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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### clog

*v.* to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something

*synonym* : block, jam, obstruct

(1) **clog** a filter, (2) **clog** artery

The drain was **clogged** with hair and needed to be cleaned out.

### etcetera

*n.* used to indicate that some other unspecified items or things could be included besides those already mentioned; and so on

*synonym* : and so on, and the like, and others

(1) tools, hardware, **etcetera**, (2) meetings, appointments, and **etcetera**

The museum contains a variety of artifacts, from ancient pottery to medieval armor, **etcetera**.

### time-consuming

*adj.* requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete

*synonym* : lengthy, prolonged, protracted

(1) **time-consuming** project, (2) **time-consuming** process

Writing a research paper can be a **time-consuming** task.

## preset

*v.* to set or adjust something beforehand, often about electronic or technological devices or systems; (noun) a preconfigured setting or adjustment that is programmed into a device, system, or software

*synonym* : preconfigure, program, prearrange

(1) **preset** not to make a connection, (2) **preset** settings  
I always **preset** my coffee maker the night before to have a fresh cup when I wake up.

## biomarker

*n.* a characteristic that is objectively measured and evaluated as an indicator of normal biological processes, pathogenic processes, or pharmacologic responses to a therapeutic intervention

*synonym* : indicator, measure, signature

(1) diabetes **biomarker**, (2) **biomarker** discovery  
The **biomarker** test showed that the patient was responding well to the treatment.

## bloodstream

*n.* the blood flowing through the body

(1) **bloodstream** in an artery, (2) **bloodstream** to the brain  
Cancer cells are often carried throughout the body by the **bloodstream**.

## abysmal

*adj.* extremely bad or unsuccessful, to the degree of being bottomless or unfathomable

*synonym* : dreadful, terrible, appalling

(1) **abysmal** performance, (2) **abysmal** living conditions  
The company's **abysmal** sales performance led to layoffs and budget cuts.

## prick

*v.* to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication

*synonym* : poke, jab, sting

(1) **prick** a balloon, (2) **prick** up her ears  
He accidentally **pricked** his finger with the needle.

## impending

*adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent

*synonym* : imminent, upcoming, approaching

(1) **impending** doom, (2) **impending** crisis

We must prepare for the **impending** storm expected to hit our area.

## vibrate

*v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

*synonym* : oscillate, convulse, jerk

(1) **vibrate** at a regular frequency, (2) **vibrate** with anger

During the flight, the wings of the plane **vibrate**.

## irreversible

*adj.* impossible to change or return to a previous condition

*synonym* : irrevocable, unrecoverable, permanent

(1) avoid **irreversible** damage, (2) an **irreversible** change

The development of agricultural technology has had an **irreversible** impact on humanity.

## rethink

*v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

*synonym* : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

## medicinal

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

*synonym* : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. an irr\_\_\_\_\_ble change *adj.* impossible to change or return to a previous condition
2. avoid irr\_\_\_\_\_ble damage *adj.* impossible to change or return to a previous condition
3. tim\_\_\_\_\_ing project *adj.* requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete
4. tim\_\_\_\_\_ing process *adj.* requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete
5. vi\_\_\_\_\_e at a regular frequency *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
6. diabetes bi\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a characteristic that is objectively measured and evaluated as an indicator of normal biological processes, pathogenic processes, or pharmacologic responses to a therapeutic intervention
7. tools, hardware, et\_\_\_\_\_ra *n.* used to indicate that some other unspecified items or things could be included besides those already mentioned; and so on
8. im\_\_\_\_\_ng crisis *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
9. blo\_\_\_\_\_am in an artery *n.* the blood flowing through the body
10. vi\_\_\_\_\_e with anger *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

ANSWERS: 1. irreversible, 2. irreversible, 3. time-consuming, 4. time-consuming, 5. vibrate, 6. biomarker, 7. etcetera, 8. impending, 9. bloodstream, 10. vibrate

11. ab\_\_\_\_l living conditions *adj.* extremely bad or unsuccessful, to the degree of being bottomless or unfathomable
12. bi\_\_\_\_\_er discovery *n.* a characteristic that is objectively measured and evaluated as an indicator of normal biological processes, pathogenic processes, or pharmacologic responses to a therapeutic intervention
13. c\_\_g a filter *v.* to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something
14. pr\_\_k up her ears *v.* to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication
15. meetings, appointments, and et\_\_\_\_ra *n.* used to indicate that some other unspecified items or things could be included besides those already mentioned; and so on
16. pr\_\_k a balloon *v.* to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication
17. pr\_\_\_\_t settings *v.* to set or adjust something beforehand, often about electronic or technological devices or systems; (noun) a preconfigured setting or adjustment that is programmed into a device, system, or software

ANSWERS: 11. abysmal, 12. biomarker, 13. clog, 14. prick, 15. etcetera, 16. prick, 17. preset

18. re\_\_\_\_k the role of the manager      *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
19. ab\_\_\_\_l performance      *adj.* extremely bad or unsuccessful, to the degree of being bottomless or unfathomable
20. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al      *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
21. blo\_\_\_\_\_am to the brain      *n.* the blood flowing through the body
22. re\_\_\_\_k a marketing plan      *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
23. me\_\_\_\_\_al chemistry      *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
24. pr\_\_\_t not to make a connection      *v.* to set or adjust something beforehand, often about electronic or technological devices or systems; (noun) a preconfigured setting or adjustment that is programmed into a device, system, or software
25. im\_\_\_\_\_ng doom      *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
26. c\_\_g artery      *v.* to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something

ANSWERS: 18. rethink, 19. abysmal, 20. medicinal, 21. bloodstream, 22. rethink, 23. medicinal, 24. preset, 25. impending, 26. clog

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. During the flight, the wings of the plane \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
2. The drain was \_\_\_\_\_ with hair and needed to be cleaned out.  
*v.* to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something
3. Writing a research paper can be a \_\_\_\_\_ task.  
*adj.* requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete
4. The development of agricultural technology has had an \_\_\_\_\_ impact on humanity.  
*adj.* impossible to change or return to a previous condition
5. We must prepare for the \_\_\_\_\_ storm expected to hit our area.  
*adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
6. He accidentally \_\_\_\_\_ his finger with the needle.  
*v.* to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.  
*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 1. vibrate, 2. clogged, 3. time-consuming, 4. irreversible, 5. impending, 6. pricked, 7. medicinal

8. The museum contains a variety of artifacts, from ancient pottery to medieval armor, \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* used to indicate that some other unspecified items or things could be included besides those already mentioned; and so on
9. We have to \_\_\_\_\_ our company's product lineup for further growth.
- v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
10. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ sales performance led to layoffs and budget cuts.
- adj.* extremely bad or unsuccessful, to the degree of being bottomless or unfathomable
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ test showed that the patient was responding well to the treatment.
- n.* a characteristic that is objectively measured and evaluated as an indicator of normal biological processes, pathogenic processes, or pharmacologic responses to a therapeutic intervention
12. Cancer cells are often carried throughout the body by the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the blood flowing through the body
13. I always \_\_\_\_\_ my coffee maker the night before to have a fresh cup when I wake up.
- v.* to set or adjust something beforehand, often about electronic or technological devices or systems; (noun) a preconfigured setting or adjustment that is programmed into a device, system, or software

ANSWERS: 8. etcetera, 9. rethink, 10. abysmal, 11. biomarker, 12. bloodstream, 13. preset