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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### resilient

*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

*synonym*: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

### millennial

*adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

*synonym*: thousand, (noun) Generation Y

(1) **millennial** record, (2) the **millennial** reign

Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by **millennial-scale** changes in climate.

### human-made

*adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial

*synonym*: artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

## thunderstorm

*n.* a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind

*synonym*: tempest, lightning storm, deluge

(1) severe **thunderstorms**, (2) **thunderstorm** advisory

The forecast called for a chance of **thunderstorms** in the afternoon.

## sibilant

*adj.* producing a hissing sound, often with an "s" or "sh" sound

*synonym*: hissing, whispering, murmuring

(1) **sibilant** consonant, (2) **sibilant** sound

The singer's **sibilant** voice added a unique sound to the song.

## rumble

*v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound

*synonym*: roar, growl, grumble

(1) **rumble** an order, (2) **rumble** down the dirt track

The thunder **rumbled** in the distance.

## loudspeaker

*n.* an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas

*synonym*: speaker, loudhailer, megaphone

(1) wireless **loudspeaker**, (2) **loudspeaker** system

The teacher spoke through the **loudspeaker** so that every student could hear the announcement.

## auditorium

*n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances

*synonym*: hall, theater, amphitheater

(1) open-air **auditorium**, (2) **auditorium** annex

The **auditorium** seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.

## larynx

*n.* an organ in the top of the throat involved in breathing, producing sound

(1) irritate the **larynx**, (2) narrowing of the **larynx**

Smoking significantly increases the risk of **larynx** cancer.

## allude

*v.* to suggest or make reference to something indirectly  
*synonym* : imply, indicate, hint

(1) **allude** to his low origin, (2) **allude** to the planning  
He **alluded** to the problem but did not mention it directly.

## recreate

*v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

*synonym* : renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

## mummy

*n.* a body of a human or animal that has been preserved, typically by being embalmed and wrapped in linen or other material

*synonym* : corpse, remains

(1) **mummy** tomb, (2) ancient Egyptian **mummy**

The well-preserved **mummy** was discovered in an ancient tomb in the desert.

## vowel

*n.* a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth

*synonym* : letter, sound, syllable

(1) **vowel** chart, (2) **vowel** combination

Please pronounce your name slowly and emphasize the **vowel** sounds.

## hieroglyph

*n.* a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt

*synonym* : character, cipher, figure

(1) Egyptian **hieroglyph**, (2) the **hieroglyph** of the bird  
Each beautiful **hieroglyph** represents either an idea or a

sound.

## **afterlife**

*n.* life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions

*synonym*: eternal life, immortality, hereafter

(1) **afterlife** name, (2) corporate **afterlife**

The belief in an **afterlife** comforted those mourning the loss of their loved ones.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. open-air aud_____um         | <i>n.</i> a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances  |
| 2. a hard and re_____nt steel  | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions   |
| 3. ancient Egyptian mu__y      | <i>n.</i> a body of a human or animal that has been preserved, typically by being embalmed and wrapped in linen or other material  |
| 4. irritate the la___x         | <i>n.</i> an organ in the top of the throat involved in breathing, producing sound   |
| 5. vo__l combination           | <i>n.</i> a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth |
| 6. si_____nt consonant         | <i>adj.</i> producing a hissing sound, often with an "s" or "sh" sound   |
| 7. ru___e down the dirt track  | <i>v.</i> to make a low, heavy continuous sound  |
| 8. re_____te a single country  | <i>v.</i> to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again  |
| 9. thu_____orm advisory        | <i>n.</i> a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind   |
| 10. the hie_____ph of the bird | <i>n.</i> a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt  |

ANSWERS: 1. auditorium, 2. resilient, 3. mummy, 4. larynx, 5. vowel, 6. sibilant, 7. rumble, 8. recreate, 9. thunderstorm, 10. hieroglyph

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| 11. af_____fe name                | <i>n.</i> life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions  |
| 12. the worst hum_____de disaster | <i>adj.</i> created or produced by humans; artificial  |
| 13. lou_____er system             | <i>n.</i> an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas                                |
| 14. corporate af_____fe           | <i>n.</i> life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions  |
| 15. vo__l chart                   | <i>n.</i> a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth |
| 16. wireless lou_____er           | <i>n.</i> an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas                                |
| 17. aud_____um annex              | <i>n.</i> a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances  |
| 18. re_____nt population          | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions   |
| 19. mil_____al record             | <i>adj.</i> relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y                       |
| 20. hum_____de climate change     | <i>adj.</i> created or produced by humans; artificial  |

ANSWERS: 11. afterlife, 12. human-made, 13. loudspeaker, 14. afterlife, 15. vowel, 16. loudspeaker, 17. auditorium, 18. resilient, 19. millennial, 20. human-made

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| 21. al___e to his low origin           | <i>v.</i> to suggest or make reference to something indirectly   |
| 22. al___e to the planning             | <i>v.</i> to suggest or make reference to something indirectly   |
| 23. Egyptian hie_____ph                | <i>n.</i> a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt  |
| 24. si_____nt sound                    | <i>adj.</i> producing a hissing sound, often with an "s" or "sh" sound   |
| 25. narrowing of the la___x            | <i>n.</i> an organ in the top of the throat involved in breathing, producing sound   |
| 26. the mil_____al reign               | <i>adj.</i> relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y |
| 27. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s | <i>v.</i> to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again  |
| 28. severe thu_____orms                | <i>n.</i> a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind   |
| 29. ru___e an order                    | <i>v.</i> to make a low, heavy continuous sound  |
| 30. mu__y tomb                         | <i>n.</i> a body of a human or animal that has been preserved, typically by being embalmed and wrapped in linen or other material                                |

ANSWERS: 21. allude, 22. allude, 23. hieroglyph, 24. sibilant, 25. larynx, 26. millennial, 27. recreate, 28. thunderstorm, 29. rumble, 30. mummy

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The singer's \_\_\_\_\_ voice added a unique sound to the song.  
*adj.* producing a hissing sound, often with an "s" or "sh" sound
2. Please pronounce your name slowly and emphasize the \_\_\_\_\_ sounds.  
*n.* a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth
3. Smoking significantly increases the risk of \_\_\_\_\_ cancer.  
*n.* an organ in the top of the throat involved in breathing, producing sound
4. The thunder \_\_\_\_\_ in the distance.  
*v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
5. Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by \_\_\_\_\_ changes in climate.  
*adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
6. She \_\_\_\_\_ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.  
*v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
7. Each beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ represents either an idea or a sound.  
*n.* a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt
8. The forecast called for a chance of \_\_\_\_\_ in the afternoon.  
*n.* a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind

ANSWERS: 1. sibilant, 2. vowel, 3. larynx, 4. rumbled, 5. millennial-scale, 6. recreated, 7. hieroglyph, 8. thunderstorms



9. The \_\_\_\_\_ seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.  
*n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
10. The teacher spoke through the \_\_\_\_\_ so that every student could hear the announcement.  
*n.* an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas
11. The well-preserved \_\_\_\_\_ was discovered in an ancient tomb in the desert.  
*n.* a body of a human or animal that has been preserved, typically by being embalmed and wrapped in linen or other material
12. He \_\_\_\_\_ to the problem but did not mention it directly.  
*v.* to suggest or make reference to something indirectly
13. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.  
*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
14. The belief in an \_\_\_\_\_ comforted those mourning the loss of their loved ones.  
*n.* life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions
15. The bridge is a \_\_\_\_\_ structure and was built to span the river.  
*adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial

ANSWERS: 9. auditorium, 10. loudspeaker, 11. mummy, 12. alluded, 13. resilient, 14. afterlife, 15. human-made