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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### marvelous

*adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent

*synonym*: wonderful, amazing, superb

(1) **marvelous** performance, (2) **marvelous** power

The view from the top of the mountain was **marvelous**.

### foretell

*v.* to predict or reveal something that will happen in the future

*synonym*: predict, prophesy, forecast

(1) **foretell** the attack, (2) **foretell** the end of the world

The fortune teller was able to **foretell** the future by reading tarot cards.

### descend

*v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

*synonym*: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

### domesticate

*v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

*synonym*: tame, naturalize, cultivate

(1) easy to **domesticate**, (2) **domesticate** the plant

We **domesticate** cows to gain milk and meat.

## spur

*n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

*synonym*: encouragement, motivation, stimulus

(1) **spur** of the moment, (2) **spur** a momentum of economic growth

The threat of losing his job was the **spur** he needed to work harder.

## menagerie

*n.* a collection of wild animals, especially exotic ones, kept for display

*synonym*: collection, assortment, group

(1) a large **menagerie**, (2) **menagerie** keeper

The circus had a **menagerie** of animals, including elephants, lions, and monkeys.

## incubate

*v.* to keep warm and protected, especially to hatch eggs; to develop and nurture

*synonym*: hatch, breed, gestate

(1) **incubate** terrorism in developing countries, (2) **incubate** an idea

The scientists decided to **incubate** the eggs for further study.

## revered

*v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities

*synonym*: respected, admired, honored

(1) **revered** figure, (2) the most **revered** President

The **revered** teacher was loved by her students.

## rooster

*n.* a male chicken, especially one that is adult; a bird that has a distinctive red comb, wattle, and crowing call

*synonym*: cock, chicken, hen

(1) bantam **rooster**, (2) **rooster** fight

The **rooster's** crow woke up the farmer every morning at sunrise.

## conquest

*n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

*synonym*: subjugation, domination, mastery

(1) imperial **conquest**, (2) make a **conquest**

He continued to grow his empire through **conquest**.

## colonize

*v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

*synonym*: settle, occupy, inhabit

(1) **colonize** planets, (2) **colonize** for cultivation

European powers **colonized** much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

## opioid

*n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted

(1) an **opioid** analgesic, (2) **opioid** receptor

Treatment for **opioid** dependence may be a long-term process.

## trait

*n.* a particular feature of your nature

*synonym*: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

## crossbreeding

*n.* the process of breeding two different species or breeds to produce offspring that share characteristics of both

*synonym*: hybridization, interbreeding

(1) selective **crossbreeding**, (2) **crossbreeding** plant species

The new breed of dog was developed through careful **crossbreeding** of different species.

## genotype

*n.* the genetic constitution of an individual organism; the inherited collection of genes that determine an organism's traits and characteristics

*synonym* : genetic constitution

(1) **genotype** frequency, (2) heterozygous **genotype**

The baby's **genotype** is determined by the combination of genes inherited from its parents.

## footprint

*n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

*synonym* : footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

## gladiator

*n.* a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences

*synonym* : fighter, warrior, combatant

(1) act like a **gladiator**, (2) the Christian **gladiator**

The **gladiator's** training regimen included physical conditioning, weapons training, and strategy.

## proverb

*n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

*synonym* : adage, saying, maxim

(1) a hackneyed **proverb**, (2) ancient **proverb**

The famous **proverb** "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ancient pr____b                           | <i>n.</i> a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience   |
| 2. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization | <i>n.</i> a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface  |
| 3. ge____pe frequency                        | <i>n.</i> the genetic constitution of an individual organism; the inherited collection of genes that determine an organism's traits and characteristics                                   |
| 4. co_____ze for cultivation                 | <i>v.</i> to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers   |
| 5. chemical tr__t                            | <i>n.</i> a particular feature of your nature   |
| 6. fo_____ll the end of the world            | <i>v.</i> to predict or reveal something that will happen in the future   |
| 7. an op____d analgesic                      | <i>n.</i> substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted |
| 8. a hackneyed pr____b                       | <i>n.</i> a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience   |
| 9. s__r of the moment                        | <i>n.</i> a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something   |

ANSWERS: 1. proverb, 2. footprint, 3. genotype, 4. colonize, 5. trait, 6. foretell, 7. opioid, 8. proverb, 9. spur

10. ma\_\_\_\_\_us power *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
11. the Christian gl\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences
12. de\_\_\_\_\_d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
13. in\_\_\_\_\_te an idea *v.* to keep warm and protected, especially to hatch eggs; to develop and nurture
14. in\_\_\_\_\_te terrorism in developing countries *v.* to keep warm and protected, especially to hatch eggs; to develop and nurture
15. make a co\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
16. heterozygous ge\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* the genetic constitution of an individual organism; the inherited collection of genes that determine an organism's traits and characteristics
17. dom\_\_\_\_\_te the plant *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
18. re\_\_\_\_\_d figure *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
19. bantam ro\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a male chicken, especially one that is adult; a bird that has a distinctive red comb, wattle, and crowing call
20. the most re\_\_\_\_\_d President *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities

ANSWERS: 10. marvelous, 11. gladiator, 12. descend, 13. incubate, 14. incubate, 15. conquest, 16. genotype, 17. domesticate, 18. revered, 19. rooster, 20. revered

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|---------------------------|---|
| 21. ma_____us performance | <i>adj.</i> causing wonder or astonishment; excellent   |
| 22. easy to dom_____te    | <i>v.</i> to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company   |
| 23. personality tr__ts    | <i>n.</i> a particular feature of your nature   |
| 24. co_____ze planets     | <i>v.</i> to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers   |
| 25. fo_____ll the attack  | <i>v.</i> to predict or reveal something that will happen in the future   |
| 26. de_____d by elevator  | <i>v.</i> to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood   |
| 27. selective cro_____ing | <i>n.</i> the process of breeding two different species or breeds to produce offspring that share characteristics of both   |
| 28. imperial co_____st    | <i>n.</i> the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation   |
| 29. a large me_____ie     | <i>n.</i> a collection of wild animals, especially exotic ones, kept for display  |
| 30. me_____ie keeper      | <i>n.</i> a collection of wild animals, especially exotic ones, kept for display  |
| 31. ro_____r fight        | <i>n.</i> a male chicken, especially one that is adult; a bird that has a distinctive red comb, wattle, and crowing call  |
| 32. op_____d receptor     | <i>n.</i> substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted |

ANSWERS: 21. marvelous, 22. domesticate, 23. trait, 24. colonize, 25. foretell, 26. descend, 27. crossbreeding, 28. conquest, 29. menagerie, 30. menagerie, 31. rooster, 32. opioid

33. fo\_\_\_\_\_nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
34. cro\_\_\_\_\_ing plant species *n.* the process of breeding two different species or breeds to produce offspring that share characteristics of both
35. act like a gl\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences
36. s\_\_r a momentum of economic growth *n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

ANSWERS: 33. footprint, 34. crossbreeding, 35. gladiator, 36. spur



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ training regimen included physical conditioning, weapons training, and strategy.
  - n.* a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences
2. The famous \_\_\_\_\_ "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.
  - n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
3. The fortune teller was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the future by reading tarot cards.
  - v.* to predict or reveal something that will happen in the future
4. The new breed of dog was developed through careful \_\_\_\_\_ of different species.
  - n.* the process of breeding two different species or breeds to produce offspring that share characteristics of both
5. Multiple genes may influence behavioral \_\_\_\_\_ concurrently.
  - n.* a particular feature of your nature
6. She was \_\_\_\_\_ from an old Italian noble family.
  - v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
7. The threat of losing his job was the \_\_\_\_\_ he needed to work harder.
  - n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

ANSWERS: 1. gladiator's, 2. proverb, 3. foretell, 4. crossbreeding, 5. traits, 6. descended, 7. spur

8. The baby's \_\_\_\_\_ is determined by the combination of genes inherited from its parents.
- n.* the genetic constitution of an individual organism; the inherited collection of genes that determine an organism's traits and characteristics
9. The scientists decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the eggs for further study.
- v.* to keep warm and protected, especially to hatch eggs; to develop and nurture
10. The view from the top of the mountain was \_\_\_\_\_.
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11. We \_\_\_\_\_ cows to gain milk and meat.
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- n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted
14. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon \_\_\_\_\_.
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15. The circus had a \_\_\_\_\_ of animals, including elephants, lions, and monkeys.
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ANSWERS: 8. genotype, 9. incubate, 10. marvelous, 11. domesticate, 12. colonized, 13. opioid, 14. footprint, 15. menagerie

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ teacher was loved by her students.

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17. The \_\_\_\_\_ crow woke up the farmer every morning at sunrise.

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18. He continued to grow his empire through \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

ANSWERS: 16. revered, 17. rooster's, 18. conquest