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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### absenteeism

*n.* the practice of regularly being absent from work or school, often without a valid reason or justification

*synonym* : truancy, nonattendance, nonappearance

(1) **absenteeism** rate, (2) employee **absenteeism**

**Absenteeism** in the workplace can majorly impact productivity and team morale.

### stockout

*n.* a situation in which a retailer or supplier runs out of stock of a particular product or item, leaving it temporarily unavailable to customers

*synonym* : shortage, depletion, exhaust

(1) a **stockout** of fresh ingredients, (2) minimize **stockout**

The sudden **stockout** of our most popular product caused chaos in the warehouse.

### heath

*n.* an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas

*synonym* : moor, bog, swamp

(1) small **heath**, (2) **heath** habitat

The birdwatcher spotted a rare species on the **heath**.

## delve

v. to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner

*synonym* : dig, excavate, uncover

(1) **delve** deeper, (2) **delve** into documents

Researchers must **delve** into the intricacies of the human brain to understand mental illness.

## controllable

*adj.* able to be controlled or directed

*synonym* : manageable, governable, submissive

(1) computer- **controllable**, (2) **controllable** aircraft

The new software is much more **controllable** and user-friendly.

## dysentery

*n.* a disease of the bowels characterized by severe and bloody diarrhea (= frequent and watery bowel movements)

(1) amoebic **dysentery**, (2) **dysentery** epidemic

In some communities of the country, **dysentery** was the leading cause of death.

## entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

*synonym* : allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

## reorder

v. to arrange something in a different or new order; to request or purchase an item or items again

*synonym* : rearrange, reschedule, redo

(1) **reorder** priorities, (2) **reorder** steps

The manager decided to **reorder** the products on the shelf to improve sales.

## worsen

v. to become or make something worse

*synonym* : languish, degenerate, degrade

(1) **worsen** a relation, (2) **worsen** the food problem  
Unilateral import bans have **worsened** that country's terms of trade.

## ache

v. to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

*synonym*: hurt, throb, smart

(1) **ache** abominably, (2) **ache** all the time

I **ache** all over after running a marathon yesterday.

## dashboard

n. a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview

*synonym*: control panel

(1) auto **dashboard**, (2) business **dashboard**

He noticed that the oil warning light on the **dashboard** of his car had turned on.

## dilute

v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

*synonym*: weaken, thin, reduce

(1) **dilute** acid with water, (2) **dilute** a great idea

She **diluted** the concentrated juice with water.

## revive

v. to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore

*synonym*: reanimate, rejuvenate, renew

(1) **revive** my energy, (2) **revive** an old friendship

They **revived** the tradition of holding a parade on the main street every year.

## rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym* : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## fanfare

*n.* a short, loud, and attention-grabbing burst of sound, often to announce or celebrate something special; a flourished or ostentatious display or demonstration

*synonym* : celebration, parade, ceremony

(1) **fanfare** announcement, (2) royal **fanfare**

The team arrived in a flurry of **fanfare** after winning the championship.

## 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.

## medicinal

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

*synonym* : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

## exasperated

*adj.* feeling intense irritation or frustration, especially over a persistent problem or difficulty

*synonym* : annoyed, angry, frustrated

(1) **exasperated** sigh, (2) feel **exasperated**

The politician's **exasperated** tone reflected her frustration with the lack of progress on the issue.

## relegate

*v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote

*synonym* : demote, assign, transfer

(1) **relegate** a matter to another authority, (2) **relegate** task

The underperforming team was **relegated** to a lower division.

## vie

*v.* to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise

*synonym*: compete, contend, strive

(1) **vie** for a trophy, (2) **vie** for attention

They both **vied** for the top spot in the company.

## exemplar

*n.* a person or thing that is regarded as a perfect example of a particular quality or type; a model or ideal to be emulated

*synonym*: model, paradigm, archetype

(1) **exemplar** of leadership, (2) scientific **exemplar**

The lawyer cited the famous civil rights leader as an **exemplar** of courage and perseverance.

## frontline

*adj.* in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy

*synonym*: battlefield, cutting edge

(1) **frontline** health workers, (2) at the **frontline** of the war

Within days, the new aircraft was in **frontline** service.

## immunization

*n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure

*synonym*: vaccination, shot, inoculation

(1) **immunization** program, (2) childhood **immunization**

Due to the success of **immunization** programs, certain diseases, such as smallpox, have been eradicated.

## leapfrog

*n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs

*synonym*: hopping, jumpfrog

(1) **leapfrog** game, (2) **leapfrog** technology

During recess, the children played a game of **leapfrog** in the schoolyard.

## **inertia**

*n.* the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act

*synonym*: sluggishness, lethargy, idleness

(1) **inertia** resistance, (2) Newton's law of **inertia**

The object's **inertia** kept it moving in a straight line until acted upon by an outside force.

## **cleanliness**

*n.* the state of being clean or free from dirt, dust, or foreign substances; the practice of maintaining good hygiene and cleanliness

*synonym*: neatness, hygiene, sanitation

(1) **cleanliness** standards, (2) **cleanliness** of the kitchen

We must prioritize our workplace's **cleanliness** for our employees' safety.

## **improvisation**

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym*: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---|------|---|
| 1. re____r steps                        | v.   | to arrange something in a different or new order; to request or purchase an item or items again                                   |
| 2. fr_____ne health workers             | adj. | in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy                          |
| 3. cle_____ss of the kitchen            | n.   | the state of being clean or free from dirt, dust, or foreign substances; the practice of maintaining good hygiene and cleanliness |
| 4. em_____ss political enemy            | v.   | to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed   |
| 5. le_____og game                       | n.   | a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs   |
| 6. en_____e the company to use the logo | v.   | to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something  |
| 7. traditional me_____al                | adj. | of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease  |
| 8. a__e all the time                    | v.   | to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain       |
| 9. de__e deeper                         | v.   | to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner          |

ANSWERS: 1. reorder, 2. frontline, 3. cleanliness, 4. embarrass, 5. leapfrog, 6. entitle, 7. medicinal, 8. ache, 9. delve

10. v\_e for a trophy *v.* to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise
11. cle \_\_\_\_\_ss standards *n.* the state of being clean or free from dirt, dust, or foreign substances; the practice of maintaining good hygiene and cleanliness
12. a st \_\_\_\_ut of fresh ingredients *n.* a situation in which a retailer or supplier runs out of stock of a particular product or item, leaving it temporarily unavailable to customers
13. scientific ex \_\_\_\_ar *n.* a person or thing that is regarded as a perfect example of a particular quality or type; a model or ideal to be emulated
14. imm \_\_\_\_\_ion program *n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure
15. v\_e for attention *v.* to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise
16. r\_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
17. jazz imp \_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 10. vie, 11. cleanliness, 12. stockout, 13. exemplar, 14. immunization, 15. vie, 16. rev, 17. improvisation



18. fa\_\_\_\_e announcement *n.* a short, loud, and attention-grabbing burst of sound, often to announce or celebrate something special; a flourished or ostentatious display or demonstration
19. in\_\_\_\_a resistance *n.* the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act
20. Newton's law of in\_\_\_\_a *n.* the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act
21. di\_\_\_e acid with water *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
22. feel exa\_\_\_\_ed *adj.* feeling intense irritation or frustration, especially over a persistent problem or difficulty
23. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
24. minimize st\_\_\_\_ut *n.* a situation in which a retailer or supplier runs out of stock of a particular product or item, leaving it temporarily unavailable to customers
25. di\_\_\_e a great idea *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
26. re\_\_\_\_r priorities *v.* to arrange something in a different or new order; to request or purchase an item or items again
27. small he\_\_h *n.* an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas

ANSWERS: 18. fanfare, 19. inertia, 20. inertia, 21. dilute, 22. exasperated, 23. improvisation, 24. stockout, 25. dilute, 26. reorder, 27. heath

28. ex\_\_\_\_\_ar of leadership *n.* a person or thing that is regarded as a perfect example of a particular quality or type; a model or ideal to be emulated
29. con\_\_\_\_\_ble aircraft *adj.* able to be controlled or directed
30. re\_\_\_e an old friendship *v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
31. le\_\_\_\_\_og technology *n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs
32. exa\_\_\_\_\_ed sigh *adj.* feeling intense irritation or frustration, especially over a persistent problem or difficulty
33. at the fr\_\_\_\_\_ne of the war *adj.* in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
34. he\_\_h habitat *n.* an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas
35. computer-con\_\_\_\_\_ble *adj.* able to be controlled or directed
36. dy\_\_\_\_\_ry epidemic *n.* a disease of the bowels characterized by severe and bloody diarrhea (= frequent and watery bowel movements)
37. employee abs\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* the practice of regularly being absent from work or school, often without a valid reason or justification
38. em\_\_\_\_\_ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 28. exemplar, 29. controllable, 30. revive, 31. leapfrog, 32. exasperated, 33. frontline, 34. heath, 35. controllable, 36. dysentery, 37. absenteeism, 38. embarrass

39. business da\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
40. childhood imm\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure
41. de\_\_e into documents *v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
42. wo\_\_\_n the food problem *v.* to become or make something worse
43. abs\_\_\_\_\_sm rate *n.* the practice of regularly being absent from work or school, often without a valid reason or justification
44. en\_\_\_\_\_e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
45. a\_\_e abominably *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
46. wo\_\_\_n a relation *v.* to become or make something worse
47. re\_\_\_\_\_te a matter to another authority *v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
48. auto da\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview

ANSWERS: 39. dashboard, 40. immunization, 41. delve, 42. worsen, 43. absenteeism, 44. entitle, 45. ache, 46. worsen, 47. relegate, 48. dashboard

49. re\_\_\_e my energy      *v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
50. royal fa\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a short, loud, and attention-grabbing burst of sound, often to announce or celebrate something special; a flourished or ostentatious display or demonstration
51. me\_\_\_\_\_al chemistry      *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
52. low-r\_v engine      *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
53. re\_\_\_\_\_te task      *v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
54. amoebic dy\_\_\_\_\_ry      *n.* a disease of the bowels characterized by severe and bloody diarrhea (= frequent and watery bowel movements)

ANSWERS: 49. revive, 50. fanfare, 51. medicinal, 52. rev, 53. relegate, 54. dysentery

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.  
*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
  
2. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
  
3. The object's \_\_\_\_\_ kept it moving in a straight line until acted upon by an outside force.  
*n.* the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act
  
4. The team arrived in a flurry of \_\_\_\_\_ after winning the championship.  
*n.* a short, loud, and attention-grabbing burst of sound, often to announce or celebrate something special; a flourished or ostentatious display or demonstration
  
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ the tradition of holding a parade on the main street every year.  
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6. I \_\_\_\_\_ all over after running a marathon yesterday.  
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7. The employee was \_\_\_\_\_ to a week of vacation time.  
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ANSWERS: 1. medicinal, 2. rev, 3. inertia, 4. fanfare, 5. revived, 6. ache, 7. entitled

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ANSWERS: 8. leapfrog, 9. improvisation, 10. relegated, 11. immunization, 12. exasperated, 13. Absenteeism, 14. delve

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ANSWERS: 23. vied, 24. dashboard, 25. worsened, 26. stockout, 27. cleanliness