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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### storytelling

*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

*synonym*: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

### troublemaker

*n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy

*synonym*: troublemonger, instigator, agitator

(1) **troublemaker** kid, (2) accused **troublemaker**

The teacher had to reprimand the **troublemaker** in class constantly.

### undercover

*adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

*synonym*: covert, hidden, stealthy

(1) **undercover** operation, (2) **undercover** journalist

The **undercover** police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.

## sham

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

*synonym* : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

## unspeakable

*adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about

*synonym* : unspeakably horrible, indescribable, unutterable

(1) **unspeakable** crime, (2) **unspeakable** pain

The survivors of the plane crash could only describe the **unspeakable** horror of the experience.

## profanity

*n.* a speech or behavior that expresses of lack of respect for God or holy things

*synonym* : cuss, expletive, crudeness

(1) give a **profanity**, (2) shout **profanity**

We do not tolerate any **profanity** or abusive language.

## whitewash

*n.* a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events

*synonym* : cover-up, mask, camouflage

(1) **whitewash** paint, (2) academic **whitewash**

The politician was accused of attempting to **whitewash** his involvement in the controversial project.

## jolt

*v.* to move or cause to move with a sudden jerky motion; to disturb someone's composure); (noun) a sudden, sharp movement or shock

*synonym* : shock, jar, bump

(1) **jolt** entire social systems, (2) **jolt** of excitement

The news of the unexpected announcement **jolted** the stock market.

## filmmaker

*n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession

*synonym* : director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**  
The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

## elicit

v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

*synonym*: bring out, obtain, evoke

(1) **elicit** a confession, (2) **elicit** a solution

Have you **elicited** a response from them yet?

## empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym*: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## barometer

n. an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment

*synonym*: indicator, gauge, measure

(1) economic **barometer**, (2) air pressure **barometer**

The number of patients in the hospital is a useful **barometer** of regional health trends.

## pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

*synonym*: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

## transgress

v. to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something

*synonym*: trespass, violate, infringe

(1) **transgress** boundaries, (2) **transgress** against the rules

The company was fined for **transgressing** environmental

regulations.

## illicit

*adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable

*synonym*: illegal, unlawful, prohibited

(1) **illicit** drugs, (2) **illicit** trade

He was arrested for his **illicit** activities in the black market.

## miraculous

*adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

*synonym*: amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym*: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## loophole

*n.* a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties

*synonym*: loophole, escape clause, technicality

(1) legal **loophole**, (2) finding a **loophole**

A **loophole** in the tax code allows some people to avoid paying taxes legally.

## perpetrator

*n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

*synonym*: culprit, wrongdoer, offender

(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**

The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

## ostracize

v. to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally

*synonym* : exclude, shun, isolate

(1) **ostracize** individual, (2) **ostracize** group

His peers **ostracized** him for his controversial beliefs.

## shun

v. to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something

*synonym* : avoid, evade, steer clear of

(1) **shun** a person, (2) **shun** office politics

He **shunned** going to the party and decided to stay home instead.

## transgression

n. the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle

*synonym* : misdeed, crime, wrongdoing

(1) inexcusable **transgression**, (2) commit a **transgression**

Reporters questioned the politician about his past **transgression**.

## devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

*synonym* : demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

## hindsight

n. understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

*synonym* : retrospect, afterthought

(1) **hindsight** bias, (2) 20/20 **hindsight**

With **hindsight**, we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.

## nominate

v. to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor

*synonym* : appoint, designate, elect

(1) **nominate** him for an award, (2) **nominate** government representatives

The organization **nominated** her to be the next president.

## **congratulation**

*n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

*synonym*: praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

## **reverb**

*n.* an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space

*synonym*: echo, sound reflection

(1) **reverb** effect, (2) **reverb** chamber

The singer's voice had a natural **reverb** that sounded beautiful in the acoustically-designed church.

## **pundit**

*n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

*synonym*: expert, commentator, punditry

(1) conservative **pundit**, (2) sports **pundit**

The political **pundit** provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.

## **onstage**

*adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

## **fray**

*v.* to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy

way; to fight or engage in conflict

*synonym* : tangle, brawl, skirmish

(1) **fray** tempers, (2) **fray** our relationship

The edges of the old blanket had started to **fray**, so I decided to sew them up.

## heartland

*n.* a region or area that is considered central or vital to a particular country, culture, or social or economic system, often characterized by a sense of national identity or pride and a strong attachment to tradition or values associated with that region

*synonym* : central area

(1) industrial **heartland**, (2) American **heartland**

I grew up surrounded by cornfields and farms in the country's **heartland**.

## mold

*n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

*synonym* : cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

## 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.

## segregate

*v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

*synonym* : isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.



## embarrass

*v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed  
*synonym*: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project  
He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

## worldview

*n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

*synonym*: perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

## blowback

*n.* an unintended negative consequence or repercussion that arises from a particular action, decision, or policy, often used in the context of politics, international relations, or military affairs

*synonym*: repercussion, consequence, backlash

(1) **blowback** effect, (2) **blowback** from policies

The decision to invade the country resulted in significant **blowback** from the international community.

## resigned

*adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

*synonym*: submissive, acquiescent, passive

(1) with a **resigned** voice, (2) **resigned** to their fate

She had a **resigned** look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.

## repercussion

*n.* an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action

*synonym*: impact, consequence, outcome

(1) the **repercussion** of an action, (2) cultural **repercussion**

The decision had far-reaching **repercussions** and affected many people.



## Session 2: Spelling

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|---|----|--|
| 1. tra_____ss against the rules         | v. | to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something   |
| 2. 20/20 hi_____ht                      | n. | understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect |
| 3. s__n office politics                 | v. | to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something   |
| 4. no_____te government representatives | v. | to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor  |
| 5. a matter for con_____ion             | n. | the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another                     |
| 6. em_____y for patients                | n. | the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation   |
| 7. shout pr_____ty                      | n. | a speech or behavior that expresses of lack of respect for God or holy things  |
| 8. non-fiction fi_____er                | n. | a person who makes films, typically as a profession  |
| 9. academic wh_____sh                   | n. | a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events    |

ANSWERS: 1. transgress, 2. hindsight, 3. shun, 4. nominate, 5. congratulation, 6. empathy, 7. profanity, 8. filmmaker, 9. whitewash

10. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
11. und\_\_\_\_\_er operation      *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
12. wh\_\_\_\_\_sh paint      *n.* a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events
13. air pressure ba\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment
14. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields      *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
15. tro\_\_\_\_\_ker kid      *n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy
16. uns\_\_\_\_\_le crime      *adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
17. walk on\_\_\_\_\_e      *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

ANSWERS: 10. opportune, 11. undercover, 12. whitewash, 13. barometer, 14. determinant, 15. troublemaker, 16. unspeakable, 17. onstage

18. cultural rep\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action
19. turn out to be all s\_\_m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
20. und\_\_\_\_\_er journalist *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
21. sto\_\_\_\_\_ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
22. j\_\_t of excitement *v.* to move or cause to move with a sudden jerky motion; to disturb someone's composure); (noun) a sudden, sharp movement or shock
23. sports pu\_\_\_t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
24. industrial he\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a region or area that is considered central or vital to a particular country, culture, or social or economic system, often characterized by a sense of national identity or pride and a strong attachment to tradition or values associated with that region
25. American he\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a region or area that is considered central or vital to a particular country, culture, or social or economic system, often characterized by a sense of national identity or pride and a strong attachment to tradition or values associated with that region

ANSWERS: 18. repercussion, 19. sham, 20. undercover, 21. storytelling, 22. jolt, 23. pundit, 24. heartland, 25. heartland

26. a casting m\_\_d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
27. finding a lo\_\_\_\_le *n.* a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties
28. f\_\_y our relationship *v.* to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict
29. culprit per\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
30. mainstream wo\_\_\_\_ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
31. a s\_\_m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
32. de\_\_\_\_te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
33. os\_\_\_\_ze group *v.* to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally

ANSWERS: 26. mold, 27. loophole, 28. fray, 29. perpetrator, 30. worldview, 31. sham, 32. devastate, 33. ostracize

34. uns\_\_\_\_\_le pain *adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
35. the wo\_\_\_\_\_ew of the ancient civilization *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
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37. courtroom sto\_\_\_\_\_ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
38. witty p\_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
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40. legal lo\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties
41. il\_\_\_\_\_t drugs *adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable
42. inexcusable tra\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
43. se\_\_\_\_\_te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

ANSWERS: 34. unspeakable, 35. worldview, 36. empathy, 37. storytelling, 38. pun, 39. hindsight, 40. loophole, 41. illicit, 42. transgression, 43. segregate

44. commit a tra\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
45. re\_\_\_b effect *n.* an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space
46. tra\_\_\_\_\_ss boundaries *v.* to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something
47. give a pr\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a speech or behavior that expresses of lack of respect for God or holy things
48. s\_\_\_n a person *v.* to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something
49. de\_\_\_\_\_te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
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53. a mir\_\_\_\_\_us encounter *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
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ANSWERS: 44. transgression, 45. reverb, 46. transgress, 47. profanity, 48. shun, 49. devastate, 50. opportune, 51. elicit, 52. jolt, 53. miraculous, 54. barometer

55. il\_\_\_\_t trade *adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable
56. silly p\_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
57. conservative pu\_\_\_\_t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
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ANSWERS: 55. illicit, 56. pun, 57. pundit, 58. perpetrator, 59. congratulation, 60. embarrass, 61. nominate, 62. ostracize, 63. mold



64. appeared on\_\_\_\_\_e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
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ANSWERS: 64. onstage, 65. reverb, 66. filmmaker, 67. determinant, 68. repercussion, 69. blowback, 70. embarrass, 71. troublemaker, 72. resigned

73. re\_\_\_\_\_ed to their fate *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was arrested for his \_\_\_\_\_ activities in the black market.  
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*n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
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*adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
5. The company was fined for \_\_\_\_\_ environmental regulations.  
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6. The decision had far-reaching \_\_\_\_\_ and affected many people.  
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- n. a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy
26. I grew up surrounded by cornfields and farms in the country's \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. a region or area that is considered central or vital to a particular country, culture, or social or economic system, often characterized by a sense of national identity or pride and a strong attachment to tradition or values associated with that region
27. The politician was accused of attempting to \_\_\_\_\_ his involvement in the controversial project.
- n. a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events
28. The edges of the old blanket had started to \_\_\_\_\_ so I decided to sew them up.
- v. to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict
29. He looked for an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ that actor in public.
- v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
30. The news of the unexpected announcement \_\_\_\_\_ the stock market.
- v. to move or cause to move with a sudden jerky motion; to disturb someone's composure); (noun) a sudden, sharp movement or shock

ANSWERS: 24. nominated, 25. troublemaker, 26. heartland, 27. whitewash, 28. fray, 29. embarrass, 30. jolted

31. The survivors of the plane crash could only describe the \_\_\_\_\_ horror of the experience.  
*adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
32. Reporters questioned the politician about his past \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
33. With \_\_\_\_\_ we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.  
*n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect
34. The \_\_\_\_\_ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.  
*n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
35. The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
36. The data he prepared was completely \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
37. His peers \_\_\_\_\_ him for his controversial beliefs.  
*v.* to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally
38. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which \_\_\_\_\_ coastal areas.  
*v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

ANSWERS: 31. unspeakable, 32. transgression, 33. hindsight, 34. congratulations, 35. worldviews, 36. sham, 37. ostracized, 38. devastate



39. She had a \_\_\_\_\_ look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.

*adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

ANSWERS: 39. resigned