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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### easel

*n.* a stand or support used to hold an artist's canvas or other artwork

*synonym* : tripod, stand, rack

(1) **easel** stand, (2) portable **easel**

The artist needed a sturdy metal **easel** to support his large canvas paintings.

### peek

*n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

*synonym* : glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

### frail

*adj.* weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength

*synonym* : weak, delicate, fragile

(1) **frail** body, (2) **frail** condition

My grandfather's health has declined, and he is now quite **frail**.

### excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym* : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## tripod

*n.* a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment

*synonym*: three-legged stand, three-legged base, three-legged support

(1) **tripod** mic stand, (2) **tripod** mount

The photographer set up his camera on a **tripod** to take the shot.

## doorway

*n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

*synonym*: entrance, portal, gateway

(1) a wide **doorway**, (2) **doorway** to success

He leaned against the **doorway**, waiting for her to come home.

## imitate

*v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

*synonym*: mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds

He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

## washroom

*n.* a room or public facility equipped for washing one's hands and face, often including a toilet or a shower

*synonym*: restroom, lavatory, bathroom

(1) **washroom** facility, (2) public **washroom**

Please make sure to clean the **washroom** before leaving.

## pneumonia

*n.* an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms

*synonym*: lung infection, bronchitis

(1) bacterial **pneumonia**, (2) viral **pneumonia**

She was hospitalized with a severe case of **pneumonia**.

## chore

*n.* a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor

*synonym* : task, duty, job

(1) **chore** list, (2) household **chores**

Cleaning the house is a **chore** that only some enjoy.

## sew

*v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

*synonym* : stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

## newfound

*adj.* newly discovered or acquired

*synonym* : afresh, new, recently discovered

(1) a **newfound** mine, (2) **newfound** freedom

With his **newfound** wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.

## hysterical

*adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion

*synonym* : agitated, frantic, crazy

(1) **hysterical** laughter, (2) get **hysterical** easily

The frustration that had accumulated for a long time made her **hysterical**.

## germ

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym* : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## Alzheimer

*n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults

*synonym* : dementia, memory loss, cognitive decline

(1) **Alzheimer's** brain, (2) **Alzheimer's** risk factors

My grandmother has **Alzheimer's** disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.

## dementia

*n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

*synonym*: cognitive decline, memory loss, Alzheimer's disease

(1) **dementia** patients, (2) probably have **dementia**

The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of **dementia** in older age.

## preoccupied

*adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy

*synonym*: absorbed, engrossed, occupied

(1) **preoccupied** idea, (2) **preoccupied** with other things

He was **preoccupied** with work and didn't notice me.

## downstairs

*adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building

*synonym*: below

(1) creep **downstairs**, (2) escort him **downstairs**

Please get the desk **downstairs**.

## overstuffed

*adj.* filled or packed too tightly or too full; having too much padding or stuffing

*synonym*: overflowing, crammed

(1) **overstuffed** sofa, (2) **overstuffed** sandwich

The **overstuffed** suitcase wouldn't close, so I had to remove some items.

## humming

*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

*synonym*: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

**nephew**

*n.* a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**

My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. do____y to success           | <i>n.</i> an opening in a wall for a door to fit into   |
| 2. ne____nd freedom             | <i>adj.</i> newly discovered or acquired  |
| 3. ove_____ed sandwich          | <i>adj.</i> filled or packed too tightly or too full; having too much padding or stuffing   |
| 4. escort him dow_____rs        | <i>adv.</i> on or to a lower or ground floor of a building  |
| 5. fr__l condition              | <i>adj.</i> weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength  |
| 6. Al_____er's brain            | <i>n.</i> a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults |
| 7. probably have de_____ia      | <i>n.</i> a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury   |
| 8. get hys_____al easily        | <i>adj.</i> marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion  |
| 9. pre_____ed with other things | <i>adj.</i> having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy  |
| 10. wa_____om facility          | <i>n.</i> a room or public facility equipped for washing one's hands and face, often including a toilet or a shower   |
| 11. ch__e list                  | <i>n.</i> a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor   |

ANSWERS: 1. doorway, 2. newfound, 3. overstuffed, 4. downstairs, 5. frail, 6. Alzheimer, 7. dementia, 8. hysterical, 9. preoccupied, 10. washroom, 11. chore

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|--------------------------------|---|
| 12. a ne____nd mine            | <i>adj.</i> newly discovered or acquired  |
| 13. p__k at others' misfortune | <i>n.</i> a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something  |
| 14. bacterial pn_____ia        | <i>n.</i> an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms   |
| 15. tr___d mic stand           | <i>n.</i> a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment   |
| 16. a g__m-free environment    | <i>n.</i> a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one |
| 17. hu_____g bird              | <i>adj.</i> producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee   |
| 18. household ch__es           | <i>n.</i> a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor   |
| 19. portable ea__l             | <i>n.</i> a stand or support used to hold an artist's canvas or other artwork   |
| 20. de_____ia patients         | <i>n.</i> a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury   |
| 21. im_____e animal sounds     | <i>v.</i> to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something  |
| 22. im_____e painting styles   | <i>v.</i> to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something  |

ANSWERS: 12. newfound, 13. peek, 14. pneumonia, 15. tripod, 16. germ, 17. humming, 18. chore, 19. easel, 20. dementia, 21. imitate, 22. imitate

23. nieces and ne\_\_\_ws *n.* a son of your brother or sister
24. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
25. a wide do\_\_\_\_y *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
26. three-year-old ne\_\_\_w *n.* a son of your brother or sister
27. pre\_\_\_\_ed idea *adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy
28. hu\_\_\_\_g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
29. public wa\_\_\_\_om *n.* a room or public facility equipped for washing one's hands and face, often including a toilet or a shower
30. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
31. ove\_\_\_\_ed sofa *adj.* filled or packed too tightly or too full; having too much padding or stuffing
32. creep dow\_\_\_\_rs *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
33. Al\_\_\_\_er's risk factors *n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
34. tr\_\_\_d mount *n.* a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment
35. s\_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

ANSWERS: 23. nephew, 24. excite, 25. doorway, 26. nephew, 27. preoccupied, 28. humming, 29. washroom, 30. excite, 31. overstuffed, 32. downstairs, 33. Alzheimer, 34. tripod, 35. sew



36. ea\_\_l stand *n.* a stand or support used to hold an artist's canvas or other artwork
37. hys\_\_\_\_\_al laughter *adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion
38. s\_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
39. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
40. sneak p\_\_k *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
41. fr\_\_l body *adj.* weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength
42. viral pn\_\_\_\_\_ia *n.* an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms

ANSWERS: 36. easel, 37. hysterical, 38. sew, 39. germ, 40. peek, 41. frail, 42. pneumonia

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was \_\_\_\_\_ with work and didn't notice me.  
*adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy
2. With his \_\_\_\_\_ wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.  
*adj.* newly discovered or acquired
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.  
*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
4. She took a quick \_\_\_\_\_ inside the box before closing it again.  
*n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
5. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.  
*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
7. She was hospitalized with a severe case of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms
8. My \_\_\_\_\_ is eight months old and still being breastfed.  
*n.* a son of your brother or sister
9. The artist needed a sturdy metal \_\_\_\_\_ to support his large canvas paintings.  
*n.* a stand or support used to hold an artist's canvas or other artwork

ANSWERS: 1. preoccupied, 2. newfound, 3. germ, 4. peek, 5. excited, 6. humming, 7. pneumonia, 8. nephew, 9. easel

10. My mother taught me how to \_\_\_\_\_.

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11. Please get the desk \_\_\_\_\_.

- adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building

12. The \_\_\_\_\_ suitcase wouldn't close, so I had to remove some items.

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13. The frustration that had accumulated for a long time made her \_\_\_\_\_.

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15. He leaned against the \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for her to come home.

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16. My grandmother has \_\_\_\_\_ disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.

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17. The photographer set up his camera on a \_\_\_\_\_ to take the shot.

- n.* a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment

18. The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of \_\_\_\_\_ in older age.

- n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

ANSWERS: 10. sew, 11. downstairs, 12. overstuffed, 13. hysterical, 14. chore, 15. doorway, 16. Alzheimer's, 17. tripod, 18. dementia

19. He \_\_\_\_\_ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

*v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

20. Please make sure to clean the \_\_\_\_\_ before leaving.

*n.* a room or public facility equipped for washing one's hands and face, often including a toilet or a shower

21. My grandfather's health has declined, and he is now quite \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength

ANSWERS: 19. imitated, 20. washroom, 21. frail