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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### apathy

*n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

*synonym*: affectlessness, dispassion, indifference

(1) **apathy** in the election, (2) political **apathy**

The global economic crisis has led to pervasive **apathy** and powerlessness.

### familial

*adj.* of or relating to a family or families; having the qualities of a family

*synonym*: family, relative, hereditary

(1) **familial** relationships, (2) **familial** traits

**Familial** ties are often strong and enduring.

### embarrass

*v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

*synonym*: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

### hearse

*n.* a vehicle used to transport a coffin or casket during a funeral procession; a carriage or wagon used in medieval times to transport a nobleman's body to the burial

*synonym*: funeral car, carriage, cortege

(1) **hearse** procession, (2) **hearse** driver

The funeral home provided a black **hearse** for the occasion.

## grandchild

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

*synonym*: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

## 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.

## liberate

*v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

*synonym*: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

## ferocious

*adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel

*synonym*: savage, fierce, brutal

(1) **ferocious** beast, (2) **ferocious** predator

The lion's **ferocious** roar could be heard from miles away.

## paralyze

*v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

*synonym*: immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

## crutch

*n.* a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker,

or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility

*synonym*: brace, support, prop

(1) **crutch** support, (2) emotional **crutch**

He walked with the aid of a **crutch** after breaking his leg in a skiing accident.

## stern

*adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude

*synonym*: severe, harsh, strict

(1) **stern** warning, (2) a **stern** look

The students' antics did not amuse the **stern** teacher.

## miraculous

*adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

*synonym*: amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

## courtyard

*n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

*synonym*: patio, garden, atrium

(1) quiet **courtyard**, (2) spacious **courtyard**

The hotel's beautiful **courtyard** was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.

## kern

*v.* to adjust the spacing between letters or characters in typesetting, especially to reduce the space between two adjoining characters for a better visual fit; (noun) the part of a letter that projects beyond its nominal width

*synonym*: center, highlight, emphasize

(1) **kern** text, (2) **kern** spacing

The typographer must **kern** the headlines to make them more visually appealing.

## **gymnasium**

*n.* a large room or building equipped for indoor sports and physical exercise, typically including weights and exercise machines; a school or institution that emphasizes physical education and athletics

*synonym*: athletic facility, sports center, fitness center

(1) **gymnasium** equipment, (2) high school **gymnasium**

I go to the local **gymnasium** three times a week to stay in shape.

## **rumor**

*n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

*synonym*: gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

## **embody**

*v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

*synonym*: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

## **devastate**

*v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

*synonym*: demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

## **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.

## **jillion**

*n.* an extremely large number or amount that is beyond precise estimation; a highly exaggerated or hypothetical

number

(1) **jillion** tasks, (2) **jillion** times

She seemed to have a **jillion** reasons for not finishing her homework on time.

## midterm

*adj.* referring to the middle of a term or period, especially in politics or education

*synonym*: intermediate, central, halfway

(1) **midterm** election, (2) leave school in the **midterm**

The **midterm** exams determined how much students had learned so far.

## yearn

*v.* to strongly desire or long for something

*synonym*: long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love

She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. fa\_\_\_\_al relationships *adj.* of or relating to a family or families; having the qualities of a family
2. st\_\_n warning *adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
3. im\_\_\_\_e painting styles *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
4. a false ru\_\_r *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
5. ye\_\_n after my old days *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
6. a st\_\_n look *adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
7. ap\_\_\_\_y in the election *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
8. cr\_\_\_\_h support *n.* a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility
9. pa\_\_\_\_ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
10. quiet co\_\_\_\_rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

ANSWERS: 1. familial, 2. stern, 3. imitate, 4. rumor, 5. yearn, 6. stern, 7. apathy, 8. crutch, 9. paralyze, 10. courtyard

11. emotional cr\_\_\_h *n.* a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility
12. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
13. gy\_\_\_\_\_um equipment *n.* a large room or building equipped for indoor sports and physical exercise, typically including weights and exercise machines; a school or institution that emphasizes physical education and athletics
14. leave school in the mi\_\_\_\_\_m *adj.* referring to the middle of a term or period, especially in politics or education
15. political ap\_\_\_y *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
16. k\_\_n spacing *v.* to adjust the spacing between letters or characters in typesetting, especially to reduce the space between two adjoining characters for a better visual fit; (noun) the part of a letter that projects beyond its nominal width
17. li\_\_\_\_\_te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
18. fe\_\_\_\_\_us beast *adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel
19. pa\_\_\_\_\_ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

ANSWERS: 11. crutch, 12. grandchild, 13. gymnasium, 14. midterm, 15. apathy, 16. kern, 17. liberate, 18. ferocious, 19. paralyze

20. mi\_\_\_\_m election *adj.* referring to the middle of a term or period, especially in politics or education
21. ye\_\_n for love *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
22. fa\_\_\_\_al traits *adj.* of or relating to a family or families; having the qualities of a family
23. em\_\_\_y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
24. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
25. ji\_\_\_\_\_n tasks *n.* an extremely large number or amount that is beyond precise estimation; a highly exaggerated or hypothetical number
26. k\_\_n text *v.* to adjust the spacing between letters or characters in typesetting, especially to reduce the space between two adjoining characters for a better visual fit; (noun) the part of a letter that projects beyond its nominal width
27. li\_\_\_\_\_te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
28. ji\_\_\_\_\_n times *n.* an extremely large number or amount that is beyond precise estimation; a highly exaggerated or hypothetical number
29. fe\_\_\_\_\_us predator *adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel
30. spacious co\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

ANSWERS: 20. midterm, 21. yearn, 22. familial, 23. embody, 24. grandchild, 25. jillion, 26. kern, 27. liberate, 28. jillion, 29. ferocious, 30. courtyard



31. im\_\_\_\_e animal sounds      *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
32. de\_\_\_\_\_te the economy      *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
33. em\_\_\_\_y a spirit of charity      *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
34. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
35. he\_\_\_\_e procession      *n.* a vehicle used to transport a coffin or casket during a funeral procession; a carriage or wagon used in medieval times to transport a nobleman's body to the burial
36. high school gy\_\_\_\_\_um      *n.* a large room or building equipped for indoor sports and physical exercise, typically including weights and exercise machines; a school or institution that emphasizes physical education and athletics
37. ru\_\_r mill      *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
38. he\_\_\_\_e driver      *n.* a vehicle used to transport a coffin or casket during a funeral procession; a carriage or wagon used in medieval times to transport a nobleman's body to the burial
39. a mir\_\_\_\_\_us encounter      *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

ANSWERS: 31. imitate, 32. devastate, 33. embody, 34. opportune, 35. hearse, 36. gymnasium, 37. rumor, 38. hearse, 39. miraculous

40. go through a mir\_\_\_\_\_us change      *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
41. em\_\_\_\_\_ss my project      *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
42. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
43. de\_\_\_\_\_te an area      *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
44. em\_\_\_\_\_ss political enemy      *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 40. miraculous, 41. embarrass, 42. opportune, 43. devastate, 44. embarrass

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The funeral home provided a black \_\_\_\_\_ for the occasion.  
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5. The \_\_\_\_\_ exams determined how much students had learned so far.  
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ANSWERS: 1. hearse, 2. Familial, 3. stern, 4. gymnasium, 5. midterm, 6. apathy, 7. devastate, 8. kern

9. He made a \_\_\_\_\_ recovery.

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ANSWERS: 9. miraculous, 10. ferocious, 11. yearned, 12. opportune, 13. liberated, 14. jillion, 15. embarrass, 16. imitated, 17. grandchild

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- n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
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22. The company's new products \_\_\_\_\_ the values of innovation and sustainability.
- v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

ANSWERS: 18. rumor, 19. paralyzed, 20. courtyard, 21. crutch, 22. embody