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### **Advanced Words Only**

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### **Session 1: Word List**

#### mosque

- a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
- (1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

#### institutionalize

to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

### multiplex

n. a cinema complex with several screens or theaters showing different films at the same time; an electronic device that allows several signals to be transmitted or processed simultaneously through a single channel; (adjective) relating to or consisting of multiple interconnected parts or elements

synonym: multiplexer, complex, cinema

(1) multiplex telegraphy, (2) multiplex DNA analysis

The new **multiplex** cinema has 12 screens showing the latest movies.

#### industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

#### glamorous

adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

synonym: alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

#### screenwriter

 a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media

synonym: scriptwriter, playwright

(1) aspiring **screenwriter**, (2) experienced **screenwriter**The movie's success was largely attributed to the **screenwriter's** cleverly written script.

### meteorology

- *n.* the branch of science that deals with processes in the Earth's atmosphere that cause weather conditions
- (1) agricultural **meteorology**, (2) marine **meteorology**He conducted his research at the **meteorology** laboratory using large-scale computing.

### 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.

#### dormant

 adj. in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances

synonym: inactive, sleeping, quiescent

(1) dormant volcano, (2) dormant account

The disease can remain **dormant** for years before it presents any symptoms.

#### volcano

n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

synonym: mount, peak, crater

(1) volcano alert level, (2) active volcano

The island was formed by a **volcano** millions of years ago.

#### spew

 to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts

synonym: vomit, spout, discharge

(1) **spew** carbon dioxide, (2) **spew** insults

The volcano started to **spew** lava and ash, causing panic among residents.

### superstorm

 an extremely large and powerful storm, typically characterized by high winds, heavy rain or snow, or destructive storm surges

*synonym*: hurricane, cyclone, typhoon

(1) superstorm damage, (2) superstorm preparation

The coastal town's residents were urged to evacuate ahead of the **superstorm**.

#### 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.

#### unplanned

adj. not planned or intended; not having been prearranged or organized

synonym: spontaneous, impromptu, unforeseen

(1) an unplanned economy, (2) unplanned visit

The **unplanned** power outage caused much inconvenience.

#### unborn

adj. not yet born

*synonym*: coming, future

(1) an **unborn** child, (2) **unborn** generations It is unknown whether this vaccine is effective in an **unborn** baby.

#### slum

 a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym: shantytown, slumdwellings, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

#### millionaire

- a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.
- (1) **millionaire** capitalist, (2) become a **millionaire**The Internet **millionaire** was captivated by the artist's paintings.

### chimpanzee

a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central
 Africa with black or brown fur

synonym: ape, chimp, pan troglodytes

(1) **chimpanzee** behavior, (2) **chimpanzee** society Many zoos have **chimpanzee** exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

#### guild

 an organization or association of individuals in a particular trade, profession, or field formed for mutual aid and protection or for furthering their collective interests synonym: association, union, society

(1) a purchase **guild**, (2) a **guild** system

The blacksmith was a local **guild** member and often participated in their events and workshops.

#### screenplay

 a script for a film or television program; the written script for a movie or other visual production

synonym: script, scenario, manuscript

(1) **screenplay** writer, (2) best adapted **screenplay** prize The **screenplay** for the new movie is currently in development.

#### haphazard

 adj. marked by a lack of order, system, or coherence;
 characterized by randomness or chance without any guiding principle or plan

synonym: random, careless, arbitrary

(1) **haphazard** approach, (2) **haphazard** design The company's hiring process was **haphazard**, with no objective criteria or standards.

### nondescript

 adj. lacking distinctive or interesting qualities, often used to describe something or someone that is unremarkable or generic

synonym: unremarkable, ordinary, plain

(1) **nondescript** character, (2) **nondescript** picture
The apartment building had a **nondescript** exterior and blended with the other buildings on the street.

anarchy

- n. a state of society without government or law synonym: chaos, disorder, lawlessness
- (1) **anarchy** in the classroom, (2) lapse into **anarchy**The concept of **anarchy** has been used in literature, music, and other art forms to explore ideas about power, freedom, and rebellion.

#### glee

 a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment

synonym: delight, happiness, joy

(1) jumping for glee, (2) glee club

The children's faces were filled with **glee** as they ran around the playground.

#### opaque

adj. not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view

synonym: impenetrable, obscure, cloudy

(1) **opaque** material, (2) **opaque** color

The curtains were made of **opaque** fabric that blocked out all light.

#### triage

 the process of sorting or categorizing patients or other items by severity or priority to determine the order in which they should be treated or handled

synonym: sorting, prioritizing, categorizing

(1) triage system, (2) triage nurse

In the aftermath of the hurricane, the military set up a **triage** center to assist with medical emergencies.

#### ostensible

adj. appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden

*synonym*: apparent, seeming, supposed

(1) **ostensible** reason, (2) **ostensible** explanation The **ostensible** purpose of the meeting was to discuss budgeting, but the real topic was employee layoffs.

#### blockbuster

 a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money

synonym: hit, success, smash

(1) **blockbuster** movie, (2) international **blockbuster**The new action movie is expected to be a **blockbuster** hit.

#### 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.
- a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports

synonym: center point, fulcrum, heart

something that turns or balances

- (1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point
  The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.
- to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

synonym: smack, hit, whack

(1) **slap** on the back, (2) **slap** a heavy fine The politician tried to **slap** down the rumors about his personal life.

#### subversive

adj. intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

synonym: incendiary, dissident, (noun) rebel

(1) **subversive** elements, (2) **subversive** literature The artwork was criticized for its **subversive** theme that undermined religious beliefs.

### pivot

### slap

#### hysteria

n. a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled

synonym: panic, fury, agitation

(1) global warming **hysteria**, (2) anxiety **hysteria** There was mass **hysteria** when the team won a championship.

#### inversion

 the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things

synonym: reversal, upside-down, turnaround

(1) temperature **inversion**, (2) **inversion** layer

The **inversion** of the mortgage market led to a decrease in home values.

#### connote

 to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

synonym: imply, suggest, signify

(1) connote emotion, (2) connote symbolism

The word 'home' **connotes** a sense of warmth and comfort.

#### smartphone

- a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
- (1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

#### quote

 to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym: cite, reference, mention

(1) quote a source, (2) quote a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

#### suffice

v. to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

*synonym*: satisfy, meet, be enough

(1) **suffice** to live, (2) **suffice** as evidence Would one cup of flour **suffice** for this recipe?

#### dumbfound

v. to surprise and confuse someone to the point of being unable to speak

synonym: perplex, confuse, bewilder

(1) **dumbfound** boxing fans, (2) **dumbfound** with its ability The magician's tricks **dumbfounded** the audience.

### giddy

 adj. feeling dizzy or lightheaded; inclined to be easily excited or amused; lacking seriousness or stability

synonym: dizzy, lightheaded, vertiginous

(1) giddy with excitement, (2) a giddy ride

The rollercoaster ride left her feeling **giddy** and disoriented.

### apologetic

adj. feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

synonym: sorry, regretful, remorseful

(1) apologetic tone, (2) apologetic letter

He was apologetic for being late to the meeting.

viol

a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets,
 played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

synonym: viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) viol instrument, (2) viol music

The viol player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

#### creditor

a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

the creditor's claims, (2) bankrupt creditor
 asked the lawyer to initiate creditor negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

#### gaff

 a long pole fitted with a hook or a barbed spear typically used to land large fish; a cheating device used in gambling or a tool used to manipulate a situation or outcome

synonym: hook, pole, rod

(1) gaff hook, (2) loading gaff

The sailor grabbed a fishing **gaff** to pull the large marlin on board.

#### nominate

v. to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor

synonym: appoint, designate, elect

(1) **nominate** him for an award, (2) **nominate** government representatives

The organization **nominated** her to be the next president.

#### oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym: foreign, abroad, international

(1) oversea shipments, (2) for oversea use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

#### contend

v. to struggle to win or surmount something

synonym: compete, oppose, argue

(1) **contend** that tobacco is nonaddictive, (2) **contend** for a championship

Tobacco companies have long **contended** that their product is not addictive.

## **Session 2: Spelling**

1. tr\_\_\_e system

2. tr\_\_\_e nurse

3. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize a system

4. in\_\_\_\_on layer

5. im\_\_\_\_ng crisis

6. em\_\_\_\_ss my project

7. cast gl us eyes

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9. ost\_\_\_\_le explanation

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neglect

associated with poverty and social

40. anarchy, 41. gaff, 42. chimpanzee

49. anxiety hy\_\_\_\_ia

50. agricultural met\_\_\_\_gy

51. s\_w insults

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v. to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts

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60. su\_\_\_e as evidence

ANSWERS: 62. unborn, 63. meteorology, 64. nondescript, 65. dormant, 66. blockbuster, 67. oversea, 68. screenplay, 69. millionaire, 70. embarrass, 71. multiplex

single channel; (adjective) relating to or consisting of multiple interconnected

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ANSWERS: 72. spew, 73. slum, 74. creditor, 75. haphazard, 76. volcano, 77. mosque, 78. glamorous, 79. apologetic, 80. smartphone

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## **Session 3: Fill in the Blanks**

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n.	a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled				
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n.	a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money				
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n.	a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media				
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adj. not yet born

ANSWERS: 46. triage, 47. unborn