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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### shotgun

*n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot

*synonym* : scattergun, blunderbuss

(1) a **shotgun** marriage, (2) a 12-gauge **shotgun**

The robbers used a **shotgun** to threaten the store clerk.

### knuckle

*n.* one of the joint-like parts of the fingers and toes, especially of the hand

*synonym* : joint, finger joint, finger knob

(1) **knuckle** sandwich, (2) bare- **knuckle** boxer

He cracked his **knuckles** nervously before the presentation.

### clap

*v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

*synonym* : applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

### hush

*v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential

*synonym* : clam up, quieten, settle down

(1) **hush** for a while, (2) **hush** up a case

Please **hush** your voice so that the baby can sleep.

## remix

v. to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

*synonym* : recreate, recompose, alter

(1) **remix** a couple of tracks, (2) **remix** the album

He **remixed** the tracks to give them a jazz feel.

## strawberry

n. a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top

(1) the **strawberry** pie, (2) **strawberry** greenhouse

He had a **strawberry** smoothie for breakfast.

## hector

v. to intimidate or bully someone

*synonym* : intimidate, bulldoze, bully

(1) **hector** people, (2) **hector** them into shaking hands

He was known for **hectoring** his employees and making them work long hours.

## conga

n. a drum shaped like a long cylinder with a slightly narrowed waist, played by being struck with the hands or sticks and used in Latin American music and dance

*synonym* : line dance, salsa, rumba

(1) **conga** drum, (2) **conga** rhythm

The party was in full swing, with people dancing in a **conga** line.

## cleave

v. to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively

*synonym* : split, sever, cleave

(1) **cleave** meat, (2) **cleave** the party

He swung the axe with all his might to **cleave** the wood in half.

## salsa

n. a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine,

as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions

*synonym* : sauce, dip, condiment

(1) **salsa** music, (2) homemade **salsa** dip

We brought chips and **salsa** to the party as a tasty appetizer.

## plenary

*adj.* complete or absolute; full in scope or extent; attended by all members or participants

*synonym* : complete, full, absolute

(1) **plenary** power, (2) **plenary** discussions

The conference will include a **plenary** session for all attendees to participate in.

## dale

*n.* a valley or a broad, low area between hills or mountains, often with a stream or river running through it

*synonym* : valley, glen, hollow

(1) **dale** landscape, (2) fertile **dale**

The grassy **dale** was filled with wildflowers and grazing sheep.

## telegram

*n.* a message sent by telegraph (= a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals), typically consisting of a few words and sent at a reduced rate for urgent or brief communications

*synonym* : wire, message, cablegram

(1) **telegram** service, (2) a congratulatory **telegram**

He sent a **telegram** to let his family know he was safe.

## stubborn

*adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

*synonym* : persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. cl\_\_\_e the party  
*v.* to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively
2. co\_\_a rhythm  
*n.* a drum shaped like a long cylinder with a slightly narrowed waist, played by being struck with the hands or sticks and used in Latin American music and dance
3. c\_\_p my hands  
*v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
4. re\_\_x a couple of tracks  
*v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
5. homemade sa\_\_a dip  
*n.* a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions
6. d\_\_e landscape  
*n.* a valley or a broad, low area between hills or mountains, often with a stream or river running through it
7. fertile d\_\_e  
*n.* a valley or a broad, low area between hills or mountains, often with a stream or river running through it

ANSWERS: 1. cleave, 2. conga, 3. clap, 4. remix, 5. salsa, 6. dale, 7. dale

8. he\_\_\_r people *v.* to intimidate or bully someone
9. co\_\_a drum *n.* a drum shaped like a long cylinder with a slightly narrowed waist, played by being struck with the hands or sticks and used in Latin American music and dance
10. pl\_\_\_\_\_y power *adj.* complete or absolute; full in scope or extent; attended by all members or participants
11. h\_\_h for a while *v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
12. a congratulatory te\_\_\_\_\_am *n.* a message sent by telegraph (= a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals), typically consisting of a few words and sent at a reduced rate for urgent or brief communications
13. re\_\_x the album *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
14. st\_\_\_\_\_rn attitude *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
15. str\_\_\_\_\_ry greenhouse *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top

ANSWERS: 8. hector, 9. conga, 10. plenary, 11. hush, 12. telegram, 13. remix, 14. stubborn, 15. strawberry

16. c\_\_p a book shut      *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
17. te\_\_\_\_am service      *n.* a message sent by telegraph (= a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals), typically consisting of a few words and sent at a reduced rate for urgent or brief communications
18. kn\_\_\_\_e sandwich      *n.* one of the joint-like parts of the fingers and toes, especially of the hand
19. a 12-gauge sh\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot
20. bare-kn\_\_\_\_e boxer      *n.* one of the joint-like parts of the fingers and toes, especially of the hand
21. he\_\_\_r them into shaking hands      *v.* to intimidate or bully someone
22. h\_\_h up a case      *v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
23. sa\_\_a music      *n.* a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions

ANSWERS: 16. clap, 17. telegram, 18. knuckle, 19. shotgun, 20. knuckle, 21. hector, 22. hush, 23. salsa

24. st\_\_\_\_rn stains *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
25. a sh\_\_\_\_n marriage *n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot
26. the str\_\_\_\_ry pie *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
27. cl\_\_\_\_e meat *v.* to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively
28. pl\_\_\_\_y discussions *adj.* complete or absolute; full in scope or extent; attended by all members or participants

ANSWERS: 24. stubborn, 25. shotgun, 26. strawberry, 27. cleave, 28. plenary

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The conference will include a \_\_\_\_\_ session for all attendees to participate in.  
*adj.* complete or absolute; full in scope or extent; attended by all members or participants
2. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ smoothie for breakfast.  
*n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ the tracks to give them a jazz feel.  
*v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
4. The robbers used a \_\_\_\_\_ to threaten the store clerk.  
*n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot
5. The grassy \_\_\_\_\_ was filled with wildflowers and grazing sheep.  
*n.* a valley or a broad, low area between hills or mountains, often with a stream or river running through it
6. He swung the axe with all his might to \_\_\_\_\_ the wood in half.  
*v.* to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively
7. He was so \_\_\_\_\_ about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.  
*adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

ANSWERS: 1. plenary, 2. strawberry, 3. remixed, 4. shotgun, 5. dale, 6. cleave, 7. stubborn



8. We \_\_\_\_\_ along with the singer's song.
- v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
9. Please \_\_\_\_\_ your voice so that the baby can sleep.
- v. to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
10. He was known for \_\_\_\_\_ his employees and making them work long hours.
- v. to intimidate or bully someone
11. He cracked his \_\_\_\_\_ nervously before the presentation.
- n. one of the joint-like parts of the fingers and toes, especially of the hand
12. The party was in full swing, with people dancing in a \_\_\_\_\_ line.
- n. a drum shaped like a long cylinder with a slightly narrowed waist, played by being struck with the hands or sticks and used in Latin American music and dance
13. He sent a \_\_\_\_\_ to let his family know he was safe.
- n. a message sent by telegraph (= a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals), typically consisting of a few words and sent at a reduced rate for urgent or brief communications
14. We brought chips and \_\_\_\_\_ to the party as a tasty appetizer.
- n. a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions

ANSWERS: 8. clapped, 9. hush, 10. hectoring, 11. knuckles, 12. conga, 13. telegram, 14. salsa