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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### unplanned

*adj.* not planned or intended; not having been prearranged or organized

*synonym*: spontaneous, impromptu, unforeseen

(1) an **unplanned** economy, (2) **unplanned** visit

The **unplanned** power outage caused much inconvenience.

### precaution

*n.* a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness

*synonym*: safeguard, measure, provision

(1) airborne **precaution**, (2) take extra **precautions**

As a **precaution**, the company locked all of its doors after a threat was made.

### astonishing

*adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

*synonym*: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

### uninformed

*adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness about a particular subject or issue; ignorant or unaware of the facts or details surrounding a situation

*synonym*: ignorant, unaware, unenlightened

(1) **uninformed** general public, (2) kept completely **uninformed**

He made an **uninformed** decision based on hearsay instead of facts.

## condom

*n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

*synonym*: prophylactic, rubber, sheath

(1) **condom** brand, (2) safe **condom** use

Using a **condom** during sexual activity is one of the most effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.

## cofounder

*n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

## contraceptive

*adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception

*synonym*: preventive, prophylactic, antifertility

(1) **contraceptive** measures, (2) hormonal **contraceptive**

The **contraceptive** patch offers a convenient and effective method of birth control.

## quitter

*n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

*synonym*: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

## contraception

*n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a

fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

(1) hormonal **contraception**, (2) **contraception** pills

Condoms are a common method of **contraception** that both men and women can use.

## derail

*v.* to cause a train or tram to run off the tracks accidentally; to run off or leave the rails accidentally

*synonym*: crash, wreck, thwart

(1) **derail** the recovery, (2) **derail** an argument

The train **derailed** because a cow was standing on the tracks.

## trajectory

*n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space

*synonym*: course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

## unintentional

*adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental

*synonym*: accidental, unforeseen, spontaneous

(1) avoid **unintentional** harm, (2) **unintentional** insult

The mistake was **unintentional** and made in good faith.

## deceptive

*adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true

*synonym*: misleading, trickery, fraudulent

(1) **deceptive** practices, (2) appearances are **deceptive**

The politician's statements were found to be **deceptive** and not based on fact.

## empower

*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

*synonym*: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## unconscionable

*adj.* not guided by conscience; unprincipled; unreasonable; excessively or shockingly excessive, unreasonably harsh or severe

*synonym*: unscrupulous, immoral, unethical

(1) **unconscionable** behavior, (2) **unconscionable** decision

It is **unconscionable** that some companies exploit their workers for profit.

## roe

*n.* the eggs or egg-filled ovaries of female fish, typically used as a food item

*synonym*: fish eggs, caviar, spawn

(1) **roe** production, (2) salmon **roe**

The restaurant serves delicious sushi made with fresh **roe**.

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. make ast\_\_\_\_\_ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
3. em\_\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
4. appearances are de\_\_\_\_\_ve *adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
5. un\_\_\_\_\_ed visit *adj.* not planned or intended; not having been prearranged or organized
6. unc\_\_\_\_\_ble decision *adj.* not guided by conscience; unprincipled; unreasonable; excessively or shockingly excessive, unreasonably harsh or severe
7. salmon r\_e *n.* the eggs or egg-filled ovaries of female fish, typically used as a food item
8. co\_\_\_m brand *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
9. de\_\_\_l an argument *v.* to cause a train or tram to run off the tracks accidentally; to run off or leave the rails accidentally

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. astonishing, 3. empower, 4. deceptive, 5. unplanned, 6. unconscionable, 7. roe, 8. condom, 9. derail

10. de\_\_\_\_\_ve practices *adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
11. airborne pre\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness
12. uni\_\_\_\_\_nal insult *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
13. unc\_\_\_\_\_ble behavior *adj.* not guided by conscience; unprincipled; unreasonable; excessively or shockingly excessive, unreasonably harsh or severe
14. take extra pre\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness
15. r\_e production *n.* the eggs or egg-filled ovaries of female fish, typically used as a food item
16. con\_\_\_\_\_ion pills *n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures
17. late co\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
18. career tra\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
19. hormonal con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

ANSWERS: 10. deceptive, 11. precaution, 12. unintentional, 13. unconscionable, 14. precaution, 15. roe, 16. contraception, 17. cofounder, 18. trajectory, 19. contraception

20. serial qu\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
21. safe co\_\_\_m use *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
22. hormonal con\_\_\_\_\_ive *adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception
23. uni\_\_\_\_\_ed general public *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness about a particular subject or issue; ignorant or unaware of the facts or details surrounding a situation
24. ast\_\_\_\_\_ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
25. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
26. de\_\_\_l the recovery *v.* to cause a train or tram to run off the tracks accidentally; to run off or leave the rails accidentally
27. an un\_\_\_\_\_ed economy *adj.* not planned or intended; not having been prearranged or organized
28. easy qu\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
29. co\_\_\_\_\_er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

ANSWERS: 20. quitter, 21. condom, 22. contraceptive, 23. uninformed, 24. astonishing, 25. opportune, 26. derail, 27. unplanned, 28. quitter, 29. cofounder





## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The restaurant serves delicious sushi made with fresh \_\_\_\_.  
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2. He was labeled as a \_\_\_\_\_ after he abandoned the project halfway.  
*n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
3. The news of her sudden death was \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone who knew her.  
*adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
4. He made an \_\_\_\_\_ decision based on hearsay instead of facts.  
*adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness about a particular subject or issue; ignorant or unaware of the facts or details surrounding a situation
5. The company has shown an excellent growth \_\_\_\_\_ over the years.  
*n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
6. As a \_\_\_\_\_ the company locked all of its doors after a threat was made.  
*n.* a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness
7. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ and chairman of this tech company.  
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8. Condoms are a common method of \_\_\_\_\_ that both men and women can use.  
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ANSWERS: 1. roe, 2. quitter, 3. astonishing, 4. uninformed, 5. trajectory, 6. precaution, 7. cofounder, 8. contraception

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ power outage caused much inconvenience.  
*adj.* not planned or intended; not having been prearranged or organized
10. The politician's statements were found to be \_\_\_\_\_ and not based on fact.  
*adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
11. The company \_\_\_\_\_ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.  
*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
12. Using a \_\_\_\_\_ during sexual activity is one of the most effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.  
*n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
13. The mistake was \_\_\_\_\_ and made in good faith.  
*adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
14. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ patch offers a convenient and effective method of birth control.  
*adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception
16. The train \_\_\_\_\_ because a cow was standing on the tracks.  
*v.* to cause a train or tram to run off the tracks accidentally; to run off or leave the rails accidentally

ANSWERS: 9. unplanned, 10. deceptive, 11. empowered, 12. condom, 13. unintentional, 14. opportune, 15. contraceptive, 16. derailed

17. It is \_\_\_\_\_ that some companies exploit their workers for profit.

*adj.* not guided by conscience; unprincipled; unreasonable; excessively or shockingly excessive, unreasonably harsh or severe

ANSWERS: 17. unconscionable