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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- yell** *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way  
*synonym*: shout, scream, cry  
(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can  
When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.
- hotshot** *n.* a highly skilled or successful person, especially in a competitive field; a show-off or braggart  
*synonym*: ace, expert, superstar  
(1) marketing **hotshot**, (2) **hotshot** athlete  
The **hotshot** detective quickly solved the case, impressing even his jaded colleagues.
- exaggeration** *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is  
*synonym*: hyperbole, overstatement, embellishment  
(1) sensational **exaggeration**, (2) minimal **exaggeration**  
His story was filled with obvious **exaggerations**.
- skeptical** *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful  
*synonym*: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists  
His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

## postpone

*v.* to delay or reschedule something to a later time or date  
*synonym*: delay, defer, reschedule

(1) **postpone** meeting, (2) **postpone** event  
Due to inclement weather, the game has been **postponed** until next week.

## mindset

*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

*synonym*: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## visualize

*v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

*synonym*: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

## coworker

*n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization

*synonym*: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

## tenuous

*adj.* very weak or slight that it hardly exists

*synonym* : slight, fragile, slender

(1) **tenuous** relationship, (2) **tenuous** link

Evidence submitted by attorneys is **tenuous** due to a lack of objectivity.

## overwhelm

*v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

*synonym* : conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

## sideline

*n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

*synonym* : sidestep, periphery, (verb) ignore

(1) **sideline** reporter, (2) lucrative **sideline**

The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the **sideline** for the entire game.

## retiring

*adj.* withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved

*synonym* : shy, leaving, quitting

(1) near **retiring** age, (2) a **retiring** pension

The **retiring** CEO passed on the reins to his successor.

## credential

*v.* to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts

*synonym* : certify, verify, (noun) certificate

(1) **credential** themselves by showing their registration,

(2) teaching **credential**

To get the job, I need to **credential** my experience and

education.

### **intimidate**

*v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

*synonym*: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

### **counterintuitive**

*adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest

*synonym*: unreasonable, paradoxical, nonsensical

(1) **counterintuitive** results, (2) **counterintuitive** behavior

The **counterintuitive** nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. flexible mi_____t      | <i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone  |
| 2. marketing ho_____t     | <i>n.</i> a highly skilled or successful person, especially in a competitive field; a show-off or braggart   |
| 3. co_____er relationship | <i>n.</i> a person who works with another in the same company or organization  |
| 4. te_____s relationship  | <i>adj.</i> very weak or slight that it hardly exists  |
| 5. ind_____us worker      | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort  |
| 6. teaching cre_____al    | <i>v.</i> to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts |
| 7. minimal exa_____ion    | <i>n.</i> an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is  |
| 8. int_____te an opponent | <i>v.</i> to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do  |
| 9. y__l as loud as we can | <i>v.</i> to shout in a sudden and loud way  |
| 10. po_____ne meeting     | <i>v.</i> to delay or reschedule something to a later time or date   |

ANSWERS: 1. mindset, 2. hotshot, 3. coworker, 4. tenuous, 5. industrious, 6. credential, 7. exaggeration, 8. intimidate, 9. yell, 10. postpone

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| 11. y__l for help                                       | v.   | to shout in a sudden and loud way  |
| 12. ov_____lm opponents by numbers                      | v.   | to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody   |
| 13. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude                   | v.   | to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody   |
| 14. lucrative si_____ne                                 | n.   | a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure |
| 15. near re_____ng age                                  | adj. | withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved   |
| 16. a re_____ng pension                                 | adj. | withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved   |
| 17. te_____s link                                       | adj. | very weak or slight that it hardly exists  |
| 18. argue with a co_____er                              | n.   | a person who works with another in the same company or organization  |
| 19. cre_____al themselves by showing their registration | v.   | to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts   |
| 20. the mi_____t in an education system                 | n.   | the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone  |
| 21. vi_____ze flying through space                      | v.   | to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible  |

ANSWERS: 11. yell, 12. overwhelm, 13. overwhelm, 14. sideline, 15. retiring, 16. retiring, 17. tenuous, 18. coworker, 19. credential, 20. mindset, 21. visualize

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23. a sk\_\_\_\_\_al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
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27. effectively int\_\_\_\_\_te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
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29. vi\_\_\_\_\_ze data *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
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31. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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ANSWERS: 22. hotshot, 23. skeptical, 24. counterintuitive, 25. exaggeration, 26. postpone, 27. intimidate, 28. counterintuitive, 29. visualize, 30. skeptical, 31. industrious, 32. sideline

ANSWERS:



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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4. Too much variety may \_\_\_\_\_ and confuse viewers.  
*v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
5. My ex-\_\_\_\_\_ and I had different working styles but managed to get along.  
*n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
6. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
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ANSWERS: 1. counterintuitive, 2. intimidate, 3. skeptical, 4. overwhelm, 5. coworker, 6. industrious, 7. sideline

8. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and \_\_\_\_\_ at me.

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ANSWERS: 8. yelled, 9. tenuous, 10. hotshot, 11. mindset, 12. credential, 13. postponed, 14. visualize, 15. exaggerations

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ CEO passed on the reins to his successor.

*adj.* withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved

ANSWERS: 16. retiring