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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### threefold

*adj.* three times as great or as many

*synonym*: three, triple, three times

(1) rise nearly **threefold**, (2) **threefold** increase

The price of the item was reduced **threefold** after the sale.

### insecure

*adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

*synonym*: uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

### 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.

### covet

*v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for

*synonym*: desire, yearn, crave

(1) **covet** wealth, (2) **covet** fame

She couldn't help but **covet** her friend's designer handbag.

## ensue

*v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something

*synonym*: follow, occur, result

(1) **ensue** within a few years, (2) predict what will **ensue**

A power outage **ensued** after the storm knocked out the electricity.

## herdsman

*n.* a person who manages or cares for a herd of livestock, typically cattle, sheep, or goats

*synonym*: shepherd, grazier, rancher

(1) nomadic **herdsman**, (2) livestock **herdsman**

In rural areas, the role of a sheep **herdsman** is vital for managing and caring for the flock.

## sear

*v.* to char, scorch, or burn the surface of something with intense heat; (of pain or experience) to be deeply felt or remembered over a long time

*synonym*: scorch, cook, burn

(1) **sear** tissue using a hot iron, (2) **sear** the memory into your mind

Be careful not to **sear** the meat too long, as it can become tough and chewy.

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym*: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## starch

*n.* a complex carbohydrate found in many plants, including rice, wheat, and potatoes that is an important foodstuff for humans and animals

*synonym*: carbohydrate, glucose, dextrin

(1) **starch** granules, (2) potato **starch**

When heated, **starch** molecules absorb water and become thick and gooey, making it a useful thickening agent in

cooking.

## **cassava**

*n.* a starchy, tuberous root plant that is native to South America and is grown in many tropical and subtropical regions around the world

*synonym* : manioc, yuca

(1) **cassava** flour, (2) **cassava** starch

**Cassava** leaves are also eaten as a vegetable in some parts of the world.

## **wondrous**

*adj.* inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive

*synonym* : amazing, fantastic, miraculous

(1) **wondrous** sight, (2) **wondrous** adventure

The **wondrous** beauty of the sunset left us all in awe.

## **meager**

*adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate

*synonym* : scanty, sparse, insufficient

(1) **meager** salary, (2) **meager** resources

The refugee family had to survive on a **meager** amount of food and water daily.

## **tattered**

*adj.* worn, torn, or ragged in appearance or condition, usually as a result of long use or hard wear; frayed or falling apart

*synonym* : ripped, shabby, worn-out

(1) **tattered** clothes, (2) **tattered** umbrella

The **tattered** book was falling apart at the seams from being read too many times.

## **destitute**

*adj.* lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing; impoverished

*synonym* : poor, impoverished, needy

(1) **destitute** refugees, (2) living in **destitute** conditions

The hurricane left many families **destitute** and without homes.

## wreak

*v.* to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events

*synonym* : cause, inflict, bring about

(1) **wreak** a lot of changes, (2) **wreak** further damage

The virus has **wreaked** havoc on the healthcare system, overwhelming hospitals and causing shortages of supplies.

## vengeance

*n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done

*synonym* : retaliation, retribution, revenge

(1) **vengeance** justice, (2) wreak **vengeance**

He sought **vengeance** for the wrongs done to him.

## insurgent

*adj.* rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency

*synonym* : subversive, rebellious, mutinous

(1) **insurgent** attack, (2) **insurgent** group

The government forces fought brutally against the **insurgent** rebels in the remote region.

## kidnapping

*n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

*synonym* : abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

## woe

*n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

*synonym* : anguish, despair, suffering

(1) economic **woe**, (2) full of **woe**

Recurrent financial **woes** hampered his subsequent career.

## persevere

*v.* to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement

*synonym* : persist, endure, continue

(1) **persevere** through hardships, (2) **persevere** in my goals

Even when faced with challenges, it's important to **persevere** and never give up.

### **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.

### **hardworking**

*adj.* tending to work with a lot of effort and care

*synonym*: diligent, dedicated, conscientious

(1) **hardworking** student, (2) retire from **hardworking** life

They sought candidates with **hardworking** and good-natured.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. full of w\_e *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
2. me\_\_\_r salary *adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
3. th\_\_\_\_\_ld increase *adj.* three times as great or as many
4. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
5. pe\_\_\_\_\_re in my goals *v.* to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement
6. s\_\_r tissue using a hot iron *v.* to char, scorch, or burn the surface of something with intense heat; (of pain or experience) to be deeply felt or remembered over a long time
7. an in\_\_\_\_\_re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
8. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
9. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
10. wreak ve\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done

ANSWERS: 1. woe, 2. meager, 3. threefold, 4. excite, 5. persevere, 6. sear, 7. insecure, 8. improvisation, 9. opportune, 10. vengeance

11. wr\_\_k a lot of changes *v.* to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
12. har\_\_\_\_\_ng student *adj.* tending to work with a lot of effort and care
13. livestock he\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who manages or cares for a herd of livestock, typically cattle, sheep, or goats
14. en\_\_e within a few years *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
15. living in de\_\_\_\_\_te conditions *adj.* lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing; impoverished
16. co\_\_t wealth *v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for
17. potato st\_\_\_h *n.* a complex carbohydrate found in many plants, including rice, wheat, and potatoes that is an important foodstuff for humans and animals
18. st\_\_\_h granules *n.* a complex carbohydrate found in many plants, including rice, wheat, and potatoes that is an important foodstuff for humans and animals
19. wo\_\_\_\_\_us sight *adj.* inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive
20. s\_\_r the memory into your mind *v.* to char, scorch, or burn the surface of something with intense heat; (of pain or experience) to be deeply felt or remembered over a long time

ANSWERS: 11. wreak, 12. hardworking, 13. herdsman, 14. ensue, 15. destitute, 16. covet, 17. starch, 18. starch, 19. wondrous, 20. sear

21. rise nearly th\_\_\_\_\_ld *adj.* three times as great or as many
22. mass kid\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
23. in\_\_\_\_\_re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
24. nomadic he\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who manages or cares for a herd of livestock, typically cattle, sheep, or goats
25. in\_\_\_\_\_nt attack *adj.* rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency
26. ca\_\_\_\_\_a starch *n.* a starchy, tuberous root plant that is native to South America and is grown in many tropical and subtropical regions around the world
27. economic w\_e *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
28. wr\_\_k further damage *v.* to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
29. co\_\_t fame *v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for
30. ta\_\_\_\_\_ed clothes *adj.* worn, torn, or ragged in appearance or condition, usually as a result of long use or hard wear; frayed or falling apart
31. ca\_\_\_\_\_a flour *n.* a starchy, tuberous root plant that is native to South America and is grown in many tropical and subtropical regions around the world

ANSWERS: 21. threefold, 22. kidnapping, 23. insecure, 24. herdsman, 25. insurgent, 26. cassava, 27. woe, 28. wreak, 29. covet, 30. tattered, 31. cassava



32. pe\_\_\_\_\_re through hardships *v.* to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement
33. retire from har\_\_\_\_\_ng life *adj.* tending to work with a lot of effort and care
34. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
35. ta\_\_\_\_\_ed umbrella *adj.* worn, torn, or ragged in appearance or condition, usually as a result of long use or hard wear; frayed or falling apart
36. predict what will en\_\_e *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
37. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
38. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
39. kid\_\_\_\_\_ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
40. de\_\_\_\_\_te refugees *adj.* lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing; impoverished
41. ve\_\_\_\_\_ce justice *n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done
42. me\_\_\_r resources *adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate

ANSWERS: 32. persevere, 33. hardworking, 34. improvisation, 35. tattered, 36. ensue, 37. opportune, 38. excite, 39. kidnapping, 40. destitute, 41. vengeance, 42. meager

43. wo\_\_\_\_us adventure

*adj.* inspiring amazement or admiration;  
extremely beautiful and impressive

44. in\_\_\_\_\_nt group

*adj.* rising against established authority or  
government; characterized by rebellion,  
dissent, or insurgency

ANSWERS: 43. wondrous, 44. insurgent

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. He sought \_\_\_\_\_ for the wrongs done to him.  
*n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done
3. The virus has \_\_\_\_\_ havoc on the healthcare system, overwhelming hospitals and causing shortages of supplies.  
*v.* to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
4. When heated, \_\_\_\_\_ molecules absorb water and become thick and gooey, making it a useful thickening agent in cooking.  
*n.* a complex carbohydrate found in many plants, including rice, wheat, and potatoes that is an important foodstuff for humans and animals
5. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
6. They sought candidates with \_\_\_\_\_ and good-natured.  
*adj.* tending to work with a lot of effort and care
7. The price of the item was reduced \_\_\_\_\_ after the sale.  
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ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. vengeance, 3. wreaked, 4. starch, 5. kidnapping, 6. hardworking, 7. threefold

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ANSWERS: 8. Cassava, 9. ensued, 10. meager, 11. insecure, 12. excited, 13. persevere, 14. tattered, 15. insurgent

16. Recurrent financial \_\_\_\_\_ hampered his subsequent career.

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17. The hurricane left many families \_\_\_\_\_ and without homes.

*adj.* lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing;  
impoverished

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ANSWERS: 16. woes, 17. destitute, 18. herdsman, 19. wondrous, 20. sear, 21. improvisation, 22. covet