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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### skew

v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

*synonym*: slant, tilt, distort

(1) **skew** the message, (2) **skew** social values

The results of the poll are **skewed** because it only surveyed a small group of people.

### inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

*synonym*: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

### onboard

v. to become or make part of a team, group, or system; to install, activate, or begin using a piece of equipment or software; (adjective) included or integrated into a particular system, machine, or device

*synonym*: embark, aboard, on-load

(1) **onboard** the new employees, (2) **onboard** computer

The passengers were instructed to **onboard** the aircraft as quickly as possible so that the flight could depart on time.

## dubious

*adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain

*synonym* : uncertain, questionable, skeptical

(1) **dubious** credibility, (2) direct a **dubious** look

The evidence presented in court had a **dubious** origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

## heyday

*n.* a period of success or popularity; the peak or prime of something

*synonym* : prime, zenith, peak

(1) the **heyday** of rock music, (2) high-tech **heyday**

The restaurant was famous in its **heyday** for its delicious food and famous patrons

## garb

*n.* clothing or dress, especially of a distinctive or special kind; apparel or attire

*synonym* : attire, outfit, costume

(1) ceremonial **garb**, (2) casual **garb**

I dressed up in medieval **garb** for the Renaissance fair.

## envelop

*v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase

*synonym* : wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

## wildfire

*n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

*synonym* : blaze, bonfire, flame

(1) **wildfire** spread, (2) arson-caused **wildfire**

The **wildfire** destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

## testament

*n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

*synonym* : proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the

superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

## seductive

*adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

*synonym* : alluring, tempting, enticing

(1) a **seductive** smile, (2) **seductive** behavior

The actor's **seductive** gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.

## secondly

*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

*synonym* : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

## undulate

*v.* to move with a smooth wavelike motion; to have a wavy form or outline

*synonym* : roll, ripple, wave

(1) **undulate** waves, (2) **undulate** in the wind

The snake **undulated** its way through the underbrush, silently stalking its prey.

## handwriting

*n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing

*synonym* : script, penmanship, calligraphy

(1) **handwriting** identification, (2) **handwriting** sample

The **handwriting** on the note was barely legible.

## sect

*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

*synonym* : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

## **fuss**

*n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance

*synonym*: commotion, agitation, disturbance

(1) make a **fuss**, (2) get into a **fuss**

There was a **fuss** about the broken vase, but it was quickly forgotten.

## **murmur**

*v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

*synonym*: burble, gurgle, mutter

(1) **murmur** at low wages, (2) **murmur** a greeting

He always **murmurs** at the ill-treatment.

## **fingernail**

*n.* the hard, slightly curved part that covers the outer tip of each finger

*synonym*: claw, paw

(1) **fingernail** biting, (2) fake **fingernail**

The car body scraped off with a **fingernail**.

## **pretension**

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym*: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## **dislocate**

*v.* to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship

*synonym*: displace

(1) **dislocate** my shoulder, (2) **dislocate** residents

X-rays revealed that several of his joints were **dislocated**.

## **blindfold**

*n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation

or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

(1) **blindfold** game, (2) **blindfold** challenge

The doctor administered a **blindfold** test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.

## succinct

*adj.* concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive

*synonym* : concise, brief, pithy

(1) **succinct** reply, (2) **succinct** explanation

My manager gave me a **succinct** summary of the project's goals and objectives.

## insecure

*adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

*synonym* : uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

## arrogant

*adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities

*synonym* : haughty, supercilious, disdainful

(1) an **arrogant** attitude, (2) grow **arrogant**

He was so **arrogant** that he thought he was always right.

## subtlety

*n.* the quality of being subtle

*synonym* : nuance, refinement, niceness

(1) psychological **subtlety**, (2) with great **subtlety**

She examines the document with remarkable **subtlety**.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. han\_\_\_\_\_ng identification *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
2. in\_\_\_\_\_t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
3. mu\_\_\_\_r a greeting *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
4. fin\_\_\_\_\_il biting *n.* the hard, slightly curved part that covers the outer tip of each finger
5. su\_\_\_\_\_ct explanation *adj.* concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive
6. arson-caused wi\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
7. casual g\_\_b *n.* clothing or dress, especially of a distinctive or special kind; apparel or attire
8. te\_\_\_\_\_nt to the superior quality *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
9. on\_\_\_\_\_d computer *v.* to become or make part of a team, group, or system; to install, activate, or begin using a piece of equipment or software; (adjective) included or integrated into a particular system, machine, or device

ANSWERS: 1. handwriting, 2. inherit, 3. murmur, 4. fingernail, 5. succinct, 6. wildfire, 7. garb, 8. testament, 9. onboard

10. un\_\_\_\_\_te waves *v.* to move with a smooth wavelike motion; to have a wavy form or outline
11. wi\_\_\_\_\_re spread *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
12. psychological su\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality of being subtle
13. se\_\_\_\_\_ve behavior *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
14. baseless pre\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
15. ceremonial g\_\_b *n.* clothing or dress, especially of a distinctive or special kind; apparel or attire
16. en\_\_\_\_\_p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
17. secret s\_\_t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
18. se\_\_\_\_\_ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

ANSWERS: 10. undulate, 11. wildfire, 12. subtlety, 13. seductive, 14. pretension, 15. garb, 16. envelop, 17. sect, 18. secondly

19. bl\_\_\_\_\_ld challenge *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
20. di\_\_\_\_\_te residents *v.* to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship
21. grow ar\_\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
22. s\_\_w social values *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
23. give properties by te\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
24. get into a f\_\_s *n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
25. mu\_\_\_r at low wages *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
26. du\_\_\_\_\_s credibility *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
27. se\_\_\_\_\_ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
28. high-tech he\_\_\_y *n.* a period of success or popularity; the peak or prime of something

ANSWERS: 19. blindfold, 20. dislocate, 21. arrogant, 22. skew, 23. testament, 24. fuss, 25. murmur, 26. dubious, 27. secondly, 28. heyday



29. un\_\_\_\_\_te in the wind      *v.* to move with a smooth wavelike motion; to have a wavy form or outline
30. en\_\_\_\_\_p the whole world      *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
31. in\_\_\_\_\_t estate      *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
32. bl\_\_\_\_\_ld game      *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
33. s\_\_t beliefs      *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
34. with great su\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the quality of being subtle
35. the he\_\_\_\_\_y of rock music      *n.* a period of success or popularity; the peak or prime of something
36. on\_\_\_\_\_d the new employees      *v.* to become or make part of a team, group, or system; to install, activate, or begin using a piece of equipment or software; (adjective) included or integrated into a particular system, machine, or device

ANSWERS: 29. undulate, 30. envelop, 31. inherit, 32. blindfold, 33. sect, 34. subtlety, 35. heyday, 36. onboard

37. in\_\_\_\_re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
38. s\_\_w the message *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
39. an ar\_\_\_\_nt attitude *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
40. an in\_\_\_\_re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
41. make a f\_\_s *n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
42. pre\_\_\_\_on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
43. di\_\_\_\_te my shoulder *v.* to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship
44. su\_\_\_\_ct reply *adj.* concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive
45. direct a du\_\_\_\_s look *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
46. han\_\_\_\_ng sample *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
47. fake fin\_\_\_\_il *n.* the hard, slightly curved part that covers the outer tip of each finger

ANSWERS: 37. insecure, 38. skew, 39. arrogant, 40. insecure, 41. fuss, 42. pretension, 43. dislocate, 44. succinct, 45. dubious, 46. handwriting, 47. fingernail

48. a se\_\_\_\_\_ve smile

*adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

ANSWERS: 48. seductive

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She examines the document with remarkable \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the quality of being subtle
2. The passengers were instructed to \_\_\_\_\_ the aircraft as quickly as possible so that the flight could depart on time.  
*v.* to become or make part of a team, group, or system; to install, activate, or begin using a piece of equipment or software; (adjective) included or integrated into a particular system, machine, or device
3. X-rays revealed that several of his joints were \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the note was barely legible.  
*n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
5. After his death, his sons \_\_\_\_\_ his business.  
*v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
6. The evidence presented in court had a \_\_\_\_\_ origin, raising questions about its authenticity.  
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ANSWERS: 1. subtlety, 2. onboard, 3. dislocated, 4. handwriting, 5. inherited, 6. dubious, 7. blindfold

8. Children in an unstructured environment often feel \_\_\_\_\_.

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9. His wealth is a \_\_\_\_\_ to his success.

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15. The fog \_\_\_\_\_ the city, making it difficult to see.

*v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase

ANSWERS: 8. insecure, 9. testament, 10. seductive, 11. garb, 12. skewed, 13. sect, 14. fuss, 15. enveloped

16. The snake \_\_\_\_\_ its way through the underbrush, silently stalking its prey.  
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17. He always \_\_\_\_\_ at the ill-treatment.  
*v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
18. He was so \_\_\_\_\_ that he thought he was always right.  
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19. The \_\_\_\_\_ destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.  
*n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
20. My manager gave me a \_\_\_\_\_ summary of the project's goals and objectives.  
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*n.* the hard, slightly curved part that covers the outer tip of each finger
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ANSWERS: 16. undulated, 17. murmurs, 18. arrogant, 19. wildfire, 20. succinct, 21. pretensions, 22. fingernail, 23. secondly,

24. The restaurant was famous in its \_\_\_\_\_ for its delicious food and famous patrons

*n.* a period of success or popularity; the peak or prime of something

ANSWERS: 24. heyday