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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### abacus

*n.* a counting device consisting of a frame with rods or wires on which beads or stones are moved to perform arithmetic calculations

*synonym*: bead frame, counting frame

(1) **abacus** calculations, (2) wooden **abacus** beads

The child was learning how to use an **abacus** in her math class.

### weave

*v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

*synonym*: braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

### cognition

*n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

*synonym*: awareness, understanding, comprehension

(1) social **cognition**, (2) **cognition** disorder

The professor focused on the research of infant **cognition**.

## augment

v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

*synonym*: boost, increase, expand

(1) **augment** the reality, (2) **augment** immunity

Economic factors and monetary policy **augmented** inflation.

## diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

*synonym*: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

## memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

*synonym*: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

## neurology

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system

*synonym*: brain science, nervous system, neuropathology

(1) cognitive **neurology**, (2) **neurology** department

She is studying clinical **neurology** to become a brain surgeon.

## palate

n. the roof of the mouth, including the hard and soft tissues used in speech and the sense of taste; a person's ability to taste or appreciate different flavors and tastes

*synonym*: mouth, flavor, sense

(1) **palate** cleanser, (2) refined **palate**

The restaurant's menu offered various dishes to satisfy everyone's **palate**.

## crunch

n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

*synonym* : crushing, snapping, crisis

(1) financial **crunch**, (2) a gas **crunch**

The **crunch** of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

## multilingual

*adj.* skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups

*synonym* : polyglot

(1) **multilingual** education, (2) **multilingual** staff

My friend is **multilingual**, speaking five different languages fluently.

## far-reaching

*adj.* having a wide or significant impact or influence

*synonym* : extensive, widespread, broad

(1) achieve **far-reaching** reform, (2) **far-reaching** consequences

The **far-reaching** effects of the policy change are still being felt.

## painstaking

*adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort

*synonym* : detailed, meticulous, conscientious

(1) **painstaking** research, (2) a **painstaking** student

The training of a hawk was a **painstaking** process.

## tiring

*adj.* causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom

*synonym* : exhausting, fatiguing, draining

(1) mentally **tiring**, (2) **tiring** day

The **tiring** hike through the mountains was worth it for the stunning views.

## greet

*v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

*synonym* : welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

## adversary

*n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

*synonym* : opponent, enemy, foe

(1) **adversary** team, (2) political **adversary**

The boxer's toughest **adversary** was his fear of losing.

## amplify

*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

*synonym* : intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

## ingenuity

*n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

*synonym* : creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**

Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

## unimaginable

*adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

*synonym* : unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

## creepy

*adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

*synonym* : eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the chills.

## terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym* : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

## afterthought

*n.* a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing

*synonym* : reconsideration, second thought, reconsideration

(1) **afterthought** comment, (2) an **afterthought** decision

Forgetting to mention our meeting was just an **afterthought** for him.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. social co\_\_\_\_\_on  
*n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
2. an aft\_\_\_\_\_ght decision  
*n.* a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing
3. di\_\_\_\_\_sh a reputation  
*v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
4. a gas cr\_\_\_\_h  
*n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
5. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng events  
*adj.* very frightening or intimidating
6. pa\_\_\_\_e cleanser  
*n.* the roof of the mouth, including the hard and soft tissues used in speech and the sense of taste; a person's ability to taste or appreciate different flavors and tastes
7. mentally ti\_\_\_\_g  
*adj.* causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom
8. pai\_\_\_\_\_ng research  
*adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
9. au\_\_\_\_\_t immunity  
*v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

ANSWERS: 1. cognition, 2. afterthought, 3. diminish, 4. crunch, 5. terrifying, 6. palate, 7. tiring, 8. painstaking, 9. augment

10. uni\_\_\_\_\_ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
11. am\_\_\_\_\_y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
12. me\_\_\_\_\_ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
13. gr\_\_t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
14. achieve far\_\_\_\_\_ing reform *adj.* having a wide or significant impact or influence
15. try hard to me\_\_\_\_\_ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
16. mul\_\_\_\_\_ual education *adj.* skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups
17. aft\_\_\_\_\_ght comment *n.* a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing
18. a pai\_\_\_\_\_ng student *adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
19. ne\_\_\_\_\_gy department *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system
20. gr\_\_t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
21. ad\_\_\_\_\_ry team *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

ANSWERS: 10. unimaginable, 11. amplify, 12. memorize, 13. greet, 14. far-reaching, 15. memorize, 16. multilingual, 17. afterthought, 18. painstaking, 19. neurology, 20. greet, 21. adversary

22. au\_\_\_\_t the reality      *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
23. cognitive ne\_\_\_\_\_gy      *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system
24. uni\_\_\_\_\_ble depths      *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
25. mul\_\_\_\_\_ual staff      *adj.* skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups
26. ab\_\_\_s calculations      *n.* a counting device consisting of a frame with rods or wires on which beads or stones are moved to perform arithmetic calculations
27. di\_\_\_\_\_sh swelling      *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
28. political ad\_\_\_\_\_ry      *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
29. abound in in\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
30. we\_\_\_e a story      *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
31. am\_\_\_\_\_y a signal      *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

ANSWERS: 22. augment, 23. neurology, 24. unimaginable, 25. multilingual, 26. abacus, 27. diminish, 28. adversary, 29. ingenuity, 30. weave, 31. amplify



32. feel cr\_\_\_y *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
33. refined pa\_\_\_e *n.* the roof of the mouth, including the hard and soft tissues used in speech and the sense of taste; a person's ability to taste or appreciate different flavors and tastes
34. financial cr\_\_\_h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
35. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
36. wooden ab\_\_\_s beads *n.* a counting device consisting of a frame with rods or wires on which beads or stones are moved to perform arithmetic calculations
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38. the infinite in\_\_\_\_\_ty of man *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
39. far\_\_\_\_\_ing consequences *adj.* having a wide or significant impact or influence
40. co\_\_\_\_\_on disorder *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
41. ti\_\_\_g day *adj.* causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom
42. we\_\_e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

ANSWERS: 32. creepy, 33. palate, 34. crunch, 35. terrifying, 36. abacus, 37. creepy, 38. ingenuity, 39. far-reaching, 40. cognition, 41. tiring, 42. weave

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Forgetting to mention our meeting was just an \_\_\_\_\_ for him.  
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10. The old, abandoned house was \_\_\_\_\_ and gave me the chills.  
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11. The \_\_\_\_\_ effects of the policy change are still being felt.  
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ANSWERS: 17. weaves, 18. cognition, 19. terrifying, 20. neurology, 21. amplify