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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### irritating

*adj.* causing annoyance, frustration, or exasperation; provoking impatience or irritation

*synonym*: annoying, bothersome, vexing

(1) **irritating** noise, (2) **irritating** behavior

The garbage can in the kitchen has been producing an **irritating** smell for days.

### terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym*: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

### 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.

### industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## livelihood

*n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

*synonym*: occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

## smashing

*adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

*synonym*: great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

## confer

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym*: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## inconvenient

*adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

*synonym*: troublesome, difficult, awkward

(1) face an **inconvenient** truth, (2) **inconvenient** for shopping

It was **inconvenient** for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

## sanction

*n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

*synonym*: approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

## wreck

*n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

*synonym* : collapse, destruction, devastation

(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**

The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.

## hopeless

*adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

*synonym* : despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

## disastrous

*adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

*synonym* : catastrophic, destructive, fatal

(1) have **disastrous** consequences, (2) absolutely **disastrous** effect

The emission of hazardous substances has **disastrous** effects on the ecology of a region.

## decarbonize

*v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

*synonym* : decoke, decarburise, decarburize

(1) **decarbonize** their manufacturing process,

(2) **decarbonize** its energy system

We have to seek methods to **decarbonize** its fossil fuel economy.

## secondhand

*adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else

*synonym* : used, pre-owned, recycled

(1) **secondhand** car, (2) **secondhand** information

He was excited to find a vintage suit at the **secondhand** shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.

## drastic

*adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

*synonym* : extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

## reframe

*v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

*synonym* : redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem

The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

## leaflet

*n.* a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf

*synonym* : pamphlet, brochure, flier

(1) information **leaflet**, (2) political **leaflet**

The environmental group handed out **leaflets** to raise awareness of the dangers of deforestation.

## prioritize

*v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

*synonym* : rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

## doe

*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

*synonym* : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure

stags.

## **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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. information le\_\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf
2. pri\_\_\_\_\_ze tasks  
*v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
3. pri\_\_\_\_\_ze people over cars  
*v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
4. a means of liv\_\_\_\_\_od  
*n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
5. irr\_\_\_\_\_ng behavior  
*adj.* causing annoyance, frustration, or exasperation; provoking impatience or irritation
6. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng events  
*adj.* very frightening or intimidating
7. co\_\_\_\_r honor  
*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
8. make dr\_\_\_\_\_c revision  
*adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
9. dr\_\_\_\_\_c measures  
*adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
10. re\_\_\_\_\_e problem  
*v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
11. the house was a wr\_\_k  
*n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

ANSWERS: 1. leaflet, 2. prioritize, 3. prioritize, 4. livelihood, 5. irritating, 6. terrifying, 7. confer, 8. drastic, 9. drastic, 10. reframe, 11. wreck

12. 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
13. absolutely dis\_\_\_\_\_us effect      *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
14. sec\_\_\_\_\_nd information      *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
15. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize customary laws      *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
16. co\_\_\_\_r degree      *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
17. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize a system      *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
18. 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
19. d\_e rabbit      *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
20. dec\_\_\_\_\_ze their manufacturing process      *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
21. Imperial sa\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

ANSWERS: 12. overwhelm, 13. disastrous, 14. secondhand, 15. institutionalize, 16. confer, 17. institutionalize, 18. overwhelm, 19. doe, 20. decarbonize, 21. sanction

22. liv\_\_\_\_\_od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
23. have dis\_\_\_\_\_us consequences *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
24. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
25. re\_\_\_\_\_e resource allocation *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
26. buck and d\_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
27. political le\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf
28. popular sa\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
29. face an inc\_\_\_\_\_ent truth *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
30. irr\_\_\_\_\_ng noise *adj.* causing annoyance, frustration, or exasperation; provoking impatience or irritation

ANSWERS: 22. livelihood, 23. disastrous, 24. industrious, 25. reframe, 26. doe, 27. leaflet, 28. sanction, 29. inconvenient, 30. irritating



31. ho\_\_\_\_ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
32. ter\_\_\_\_ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
33. a worthless wr\_\_k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
34. a sm\_\_\_\_ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
35. ind\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
36. inc\_\_\_\_ent for shopping *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
37. give sm\_\_\_\_ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
38. dec\_\_\_\_ze its energy system *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
39. ho\_\_\_\_ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
40. sec\_\_\_\_nd car *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else

ANSWERS: 31. hopeless, 32. terrifying, 33. wreck, 34. smashing, 35. industrious, 36. inconvenient, 37. smashing, 38. decarbonize, 39. hopeless, 40. secondhand

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The band's new album was a \_\_\_\_\_ success, reaching the top of the charts.  
*adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
2. The therapist tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his negative thoughts.  
*v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
3. The environmental group handed out \_\_\_\_\_ to raise awareness of the dangers of deforestation.  
*n.* a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf
4. The global community is undergoing \_\_\_\_\_ changes at present.  
*adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
5. Hunters use a whistle that makes the \_\_\_\_ sound to lure stags.  
*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
6. 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.)
7. After months of job searching, he felt \_\_\_\_\_ and unsure of his future.  
*adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

ANSWERS: 1. smashing, 2. reframe, 3. leaflets, 4. drastic, 5. doe, 6. institutionalize, 7. hopeless

8. The garbage can in the kitchen has been producing an \_\_\_\_\_ smell for days.  
*adj.* causing annoyance, frustration, or exasperation; provoking impatience or irritation
9. 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
10. Large earthquakes often generate \_\_\_\_\_ tsunamis.  
*adj.* very frightening or intimidating
11. I could no longer earn my own \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
12. It was \_\_\_\_\_ for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.  
*adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
13. The emission of hazardous substances has \_\_\_\_\_ effects on the ecology of a region.  
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*n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
15. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.  
*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 8. irritating, 9. overwhelm, 10. terrifying, 11. livelihood, 12. inconvenient, 13. disastrous, 14. sanctions, 15. confer

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18. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

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20. We have to seek methods to \_\_\_\_\_ its fossil fuel economy.

*v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

ANSWERS: 16. secondhand, 17. prioritized, 18. industrious, 19. wreck, 20. decarbonize