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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### wrinkle

*n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

*synonym*: crinkle, fold, crumple

(1) a fine **wrinkle** on a fabric, (2) a facial **wrinkle**

This suit is made of **wrinkle-proof** material.

### broaden

*v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

*synonym*: expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

### nerd

*n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

*synonym*: geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

### toolkit

*n.* a set of tools, materials, or resources that are designed to be used together for a specific purpose or task; a

collection of information or techniques that can be used to address a problem or achieve a goal

*synonym*: tool set, equipment, utility kit

(1) handy **toolkit**, (2) digital **toolkit**

The DIY **toolkit** includes a variety of power and hand tools for home repair.

## mediocre

*adj.* of only average quality; not very good

*synonym*: average, ordinary, unimpressive

(1) **mediocre** performance, (2) a **mediocre** talent

He was considered a **mediocre** artist compared to others in his field.

## empathy

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym*: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## ivy

*n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

(1) poison **ivy**, (2) **ivy** plant

The overgrown **ivy** cleaved to the ruined castle walls.

## prioritize

*v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

*synonym*: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

## reengineer

*v.* to redesign or restructure something such as a machine, system, organization, etc.

*synonym*: redesign, remodel, revamp

(1) **reengineer** work processes, (2) **reengineer** the organizational structure

As technology evolves, we need to **reengineer** our work styles.

## gamification

*n.* the use of game design elements and techniques in non-game contexts to engage and motivate people to achieve their goals

(1) **gamification** of education, (2) use **gamification** to learning

The company implemented a **gamification** program to encourage employees to meet their sales targets.

## swipe

*v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

*synonym* : flick, brush, pinch

(1) **swipe** a card, (2) **swipe** left on a dating app

He tried to **swipe** the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.

## app

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

*synonym* : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

## funnel

*n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

*synonym* : filter, chimney

(1) separatory **funnel**, (2) a **funnel-shaped** device

We have to use a **funnel** to pour petrol into the tank.

## pasty

*n.* a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a

pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull

*synonym* : pastry, pie

(1) **pasty** face, (2) Cornish **pasty**

I plan to pick up a chicken **pasty** at that bakery on my way home from work.

## hurdle

*n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

*synonym* : obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome **hurdles**, (2) **hurdle** race

The company faced several **hurdles** in the development of its new product.

## confer

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym* : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## downshift

*v.* to switch from a financially rewarding but stressful career or lifestyle to a less stressful, lower-paying, but more fulfilling one; to change to a lower gear in a vehicle

(1) economic **downshift**, (2) make a little **downshift** in your work

As credit becomes scarce and education and healthcare costs rise, millions of middle-class Americans have to **downshift**.

## entertainer

*n.* a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy

*synonym* : performer, artist, showman

(1) **entertainer** of the year, (2) comedy **entertainer**

The dancer is a talented **entertainer** who captivates her audience with graceful movements.

## moxie

*n.* courage, determination, and strength of character; also a slang term used to mean energy, enthusiasm, or nerve

*synonym* : courage, confidence, initiative

(1) **moxie** brand, (2) **moxie** spirit

Her **moxie-driven** attitude was key to overcoming the challenges she faced as a first-generation college student.

## bagel

*n.* a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices

*synonym* : roll, doughnut, bialy

(1) freshly baked **bagel**, (2) **bagel** with cream cheese

I prefer a toasty **bagel** with bacon and eggs for weekend brunch.

## promenade

*n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

*synonym* : stroll, walkway, boulevard

(1) evening **promenade**, (2) **promenade** in the park

The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful **promenade** for tourists and locals alike.

## flask

*n.* a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids

*synonym* : bottle, container, vial

(1) lab **flask**, (2) vacuum **flask**

The chemist poured the solution from the beaker into the **flask**.

## whiskey

*n.* a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains, typically barley, corn, rye, or wheat, aged in barrels and often consumed straight or with mixers

*synonym* : bourbon, scotch, rye

(1) bootleg **whiskey**, (2) **whiskey** barrel

I enjoy a glass of **whiskey** on the rocks after a long day.

## **twinkle**

*v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way

*synonym*: sparkle, shine, glitter

(1) **twinkle** like a star, (2) the **twinkle** of the stars

His eyes **twinkled** with mischief.

## **offline**

*adj.* not connected to the internet

*synonym*: disconnected, not connected, unplugged

(1) **offline** course, (2) **offline** mode

The computer is **offline** and cannot be accessed at the moment.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. wh\_\_\_\_y barrel *n.* a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains, typically barley, corn, rye, or wheat, aged in barrels and often consumed straight or with mixers
2. cannot log in to the a\_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
3. comedy ent\_\_\_\_er *n.* a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy
4. separatory fu\_\_\_\_l *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
5. a fine wr\_\_\_\_e on a fabric *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
6. tw\_\_\_\_e like a star *v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way
7. bootleg wh\_\_\_\_y *n.* a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains, typically barley, corn, rye, or wheat, aged in barrels and often consumed straight or with mixers

ANSWERS: 1. whiskey, 2. app, 3. entertainer, 4. funnel, 5. wrinkle, 6. twinkle, 7. whiskey

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| 8. br_____n students' knowledge             | v.   | to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.   |
| 9. br_____n their horizon                   | v.   | to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.   |
| 10. use gam_____ion to learning             | n.   | the use of game design elements and techniques in non-game contexts to engage and motivate people to achieve their goals   |
| 11. make a little do_____ft in your work    | v.   | to switch from a financially rewarding but stressful career or lifestyle to a less stressful, lower-paying, but more fulfilling one; to change to a lower gear in a vehicle    |
| 12. ree_____er the organizational structure | v.   | to redesign or restructure something such as a machine, system, organization, etc.   |
| 13. ba__l with cream cheese                 | n.   | a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices   |
| 14. sw__e a card                            | v.   | to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort |
| 15. of_____e course                         | adj. | not connected to the internet  |
| 16. a facial wr_____e                       | n.   | a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty   |

ANSWERS: 8. broaden, 9. broaden, 10. gamification, 11. downshift, 12. reengineer, 13. bagel, 14. swipe, 15. offline, 16. wrinkle



17. gam\_\_\_\_\_ion of education      *n.* the use of game design elements and techniques in non-game contexts to engage and motivate people to achieve their goals
18. handy to\_\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a set of tools, materials, or resources that are designed to be used together for a specific purpose or task; a collection of information or techniques that can be used to address a problem or achieve a goal
19. lab fl\_\_k      *n.* a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids
20. full of em\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
21. i\_y plant      *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
22. economic do\_\_\_\_\_ft      *v.* to switch from a financially rewarding but stressful career or lifestyle to a less stressful, lower-paying, but more fulfilling one; to change to a lower gear in a vehicle
23. killer a\_p      *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
24. a fu\_\_\_l-shaped device      *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

ANSWERS: 17. gamification, 18. toolkit, 19. flask, 20. empathy, 21. ivy, 22. downshift, 23. app, 24. funnel

25. pri\_\_\_\_\_ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
26. a computer n\_\_d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
27. sw\_\_e left on a dating app *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
28. ent\_\_\_\_\_er of the year *n.* a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy
29. evening pr\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
30. ree\_\_\_\_\_er work processes *v.* to redesign or restructure something such as a machine, system, organization, etc.
31. n\_\_d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
32. of\_\_\_\_\_e mode *adj.* not connected to the internet

ANSWERS: 25. prioritize, 26. nerd, 27. swipe, 28. entertainer, 29. promenade, 30. reengineer, 31. nerd, 32. offline

33. poison i\_y *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
34. hu\_\_\_e race *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
35. mo\_\_e spirit *n.* courage, determination, and strength of character; also a slang term used to mean energy, enthusiasm, or nerve
36. em\_\_\_\_y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
37. a me\_\_\_\_re talent *adj.* of only average quality; not very good
38. pri\_\_\_\_ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
39. me\_\_\_\_re performance *adj.* of only average quality; not very good
40. digital to\_\_\_\_t *n.* a set of tools, materials, or resources that are designed to be used together for a specific purpose or task; a collection of information or techniques that can be used to address a problem or achieve a goal
41. mo\_\_e brand *n.* courage, determination, and strength of character; also a slang term used to mean energy, enthusiasm, or nerve
42. pa\_\_y face *n.* a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull

ANSWERS: 33. ivy, 34. hurdle, 35. moxie, 36. empathy, 37. mediocre, 38. prioritize, 39. mediocre, 40. toolkit, 41. moxie, 42. pasty

43. freshly baked ba\_\_l *n.* a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices
44. overcome hu\_\_\_es *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
45. pr\_\_\_\_\_de in the park *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
46. Cornish pa\_\_y *n.* a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull
47. co\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
48. co\_\_\_r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
49. the tw\_\_\_\_\_e of the stars *v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way
50. vacuum fl\_\_k *n.* a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids

ANSWERS: 43. bagel, 44. hurdle, 45. promenade, 46. pasty, 47. confer, 48. confer, 49. twinkle, 50. flask

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The dancer is a talented \_\_\_\_\_ who captivates her audience with graceful movements.
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2. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the \_\_\_\_\_ release.
  - n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
  
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  - n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
  
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  - n.* a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull
  
5. As credit becomes scarce and education and healthcare costs rise, millions of middle-class Americans have to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - v.* to switch from a financially rewarding but stressful career or lifestyle to a less stressful, lower-paying, but more fulfilling one; to change to a lower gear in a vehicle
  
6. The chemist poured the solution from the beaker into the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids

ANSWERS: 1. entertainer, 2. app's, 3. promenade, 4. pasty, 5. downshift, 6. flask

7. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.
- v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
8. He was, by nature, a cyber \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
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11. The overgrown \_\_\_\_\_ cleaved to the ruined castle walls.
- n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
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- n. courage, determination, and strength of character; also a slang term used to mean energy, enthusiasm, or nerve
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ANSWERS: 7. confer, 8. nerd, 9. hurdles, 10. broadened, 11. ivy, 12. moxie-driven, 13. toolkit, 14. swipe

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ANSWERS: 15. twinkled, 16. prioritized, 17. gamification, 18. wrinkle-proof, 19. mediocre, 20. reengineer, 21. offline, 22. Empathy

23. I enjoy a glass of \_\_\_\_\_ on the rocks after a long day.

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- n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

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ANSWERS: 23. whiskey, 24. funnel, 25. bagel