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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### grandparent

*n.* a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

### escapist

*adj.* tending to or providing an escape from reality, particularly through the use of fantasy, imagination, or entertainment

*synonym*: fantastical, dreamy

(1) **escapist** literature, (2) **escapist** tendencies

The **escapist** film provided a brief but much-needed break from reality.

### 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.

## superficial

*adj.* existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely

*synonym* : shallow, facile, cursory

(1) **superficial** wound, (2) **superficial** knowledge

The journalist's **superficial** reporting should have captured the full scope of the issue.

## 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.

## tapestry

*n.* a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation

*synonym* : embroidery, hanging, cloth

(1) colorful **tapestry**, (2) intricate **tapestry** design

The **tapestry** on the wall depicted a medieval battle scene.

## poke

*v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

*synonym* : prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire

They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

## jean

*n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

*synonym* : denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

## lucid

*adj.* expressed or presented clearly; easy to understand; rational and sane; shining or bright

*synonym* : clear, transparent, understandable

(1) **lucid** writing, (2) **lucid** explanation

His argument was so **lucid** that even his opponents agreed with him.

## sequin

*n.* a decorative item consisting of a small, shiny disc or bead typically sewn onto clothing for added embellishment

*synonym*: bead, spangle, paillette

(1) **sequin** dress, (2) gold **sequin**

Her dress was covered in shimmering **sequins** that caught the light.

## vogue

*n.* the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture

*synonym*: trend, style, fashion

(1) current **vogue**, (2) follow **vogue** trends

Bellbottoms were in **vogue** during the 1970s but are not as popular today.

## artifact

*n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

*synonym*: antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

## fascinate

*v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

*synonym*: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

## wardrobe

*n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

*synonym*: clothing, attire, closet

(1) walk-in **wardrobe**, (2) minimalist **wardrobe**

Her **wardrobe** selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

## apologetic

*adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

*synonym* : sorry, regretful, remorseful

(1) **apologetic** tone, (2) **apologetic** letter

He was **apologetic** for being late to the meeting.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## spat

*n.* a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat

*synonym* : argument, disagreement, oyster

(1) minor **spat**, (2) clean up the **spat**

The **spat** between the two neighbors escalated into a heated argument.

## bully

*n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

*synonym* : tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

## stab

*v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

*synonym* : poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

**quote**

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

*synonym*: cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. apo\_\_\_\_\_ic letter *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
2. se\_\_\_n dress *n.* a decorative item consisting of a small, shiny disc or bead typically sewn onto clothing for added embellishment
3. re\_\_\_\_\_e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
4. current vo\_\_\_e *n.* the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture
5. great-gra\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
6. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
7. 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
8. p\_\_\_e a fire *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
9. clean up the s\_\_\_t *n.* a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat

ANSWERS: 1. apologetic, 2. sequin, 3. recycle, 4. vogue, 5. grandparent, 6. fascinate, 7. recycle, 8. poke, 9. spat

10. intricate ta\_\_\_\_ry design      *n.* a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation
11. s\_\_b in the chest      *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
12. j\_\_n denim      *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
13. walk-in wa\_\_\_\_be      *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
14. sup\_\_\_\_\_al knowledge      *adj.* existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely
15. Peruvian ar\_\_\_\_cts      *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
16. minor s\_\_t      *n.* a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat
17. minimalist wa\_\_\_\_be      *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
18. follow vo\_\_e trends      *n.* the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture

ANSWERS: 10. tapestry, 11. stab, 12. jean, 13. wardrobe, 14. superficial, 15. artifact, 16. spat, 17. wardrobe, 18. vogue

19. gold se\_\_\_n *n.* a decorative item consisting of a small, shiny disc or bead typically sewn onto clothing for added embellishment
20. paleolithic ar\_\_\_\_\_cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
21. es\_\_\_\_\_st tendencies *adj.* tending to or providing an escape from reality, particularly through the use of fantasy, imagination, or entertainment
22. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
23. qu\_\_e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
24. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
25. p\_\_e around the desk *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
26. person of gra\_\_\_\_\_nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
27. apo\_\_\_\_\_ic tone *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
28. qu\_\_e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

ANSWERS: 19. sequin, 20. artifact, 21. escapist, 22. opportune, 23. quote, 24. opportune, 25. poke, 26. grandparent, 27. apologetic, 28. quote



29. 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
30. bu\_\_y the weak      *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
31. es\_\_\_\_\_st literature      *adj.* tending to or providing an escape from reality, particularly through the use of fantasy, imagination, or entertainment
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35. lu\_\_d explanation      *adj.* expressed or presented clearly; easy to understand; rational and sane; shining or bright

ANSWERS: 29. curate, 30. bully, 31. escapist, 32. bully, 33. tapestry, 34. superficial, 35. lucid

36. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the public      *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
37. 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
38. a j\_\_n skirt      *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 1. quoted, 2. apologetic, 3. bully, 4. fascinated, 5. sequins, 6. opportune, 7. lucid

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ANSWERS: 16. stabbed, 17. grandparents, 18. jeans, 19. vogue, 20. curate