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# **Advanced Words Only**

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# **Session 1: Word List**

### disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

#### 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.

#### coder

 a person who designs, writes, and tests computer programs; encoder (= the device or software that converts some physical quantity, information, or data into a specific format based on certain rules)

synonym: computer programmer, software engineer, programmer

(1) **coder** competition, (2) speech **coder**Nowadays, companies in all industries need **coders** in product development.

### pumpkin

 large, round, yellow or orange fruit with a thick rind and pulpy interior, often carved into a Halloween decoration or used as a base for pies, soups, or other dishes

synonym: gourd, squash, vegetable

(1) pumpkin soup, (2) pumpkin pie

The **pumpkin** festival was filled with giant carved pumpkins on display and pumpkin-themed food stalls.

#### slime

- n. a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet synonym: muck, ooze, gunk
- (1) slime bacteria, (2) slime mold

The kids loved playing with the green **slime**, but it was a nightmare to clean up.

# strawberry

- a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
- (1) the **strawberry** pie, (2) **strawberry** greenhouse He had a **strawberry** smoothie for breakfast.

#### earthworm

- n. a common type of worm that lives in soilsynonym: angleworm, wiggler, crawler
- (1) **earthworm** type robot, (2) trample an **earthworm** We fed the birds daily with insects and **earthworms**.

# honeybee

 a type of bee that is known for producing honey and pollinating flowers

synonym: apis mellifera

(1) **honeybee** colony, (2) aggressive **honeybee**The **honeybee** hive is organized into a caste system, with a queen, drones, and workers.

#### somersault

a complete forward or backward roll of the body,
typically performed by tucking in the head and reaching out with the hands and feet

synonym: flip, tumble, cartwheel

(1) somersault flip, (2) backward somersault

The gymnast performed a perfect **somersault** during her routine.

#### twitch

 to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body

synonym: spasm, jerk, flinch

(1) **twitch** at his sleeve, (2) **twitch** of an eye

She couldn't stop her leg from **twitching** nervously.

# glitch

 a minor problem or malfunction, especially in a computer program, system, or machine

synonym: malfunction, bug, fault

(1) computer **glitch**, (2) unanticipated **glitch** 

The computer system had a minor **glitch** that caused a delay.

# pubic

adj. relating to or situated in the region of the pubes, the lower part of the human abdomen where the genitalia and certain other structures are located

synonym: inquinal, crural

(1) pubic osteitis, (2) pubic bone

The **pubic** hair is a secondary sex characteristic that typically appears during puberty.

#### imitate

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

synonym: mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

#### tench

 a freshwater fish, typically olive-brown in color and found in stagnant or slow-moving waters

*synonym*: doctor fish

(1) tench population, (2) tench pond

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The fishermen were successful in catching several tench

from the lake.

#### 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.

### autopilot

a system that automatically controls the operation of an aircraft or spacecraft

synonym: self-pilot, self-driving, self-navigating

(1) autopilot function, (2) aircraft autopilot

The airplane was on autopilot during the long flight.

# misstep

 a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement

synonym: mistake, blunder, fumble

(1) recover from a **misstep**, (2) navigating **missteps**She took a **misstep** on the stairs and tumbled down to the bottom.

bigotry

 intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself

*synonym*: intolerance, prejudice, bias

(1) ethnic **bigotry**, (2) self-righteous **bigotry** 

**Bigotry** and discrimination have no place in our society.

# **Session 2: Spelling**

1. pu c osteitis

2. ind\_\_\_\_us student

3. co r competition

4. co\_\_\_e the listener

5. ho\_\_\_\_ee colony

6. recover from a mi\_\_\_\_p

7. trample an ea rm

8. di t sleep

9. ea rm type robot

adj. relating to or situated in the region of the pubes, the lower part of the human abdomen where the genitalia and certain other structures are located

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

 a person who designs, writes, and tests computer programs; encoder (= the device or software that converts some physical quantity, information, or data into a specific format based on certain rules)

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

n. a type of bee that is known for producing honey and pollinating flowers

 a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement

n. a common type of worm that lives in soil

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

n. a common type of worm that lives in soil

ANSWERS: 1. pubic, 2. industrious, 3. coder, 4. confuse, 5. honeybee, 6. misstep, 7. earthworm, 8. disrupt, 9. earthworm

| 10. | twh of an eye                | ν.   | to make a sudden and quick movement<br>with a part of the body; (noun) a<br>sudden, small, jerky movement of a<br>muscle or part of the body                                       |
|-----|------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11. | ethnic biy                   | n.   | intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself                                                                                                                  |
| 12. | puc bone                     | adj. | relating to or situated in the region of<br>the pubes, the lower part of the human<br>abdomen where the genitalia and<br>certain other structures are located                      |
| 13. | somIt flip                   | n.   | a complete forward or backward roll of<br>the body, typically performed by tucking<br>in the head and reaching out with the<br>hands and feet                                      |
| 14. | the strry pie                | n.   | a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top                                                                                                |
| 15. | sle mold                     | n.   | a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet                                                                                                                           |
| 16. | aggressive hoee              | n.   | a type of bee that is known for producing honey and pollinating flowers                                                                                                            |
| 17. | pun soup                     | n.   | large, round, yellow or orange fruit with<br>a thick rind and pulpy interior, often<br>carved into a Halloween decoration or<br>used as a base for pies, soups, or other<br>dishes |
| 18. | dit a well-ordered condition | v.   | to prevent or stop something, especially<br>an event, activity, or process, from<br>continuing in the usual way by causing<br>a problem or disturbance                             |

ANSWERS: 10. twitch, 11. bigotry, 12. pubic, 13. somersault, 14. strawberry, 15. slime, 16. honeybee, 17. pumpkin, 18. disrupt

| 19. | ime painting styles      | ν. | to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something                                                                                                                                                |
|-----|--------------------------|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 20. | navigating mips          | n. | a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement                                                                    |
| 21. | self-righteous biy       | n. | intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself                                                                                                                                                     |
| 22. | computer glh             | n. | a minor problem or malfunction, especially in a computer program, system, or machine                                                                                                                                  |
| 23. | unanticipated glh        | n. | a minor problem or malfunction, especially in a computer program, system, or machine                                                                                                                                  |
| 24. | teh pond                 | n. | a freshwater fish, typically olive-brown in color and found in stagnant or slow-moving waters                                                                                                                         |
| 25. | twh at his sleeve        | ν. | to make a sudden and quick movement<br>with a part of the body; (noun) a<br>sudden, small, jerky movement of a<br>muscle or part of the body                                                                          |
| 26. | coe fantasy with reality | v. | to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand                                                                                                                                                 |
| 27. | ime animal sounds        | v. | to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something                                                                                                                                                |
| 28. | speech cor               | n. | a person who designs, writes, and tests<br>computer programs; encoder (= the<br>device or software that converts some<br>physical quantity, information, or data<br>into a specific format based on certain<br>rules) |
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ANSWERS: 19. imitate, 20. misstep, 21. bigotry, 22. glitch, 23. glitch, 24. tench, 25. twitch, 26. confuse, 27. imitate, 28. coder

| 29. | aircraft auot    | n.   | a system that automatically controls the operation of an aircraft or spacecraft                                                                                                    |
|-----|------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 30. | te_h population  | n.   | a freshwater fish, typically olive-brown in color and found in stagnant or slow-moving waters                                                                                      |
| 31. | strry greenhouse | n.   | a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top                                                                                                |
| 32. | sle bacteria     | n.   | a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet                                                                                                                           |
| 33. | auot function    | n.   | a system that automatically controls the operation of an aircraft or spacecraft                                                                                                    |
| 34. | backward somlt   | n.   | a complete forward or backward roll of<br>the body, typically performed by tucking<br>in the head and reaching out with the<br>hands and feet                                      |
| 35. | indus worker     | adj. | hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort                                                                                                                                    |
| 36. | pun pie          | n.   | large, round, yellow or orange fruit with<br>a thick rind and pulpy interior, often<br>carved into a Halloween decoration or<br>used as a base for pies, soups, or other<br>dishes |

ANSWERS: 29. autopilot, 30. tench, 31. strawberry, 32. slime, 33. autopilot, 34. somersault, 35. industrious, 36. pumpkin

# **Session 3: Fill in the Blanks**

|                                                                                                         | The computer system had a minor that caused a delay.                                                                                               |  |  |  |
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| n.                                                                                                      | a minor problem or malfunction, especially in a computer program, system, or machine                                                               |  |  |  |
| 2.                                                                                                      | and discrimination have no place in our society.                                                                                                   |  |  |  |
| n.                                                                                                      | intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself                                                                                  |  |  |  |
| 3.                                                                                                      | The kids loved playing with the green but it was a nightmare to clean up.                                                                          |  |  |  |
| n.                                                                                                      | a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet                                                                                           |  |  |  |
| 4.                                                                                                      | The hive is organized into a caste system, with a queen, drones, and workers.                                                                      |  |  |  |
| n.                                                                                                      | a type of bee that is known for producing honey and pollinating flowers                                                                            |  |  |  |
| 5.                                                                                                      | She took a on the stairs and tumbled down to the bottom.                                                                                           |  |  |  |
| n.                                                                                                      | a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement |  |  |  |
| 6.                                                                                                      | He the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.                                                                                                 |  |  |  |
| ν.                                                                                                      | to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something                                                                             |  |  |  |
| 7.                                                                                                      | Her remarks the debate.                                                                                                                            |  |  |  |
| ν.                                                                                                      | to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand                                                                              |  |  |  |
| 8.                                                                                                      | I'm so sorry to you when you're pretty busy.                                                                                                       |  |  |  |
| v.                                                                                                      | to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance      |  |  |  |
| ANSWERS: 1. glitch, 2. Bigotry, 3. slime, 4. honeybee, 5. misstep, 6. imitated, 7. confused, 8. disrupt |                                                                                                                                                    |  |  |  |

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ANSWERS: 16. earthworms, 17. pubic, 18. industrious