
13. pro\_\_\_\_\_ic limbs *adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
14. bring as\_\_\_e *adv.* on or towards the land, as opposed to the sea or water
15. de\_\_\_\_\_e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
16. f\_\_e with anger *v.* to emit gas, smoke, vapor, or a strong, unpleasant odor; to show anger, irritation, or annoyance in a visible way; (noun) gas or vapor that is emitted from a substance, usually as a result of heating or combustion

ANSWERS: 8. numb, 9. degrade, 10. excite, 11. horrify, 12. morph, 13. prosthetic, 14. ashore, 15. degrade, 16. fume

17. ex\_\_t in victory v. to praise or honor someone or something highly; to elevate in status, rank, or position; to raise in intensity or intensity of emotion
18. ex\_\_\_e rebellion v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
19. toxic s\_\_g n. a type of air pollution that forms a mixture of smoke and fog resulting from the combustion of fossil fuels, industrial activity, and motor vehicle emissions in urban areas
20. co\_\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
21. cooking ut\_\_\_\_\_ls n. a tool used in the house
22. re\_\_\_\_\_e the cardboard boxes v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
23. power too\_\_\_\_\_sh n. a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
24. he is ob\_\_\_sed with the fear v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
25. re\_\_\_\_\_k the role of the manager v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
26. go as\_\_\_e after sunset adv. on or towards the land, as opposed to the sea or water
27. an ine\_\_\_\_\_ble part of life adj. unable to be separated or escaped from
28. be\_\_\_\_\_fy a room v. to enhance the physical appearance of something by making it more attractive or aesthetically pleasing; to make something more attractive or appealing in general

ANSWERS: 17. exalt, 18. excite, 19. smog, 20. confuse, 21. utensil, 22. recycle, 23. toothbrush, 24. obsess, 25. rethink, 26. ashore, 27. inextricable, 28. beautify



29. bl\_\_\_h hair                      *v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
30. a n\_\_\_b mind                    *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
31. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener                      *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
32. de\_\_\_t a scene                      *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
33. ep\_\_\_\_\_al joys                      *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
34. have pro\_\_\_\_\_ic arms                      *adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
35. worry en\_\_\_\_\_ly about our future                      *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
36. a stone pe\_\_\_\_\_al                      *n.* a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed
37. be\_\_\_\_\_fy my skin                      *v.* to enhance the physical appearance of something by making it more attractive or aesthetically pleasing; to make something more attractive or appealing in general
38. mo\_\_h into something entirely different                      *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
39. form an ine\_\_\_\_\_ble bond                      *adj.* unable to be separated or escaped from

ANSWERS: 29. bleach, 30. numb, 31. confuse, 32. depict, 33. ephemeral, 34. prosthetic, 35. endlessly, 36. pedestal, 37. beautify, 38. morph, 39. inextricable

40. bl\_\_\_h stains      *v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
41. perpetual cu\_\_\_e      *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
42. ho\_\_\_\_y audience      *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
43. ob\_\_\_s over her weight      *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
44. ex\_\_t the magnificence      *v.* to praise or honor someone or something highly; to elevate in status, rank, or position; to raise in intensity or intensity of emotion
45. too\_\_\_\_\_sh stand      *n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
46. repeat en\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
47. de\_\_\_t a feeling of isolation      *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
48. ep\_\_\_\_\_al materials      *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
49. cleaning ut\_\_\_\_\_ls      *n.* a tool used in the house
50. pe\_\_\_\_\_al sink      *n.* a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed

ANSWERS: 40. bleach, 41. curate, 42. horrify, 43. obsess, 44. exalt, 45. toothbrush, 46. endlessly, 47. depict, 48. ephemeral, 49. utensil, 50. pedestal

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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The series of terrorist attacks \_\_\_\_\_ the entire nation.  
*v.* to shock or disgust greatly
  
2. The city plans to \_\_\_\_\_ the park with new flowers and trees.  
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3. We largely \_\_\_\_\_ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.  
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5. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
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ANSWERS: 1. horrify, 2. beautify, 3. recycle, 4. prosthetic, 5. excited, 6. utensils, 7. bleach

8. The statue was placed on a \_\_\_\_\_ in the center of the park.  
*n.* a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed
9. His son had accurately \_\_\_\_\_ the bloom.  
*v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
10. His success as a famous actor was \_\_\_\_\_.  
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ANSWERS: 24. degrade, 25. rethink