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# **Advanced Words Only**

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# **Session 1: Word List**

#### **Newtonian**

adj. relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation

*synonym*: classical, physics, mechanics

(1) Newtonian physics, (2) Newtonian mechanicsThe motion of planets can be described using Newtonian

mechanics.

#### embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure We **embarked** on a new project.

#### infer

v. to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts

synonym: guess, deduce, assume

(1) **infer** quality from price, (2) **infer** the possibility Animal desire and preference are always **inferred** from their behavior.

# anthropomorphize

 to attribute human characteristics, emotions, and abilities to non-human entities

synonym: personify, humanize

# (1) **anthropomorphize** animals, (2) **anthropomorphize** God

The children **anthropomorphized** their stuffed animals and gave them personalities.

## intrigue

 to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym: attract, captivate, charm

(1) intrigue him, (2) intrigue against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

#### humane

- adj. having or showing compassion, kindness, and sympathy toward others, especially toward those who are suffering synonym: compassionate, kind, merciful
- (1) **humane** treatment, (2) **humane** society We must ensure that all medical testing on animals is conducted in a **humane** way.

#### pug

 a small, sturdy breed of dog with a wrinkled face and a curled tail; a fighter, especially in boxing; (verb) to mix or prepare clay, especially for pottery

synonym: beagle, bulldog, terrier

(1) pug dog, (2) playful pug

My cute **pug** puppy loves to play with her favorite toy, a squeaky ball.

#### collie

- a medium-sized dog breed of Scottish origin, often used as a sheepdog or for herding livestock
- (1) collie breed, (2) black collie

My neighbor's collie is very playful and loves to fetch sticks.

#### narrate

v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

synonym: tell, recount, describe

(1) narrate a news article, (2) narrate an event

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The audiobook hired a professional actor to **narrate** the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

#### obedient

adj. willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do synonym: compliant, submissive, dutiful

(1) grow to be **obedient**, (2) **obedient** dog

The **obedient** dog followed its owner's commands.

#### trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical trait, (2) personality traits

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

## agility

 the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

synonym: nimbleness, quickness, dexterity

(1) ninja-like **agility**, (2) **agility** training

The coach had the team run through the **agility** ladder to improve their coordination.

#### demonstrative

adj. tending to show one's feelings or emotions openly;serving to demonstrate, explain, or prove somethingsynonym: ostentatious, expressive, emotional

(1) **demonstrative** evidence, (2) **demonstrative** behavior The **demonstrative** exhibit showcased the latest advancements in technology.

#### acclimate

 to adapt or adjust to a new climate, environment, or situation, often by undergoing a period of exposure or learning

synonym: adjust, adapt, acclimatize

(1) **acclimate** to the climate, (2) **acclimate** to the culture It takes time for your body to **acclimate** to a new environment.

#### decibel

 n. (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale

synonym: dB, sound level, volume

(1) decibel level, (2) adjust the decibel

The concert reached 100 **decibels**, causing many people to cover their ears.

## jackhammer

 a powerful mechanical tool used to break up pavement, concrete, or other hard materials, typically used in construction or demolition projects

synonym: pneumatic hammer, hammer drill

(1) handheld **jackhammer**, (2) loud **jackhammer** noise The operator of the **jackhammer** wears noise-canceling headphones to protect their ears.

#### sedate

adj. calm, tranquil, and composed, often as a result of being under the influence of a sedative or tranquilizer; unhurried, deliberate, and without excessive movement or activity

synonym: calm, composed, tranquil

(1) **sedate** atmosphere, (2) **sedate** patient The **sedate** environment of the library was perfect for studying.

#### restrain

 to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

synonym: restrict, limit, control

restrain from violence, (2) restrain a child
 The police had to restrain the suspect after he became

violent during the arrest.

#### muff

 a tube-shaped garment for keeping the hands warm; a failure or mistake; (verb, of sports) to fail to hold onto the ball

synonym:

mitt, glove, (verb) fumble

(1) muff a speech, (2) woolen muff

She wore a fur **muff** to keep her hands warm during the winter.

zen

a school of Mahayana Buddhism that originated in China and was later developed in Japan, emphasizing the practice of meditation as the way to achieve enlightenment or awakening; (adjective) characterized by a sense of peace and tranquility, often through the practice of meditation or the use of natural elements

synonym: meditative, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **zen** garden, (2) **zen** meditation

Daily yoga helped her achieve a **zen** state of mind and calmness.

retriever

 a dog bred and trained for retrieving game, particularly birds, for hunters; a device or machine designed for retrieving or recovering items that are difficult to reach or obtain

synonym: hunter, hound, beagle

(1) retriever dog, (2) data retriever

The golden **retriever** was trained as a therapy dog to comfort hospital patients.

plum

- a small, sweet fruit with juicy flesh and a hard stone in the middle; a desirable or highly valued object, person, or position
- (1) plum pudding, (2) plum harvest

The farmer proudly displayed his basket of freshly picked **plums** at the market.

cerebellum

- the part of the brain at the back of the head that plays an important role in motor control, balance, and coordination
- (1) **cerebellum** function, (2) development of **cerebellum**An injury to the **cerebellum** can cause difficulty with walking,

speaking, and maintaining posture.

#### brainstem

n. the part of the vertebrate central nervous system that is continuous with the spinal cord and is composed of the medulla oblongata, pons, and midbrain, which controls many automatic functions of the body, such as heartbeat, breathing, and consciousness

synonym: medulla oblongata, pons

(1) **brainstem** function, (2) pontine **brainstem** 

A stroke in the **brainstem** can cause paralysis or even death.

## headlight

 a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead

synonym: headlamp, beam, lamp

(1) headlight adjustment, (2) headlight switch

My car's **headlight** must be replaced before I drive again at night.

#### mammal

- any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
- (1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

# dopamine

- a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension
- (1) **dopamine-inhibiting** agent, (2) antagonism of **dopamine**

The drug controls the level of **dopamine** in the brain.

#### olfaction

 the sense of smell; the ability to detect and perceive odors or scents

synonym: smell, scent, aroma

olfaction testing, (2) olfaction receptors
 Some animals have better olfaction than humans, enabling

them to detect prey from farther away.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) doe rabbit, (2) buck and doe

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

#### behaviorism

 a psychological approach that emphasizes the study of observable behaviors and the environmental factors that influence them, often without reference to internal mental processes

synonym: conditioning, learning theory, stimulus-response theory

- (1) **behaviorism** theory, (2) **behaviorism** approach Some educators have adopted **behaviorism** techniques to reinforce positive behavior in their classrooms.
- 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?

### biomarker

 a characteristic that is objectively measured and evaluated as an indicator of normal biological processes, pathogenic processes, or pharmacologic responses to a therapeutic intervention

synonym: indicator, measure, signature

(1) diabetes **biomarker**, (2) **biomarker** discovery

The **biomarker** test showed that the patient was responding well to the treatment.

#### excite

- v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate
- (1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion The news of her promotion **excited** her.

elicit

#### canine

adj. relating to or characteristic of dogs or the dog family;
 having qualities that are similar to those of dogs, such as loyalty or aggressiveness

synonym: laniary, dog-like, doggy

(1) canine behavior, (2) canine teeth

The veterinarian recommended a **canine-friendly** diet for my dog's health.

### domesticate

v. to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

synonym: tame, naturalize, cultivate

(1) easy to **domesticate**, (2) **domesticate** the plant We **domesticate** cows to gain milk and meat.

# **Session 2: Spelling**

1.	pm harvest	n.	a small, sweet fruit with juicy flesh and a hard stone in the middle; a desirable or highly valued object, person, or position
2.	olon testing	n.	the sense of smell; the ability to detect and perceive odors or scents
3.	rein from violence	ν.	to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
4.	exe rebellion	ν.	to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
5.	behsm approach	n.	a psychological approach that emphasizes the study of observable behaviors and the environmental factors that influence them, often without reference to internal mental processes
6.	development of cerum	n.	the part of the brain at the back of the head that plays an important role in motor control, balance, and coordination
7.	emk on a foolish adventure	ν.	to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
8.	inue him	v.	to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

ANSWERS: 1. plum, 2. olfaction, 3. restrain, 4. excite, 5. behaviorism, 6. cerebellum, 7. embark, 8. intrigue

9.	heht adjustment	n.	a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
10.	domte the plant	v.	to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
11.	ninja-like agy	n.	the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
12.	pontine brem	n.	the part of the vertebrate central nervous system that is continuous with the spinal cord and is composed of the medulla oblongata, pons, and midbrain, which controls many automatic functions of the body, such as heartbeat, breathing, and consciousness
13.	elt a confession	<i>v</i> .	to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
14.	see atmosphere	adj.	calm, tranquil, and composed, often as a result of being under the influence of a sedative or tranquilizer; unhurried, deliberate, and without excessive movement or activity
15.	reer dog	n.	a dog bred and trained for retrieving game, particularly birds, for hunters; a device or machine designed for retrieving or recovering items that are difficult to reach or obtain
16.	a sort of maI	n.	any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

ANSWERS: 9. headlight, 10. domesticate, 11. agility, 12. brainstem, 13. elicit, 14. sedate, 15. retriever, 16. mammal

17.	olon receptors	n.	the sense of smell; the ability to detect and perceive odors or scents
18.	acte to the culture	ν.	to adapt or adjust to a new climate, environment, or situation, often by undergoing a period of exposure or learning
19.	grow to be obnt	adj.	willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do
20.	heht switch	n.	a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
21.	bier discovery	n.	a characteristic that is objectively measured and evaluated as an indicator of normal biological processes, pathogenic processes, or pharmacologic responses to a therapeutic intervention
22.	Nean physics	adj.	relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
23.	data reer	n.	a dog bred and trained for retrieving game, particularly birds, for hunters; a device or machine designed for retrieving or recovering items that are difficult to reach or obtain
24.	hue treatment	adj.	having or showing compassion, kindness, and sympathy toward others, especially toward those who are suffering
25.	emk on a trip	v.	to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

ANSWERS: 17. olfaction, 18. acclimate, 19. obedient, 20. headlight, 21. biomarker, 22. Newtonian, 23. retriever, 24. humane, 25. embark

26.	coe breed	n.	a medium-sized dog breed of Scottish origin, often used as a sheepdog or for herding livestock
27.	p_g dog	n.	a small, sturdy breed of dog with a wrinkled face and a curled tail; a fighter, especially in boxing; (verb) to mix or prepare clay, especially for pottery
28.	done-inhibiting agent	n.	a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension
29.	elt a solution	v.	to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
30.	antize God	v.	to attribute human characteristics, emotions, and abilities to non-human entities
31.	exe the crowd	<i>v</i> .	to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
32.	personality trts	n.	a particular feature of your nature
33.	easy to domte	<i>v</i> .	to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
34.	diabetes bier	n.	a characteristic that is objectively measured and evaluated as an indicator of normal biological processes, pathogenic processes, or pharmacologic responses to a therapeutic intervention
35.	hue society	adj.	having or showing compassion, kindness, and sympathy toward others, especially toward those who are suffering

ANSWERS: 26. collie, 27. pug, 28. dopamine, 29. elicit, 30. anthropomorphize, 31. excite, 32. trait, 33. domesticate, 34. biomarker, 35. humane

36.	adjust the deI	n.	(also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a
37.	handheld jacer	n.	a powerful mechanical tool used to break up pavement, concrete, or other hard materials, typically used in construction or demolition projects
38.	acte to the climate	v.	to adapt or adjust to a new climate, environment, or situation, often by undergoing a period of exposure or learning
39.	cae behavior	adj.	relating to or characteristic of dogs or the dog family; having qualities that are similar to those of dogs, such as loyalty or aggressiveness
40.	nae a news article	v.	to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
41.	rein a child	ν.	to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
42.	obnt dog	adj.	willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do
43.	cae teeth	adj.	relating to or characteristic of dogs or the dog family; having qualities that are similar to those of dogs, such as loyalty or aggressiveness

ANSWERS: 36. decibel, 37. jackhammer, 38. acclimate, 39. canine, 40. narrate, 41. restrain, 42. obedient, 43. canine

44.	buck and d_e	n.	a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
45.	Nean mechanics	adj.	relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
46.	brem function	n.	the part of the vertebrate central nervous system that is continuous with the spinal cord and is composed of the medulla oblongata, pons, and midbrain, which controls many automatic functions of the body, such as heartbeat, breathing, and consciousness
47.	chemical trt	n.	a particular feature of your nature
48.	d_e rabbit	n.	a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
49.	inr the possibility	<i>v</i> .	to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts
50.	inue against his rival	ν.	to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
51.	black coe	n.	a medium-sized dog breed of Scottish origin, often used as a sheepdog or for herding livestock
52.	demive evidence	adj.	tending to show one's feelings or emotions openly; serving to demonstrate, explain, or prove something

ANSWERS: 44. doe, 45. Newtonian, 46. brainstem, 47. trait, 48. doe, 49. infer, 50. intrigue, 51. collie, 52. demonstrative

53. ag\_\_\_y training the ability to move quickly and easily, n. often in a way that is graceful and controlled 54. beh\_\_\_\_sm theory a psychological approach that n. emphasizes the study of observable behaviors and the environmental factors that influence them, often without reference to internal mental processes 55. in r quality from price to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts to tell a story or give an account of 56. na\_\_\_e an event events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media a small, sturdy breed of dog with a 57. playful p g n. wrinkled face and a curled tail; a fighter, especially in boxing; (verb) to mix or prepare clay, especially for pottery a powerful mechanical tool used to 58. loud jac er noise n. break up pavement, concrete, or other hard materials, typically used in construction or demolition projects a school of Mahayana Buddhism that 59. z n meditation n. originated in China and was later developed in Japan, emphasizing the practice of meditation as the way to achieve enlightenment or awakening; (adjective) characterized by a sense of peace and tranquility, often through the practice of meditation or the use of

ANSWERS: 53. agility, 54. behaviorism, 55. infer, 56. narrate, 57. pug, 58. jackhammer, 59. zen

natural elements

60. antagonism of dor	ne n.	a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension
61. pm pudding	n.	a small, sweet fruit with juicy flesh and a hard stone in the middle; a desirable or highly valued object, person, or position
62. z_n garden	n.	a school of Mahayana Buddhism that originated in China and was later developed in Japan, emphasizing the practice of meditation as the way to achieve enlightenment or awakening; (adjective) characterized by a sense of peace and tranquility, often through the practice of meditation or the use of natural elements
63. demive behavi	ior <i>adj</i>	tending to show one's feelings or emotions openly; serving to demonstrate, explain, or prove something
64. antize anii	mals v.	to attribute human characteristics, emotions, and abilities to non-human entities
65. see patient	adj	calm, tranquil, and composed, often as a result of being under the influence of a sedative or tranquilizer; unhurried, deliberate, and without excessive movement or activity
66. del level	n.	(also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale
ANSWERS: 60. dopamine, 61. plum, 62. zen, 63. demonstrative, 64.		

anthropomorphize, 65. sedate, 66. decibel

- 67. cer\_\_\_\_um function
- 68. woolen m\_\_f
- 69. a primitive ma\_\_\_l
- 70. m fa speech

- n. the part of the brain at the back of the head that plays an important role in motor control, balance, and coordination
- n. a tube-shaped garment for keeping the hands warm; a failure or mistake; (verb, of sports) to fail to hold onto the ball
- any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
- n. a tube-shaped garment for keeping the hands warm; a failure or mistake; (verb, of sports) to fail to hold onto the ball

ANSWERS: 67. cerebellum, 68. muff, 69. mammal, 70. muff

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

1.	The coach had the team run through the ladder to improve their coordination.
n.	the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
2.	A stroke in the can cause paralysis or even death.
n.	the part of the vertebrate central nervous system that is continuous with the spinal cord and is composed of the medulla oblongata, pons, and midbrain, which controls many automatic functions of the body, such as heartbeat, breathing, and consciousness
3.	An injury to the can cause difficulty with walking, speaking, and maintaining posture.
n.	the part of the brain at the back of the head that plays an important role in motor control, balance, and coordination
4.	The veterinarian recommended a diet for my dog's health.
adj	relating to or characteristic of dogs or the dog family; having qualities that are similar to those of dogs, such as loyalty or aggressiveness
5.	Animal desire and preference are always from their behavior.
<i>v</i> .	to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts
6.	The police had to the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.
<i>v</i> .	to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
	SWERS: 1. agility, 2. brainstem, 3. cerebellum, 4. canine-friendly, 5. inferred, 6. train

7.	The artist's innovative style of work me.
v.	to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
8.	Hunters use a whistle that makes the sound to lure stags.
n.	a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
9.	We on a new project.
ν.	to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
10.	The farmer proudly displayed his basket of freshly picked at the market.
n.	a small, sweet fruit with juicy flesh and a hard stone in the middle; a desirable or highly valued object, person, or position
11.	The news of her promotion her.
<i>v</i> .	to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
12.	The concert reached 100 causing many people to cover their ears.
n.	(also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale
13.	My car's must be replaced before I drive again at night.
n.	a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
14.	The golden was trained as a therapy dog to comfort hospital patients.
n.	a dog bred and trained for retrieving game, particularly birds, for hunters; a device or machine designed for retrieving or recovering items that are difficult to reach or obtain
	SWERS: 7. intrigues, 8. doe, 9. embarked, 10. plums, 11. excited, 12. decibels, headlight, 14. retriever

15.	Some educators have adopted behavior in their classrooms.	techniques to reinforce positive
n.		emphasizes the study of observable behaviors that influence them, often without reference to
16.	The dog followed its	owner's commands.
adj	willing to do what someone in	authority tells you to do
17.	My neighbor's is very pl	ayful and loves to fetch sticks.
n.	a medium-sized dog breed of sherding livestock	Scottish origin, often used as a sheepdog or for
18.	Have you a response	from them yet?
<i>v</i> .	to obtain information or a reac	tion from someone, usually with difficulty
19.	Multiple genes may influence be	ehavioral concurrently.
n.	a particular feature of your nat	ure
20.	The audiobook hired a profession engaging for listeners.	onal actor to the story, making it more
<i>v</i> .	, ,	nt of events, often in a chronological or logical ver or commentary for a film or other media
21.	Some animals have better prey from farther away.	than humans, enabling them to detect
n.	the sense of smell; the ability t	o detect and perceive odors or scents
22.	The motion of planets can be de	escribed using mechanics.
adj	relating to Sir Isaac Newton or	his laws of motion and universal gravitation
	SWERS: 15. behaviorism, 16. obrate, 21. olfaction, 22. Newtoniar	pedient, 17. collie, 18. elicited, 19. traits, 20.

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ANSWERS: 23. pug, 24. sedate, 25. demonstrative, 26. dopamine, 27. humane, 28. jackhammer, 29. zen

muff, 35. domesticate