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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### excursion

*n.* a short trip or outing, often for leisure or educational purposes, sometimes organized by a group or institution; a deviation or departure from a usual or regular course of action or behavior

*synonym* : outing, trip, expedition

(1) **excursion** package, (2) weekend **excursion**

We went on an exciting **excursion** to explore the ancient ruins of a lost civilization.

### screenwriter

*n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media

*synonym* : scriptwriter, playwright

(1) aspiring **screenwriter**, (2) experienced **screenwriter**

The movie's success was largely attributed to the **screenwriter's** cleverly written script.

### ideate

*v.* to conceive of and develop an idea or concept in one's mind, often as part of a creative process or a problem-solving effort

*synonym* : conceive, think up, brainstorm

(1) **ideate** solutions, (2) **ideate** process

The team met to **ideate** new marketing strategies for the

upcoming product launch.

## animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

*synonym*: invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

## reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

*synonym*: reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

## junta

n. a group of military or political leaders who have taken control of a government, often by force; a board or council that rules a country or organization

*synonym*: regime, government, military council

(1) **junta** regime, (2) rebel **junta**

The military **junta** took control of the country after the coup.

## pedagogy

n. the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession

*synonym*: teaching, instruction, education

(1) modern **pedagogy**, (2) student-centered **pedagogy**

The teacher's innovative **pedagogy** helped her students learn in fun and engaging way.

## recount

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

*synonym*: narrate, tell, report

(1) **recount** the adventure, (2) **recount** a conversation with him

They **recount** events that have already occurred.

## impart

v. to expose or inform; to provide a portion of

*synonym*: pass on, give, bestow

(1) **impart** a secret, (2) **impart** basic knowledge  
She had knowledge she couldn't wait to **impart**.

### **underestimate**

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

*synonym*: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

### **disguise**

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

*synonym*: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

### **bully**

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

*synonym*: tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

### **tyrant**

n. a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

*synonym*: despot, dictator, autocrat

(1) a domestic **tyrant**, (2) **tyrant** regime

The **tyrant's** rule was marked by oppression and fear.

### **fickle**

adj. liable to change frequently or unexpectedly, often without reason; capricious or unsteady

*synonym*: capricious, unpredictable, inconsistent

(1) **fickle** opinion, (2) **fickle** mood

The weather can be quite **fickle** in this region, changing rapidly and unpredictably.

## hinterland

*n.* the remote or less developed areas beyond the main urban areas or centers of activity; a region lying inland from a port or coastal settlement

*synonym*: backcountry, wilderness, remote area

(1) **hinterland** tourism, (2) remote **hinterland**

The vast **hinterland** region was filled with untamed wilderness and natural wonders.

## storytelling

*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

*synonym*: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

## 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.

## pinafore

*n.* a type of dress with a bodice and attached skirt that is gathered at the waist and worn over a separate blouse, typically worn by women and children

(1) denim **pinafore** skirt, (2) **pinafore** apron

The little girl looked adorable in her **pinafore** dress.

## agility

*n.* 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.

## hectic

*adj.* characterized by intense activity, agitation, or commotion; chaotic or frantic; relating to or causing a feverish state

*synonym* : frantic, heated, busy

(1) **hectic** schedule, (2) **hectic** lifestyle

After a **hectic** day at work, I only want to relax and unwind.

## pajama

*n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging

*synonym* : nightgown, nightdress

(1) care **pajama**, (2) **pajama** pants

My little sister loves to have **pajama** parties with her friends on the weekends.

## mischievous

*adj.* causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way

*synonym* : naughty, prankish, impish

(1) **mischievous** grin, (2) **mischievous** sense of humor

The **mischievous** child played pranks on his siblings all day long.

## infancy

*n.* the state or period of being a baby or very young child

*synonym* : childhood, babyhood, juvenescence

(1) **infancy** stage, (2) in early **infancy**

The technology is still in its **infancy** and has much room for improvement.

## hindrance

*n.* an obstacle or barrier that prevents progress or interferes with accomplishing a task or goal

*synonym* : obstacle, impediment, barrier

(1) **hindrance** to progress, (2) logistical **hindrance**

The language barrier can be a **hindrance** to effective communication.

## naivete

*n.* lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment; innocence or simplicity, often perceived as a flaw or weakness in

dealing with real-world situations

*synonym*: innocence, simplicity, naturalness

(1) **naivete** about love, (2) **naivete** honesty

His **naivete** about the dangers of the wilderness nearly got him killed on his first camping trip.

## solemnity

*n.* the state or quality of being serious, grave, and dignified; a formal and dignified sense of ceremony or ritual

*synonym*: seriousness, gravity, earnestness

(1) **solemnity** of the occasion, (2) religious **solemnity**

The **solemnity** of the funeral made everyone feel sad and reflective.

## anarchy

*n.* a state of society without government or law

*synonym*: chaos, disorder, lawlessness

(1) **anarchy** in the classroom, (2) lapse into **anarchy**

The concept of **anarchy** has been used in literature, music, and other art forms to explore ideas about power, freedom, and rebellion.

## banknote

*n.* a piece of paper money, especially one issued by a central bank

*synonym*: cash, buck, money

(1) crisp **banknote**, (2) five-dollar **banknote**

Counterfeiting **banknotes** is a felony in any country.

## improbable

*adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring

*synonym*: unlikely, doubtful, implausible

(1) **improbable** story, (2) **improbable** event

It is **improbable** that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.

## devote

*v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

*synonym*: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life  
He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

## **recess**

*n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court

*synonym* : break, interval, pause

(1) a court **recess**, (2) during noon **recess**

The company decided to take a **recess** and reconvene the meeting later that day.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. di\_\_\_\_se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
2. imp\_\_\_\_\_le story *adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
3. id\_\_\_e process *v.* to conceive of and develop an idea or concept in one's mind, often as part of a creative process or a problem-solving effort
4. bu\_\_y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
5. an\_\_\_\_\_y in the classroom *n.* a state of society without government or law
6. student-centered pe\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession
7. na\_\_\_\_\_e about love *n.* lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment; innocence or simplicity, often perceived as a flaw or weakness in dealing with real-world situations
8. denim pi\_\_\_\_\_re skirt *n.* a type of dress with a bodice and attached skirt that is gathered at the waist and worn over a separate blouse, typically worn by women and children

ANSWERS: 1. disguise, 2. improbable, 3. ideate, 4. bully, 5. anarchy, 6. pedagogy, 7. naivete, 8. pinafore



9. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
10. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
11. na\_\_\_\_\_e honesty *n.* lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment; innocence or simplicity, often perceived as a flaw or weakness in dealing with real-world situations
12. he\_\_\_\_c lifestyle *adj.* characterized by intense activity, agitation, or commotion; chaotic or frantic; relating to or causing a feverish state
13. imp\_\_\_\_\_le event *adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
14. ty\_\_\_\_t regime *n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person
15. im\_\_\_\_t a secret *v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of
16. mis\_\_\_\_\_us sense of humor *adj.* causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way
17. fi\_\_\_\_e opinion *adj.* liable to change frequently or unexpectedly, often without reason; capricious or unsteady

ANSWERS: 9. opportune, 10. opportune, 11. naivete, 12. hectic, 13. improbable, 14. tyrant, 15. impart, 16. mischievous, 17. fickle

18. five-dollar ba\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* a piece of paper money, especially one issued by a central bank
19. so\_\_\_\_\_ty of the occasion *n.* the state or quality of being serious, grave, and dignified; a formal and dignified sense of ceremony or ritual
20. und\_\_\_\_\_ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
21. an\_\_\_\_\_e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
22. re\_\_\_\_\_t a conversation with him *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
23. fi\_\_\_e mood *adj.* liable to change frequently or unexpectedly, often without reason; capricious or unsteady
24. logistical hi\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* an obstacle or barrier that prevents progress or interferes with accomplishing a task or goal
25. in\_\_\_\_\_y stage *n.* the state or period of being a baby or very young child
26. re\_\_\_\_\_t the adventure *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
27. aspiring scr\_\_\_\_\_ter *n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
28. bu\_\_y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

ANSWERS: 18. banknote, 19. solemnity, 20. underestimate, 21. animate, 22. recount, 23. fickle, 24. hindrance, 25. infancy, 26. recount, 27. screenwriter, 28. bully

29. mis\_\_\_\_\_us grin *adj.* causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way
30. remote hin\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* the remote or less developed areas beyond the main urban areas or centers of activity; a region lying inland from a port or coastal settlement
31. re\_\_\_\_\_ct a telephone *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
32. pi\_\_\_\_\_re apron *n.* a type of dress with a bodice and attached skirt that is gathered at the waist and worn over a separate blouse, typically worn by women and children
33. de\_\_\_e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
34. di\_\_\_\_\_se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
35. a domestic ty\_\_\_\_t *n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person
36. modern pe\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession
37. ju\_\_a regime *n.* a group of military or political leaders who have taken control of a government, often by force; a board or council that rules a country or organization

ANSWERS: 29. mischievous, 30. hinterland, 31. reconnect, 32. pinafore, 33. devote, 34. disguise, 35. tyrant, 36. pedagogy, 37. junta

38. ag\_\_\_\_\_y training *n.* the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
39. hi\_\_\_\_\_ce to progress *n.* an obstacle or barrier that prevents progress or interferes with accomplishing a task or goal
40. ex\_\_\_\_\_on package *n.* a short trip or outing, often for leisure or educational purposes, sometimes organized by a group or institution; a deviation or departure from a usual or regular course of action or behavior
41. im\_\_\_\_t basic knowledge *v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of
42. id\_\_\_\_e solutions *v.* to conceive of and develop an idea or concept in one's mind, often as part of a creative process or a problem-solving effort
43. experienced scr\_\_\_\_\_ter *n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
44. und\_\_\_\_\_ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
45. rebel ju\_\_a *n.* a group of military or political leaders who have taken control of a government, often by force; a board or council that rules a country or organization
46. religious so\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state or quality of being serious, grave, and dignified; a formal and dignified sense of ceremony or ritual

ANSWERS: 38. agility, 39. hindrance, 40. excursion, 41. impart, 42. ideate, 43. screenwriter, 44. underestimate, 45. junta, 46. solemnity

47. re\_\_\_\_\_ct with family      *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
48. hin\_\_\_\_\_nd tourism      *n.* the remote or less developed areas beyond the main urban areas or centers of activity; a region lying inland from a port or coastal settlement
49. de\_\_\_e my own life      *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
50. lapse into an\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* a state of society without government or law
51. a court re\_\_\_s      *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
52. weekend ex\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a short trip or outing, often for leisure or educational purposes, sometimes organized by a group or institution; a deviation or departure from a usual or regular course of action or behavior
53. ninja-like ag\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
54. in early in\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the state or period of being a baby or very young child
55. crisp ba\_\_\_\_\_te      *n.* a piece of paper money, especially one issued by a central bank
56. an\_\_\_\_\_e his soul      *v.* to make something full of interest and energy

ANSWERS: 47. reconnect, 48. hinterland, 49. devote, 50. anarchy, 51. recess, 52. excursion, 53. agility, 54. infancy, 55. banknote, 56. animate

57. courtroom sto\_\_\_\_\_ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
58. he\_\_\_c schedule *adj.* characterized by intense activity, agitation, or commotion; chaotic or frantic; relating to or causing a feverish state
59. pa\_\_\_a pants *n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
60. sto\_\_\_\_\_ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
61. during noon re\_\_\_s *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
62. care pa\_\_\_a *n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging

ANSWERS: 57. storytelling, 58. hectic, 59. pajama, 60. storytelling, 61. recess, 62. pajama

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ events that have already occurred.  
*v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
  
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ child played pranks on his siblings all day long.  
*adj.* causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way
  
3. His \_\_\_\_\_ about the dangers of the wilderness nearly got him killed on his first camping trip.  
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6. The schoolyard \_\_\_\_\_ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.  
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7. She had knowledge she couldn't wait to \_\_\_\_\_.  
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ANSWERS: 8. improbable, 9. tyrant's, 10. hinterland, 11. infancy, 12. recess, 13. junta, 14. excursion



15. My little sister loves to have \_\_\_\_\_ parties with her friends on the weekends.  
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*n.* a type of dress with a bodice and attached skirt that is gathered at the waist and worn over a separate blouse, typically worn by women and children
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*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
22. The concept of \_\_\_\_\_ has been used in literature, music, and other art forms to explore ideas about power, freedom, and rebellion.  
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ANSWERS: 15. pajama, 16. pinafore, 17. reconnected, 18. fickle, 19. devoted, 20. hectic, 21. opportune, 22. anarchy

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26. The language barrier can be a \_\_\_\_\_ to effective communication.
- n. an obstacle or barrier that prevents progress or interferes with accomplishing a task or goal
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- n. the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession
30. The movie's success was largely attributed to the \_\_\_\_\_ cleverly written script.
- n. a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media

ANSWERS: 23. disguised, 24. storytelling, 25. solemnity, 26. hindrance, 27. banknotes, 28. agility, 29. pedagogy, 30. screenwriter's

31. The positive attitude of the supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ the discussion.

v. to make something full of interest and energy

ANSWERS: 31. animated