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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### resilient

*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

*synonym* : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

### reframe

*v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

*synonym* : redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem

The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

### counterproductive

*adj.* having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted

*synonym* : ineffective, inadequate, inefficient

(1) **counterproductive** approach, (2) highly **counterproductive** to performance

Territorial disputes between different countries are entirely **counterproductive** but common.

### converse

*v.* to talk informally

*synonym* : discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

## **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**.

## **shelve**

*v.* to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently

*synonym* : defer, postpone, freeze

(1) **shelve** a book, (2) **shelve** a bill

Considering the recent increase in interest rates, we must **shelve** our plans to buy a new house.

## **indoctrinate**

*v.* to teach a person or group of people to accept a set of beliefs uncritically

*synonym* : brainwash, educate, instruct

(1) **indoctrinate** youth, (2) **indoctrinate** ideology

The government attempted to **indoctrinate** the population with its propaganda.

## **downplay**

*v.* to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something

*synonym* : minimize, downsize, play down

(1) **downplay** my ability, (2) **downplay** mistakes

The company tried to **downplay** the significance of the issue.

## **drone**

*n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

*synonym* : hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

## faraway

*adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible

*synonym*: distant, remote, far-off

(1) **faraway** land, (2) **faraway** dream

The view from the **faraway** hilltop was breathtakingly beautiful.

## radicalization

*n.* the process of adopting extreme or fanatical views, beliefs, or ideologies, often leading to violent or aggressive behavior

*synonym*: extremism, fanaticism, militancy

(1) religious **radicalization**, (2) **radicalization** of society

There was concern about the **radicalization** of some young people, as they were attracted to extremist ideologies.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. in\_\_\_\_re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
2. cou\_\_\_\_\_ive approach *adj.* having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted
3. ask a co\_\_\_\_\_se question *v.* to talk informally
4. sh\_\_\_\_e a bill *v.* to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently
5. fa\_\_\_\_\_y land *adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
6. dr\_\_e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
7. co\_\_\_\_\_se with an acquaintance *v.* to talk informally
8. sh\_\_\_\_e a book *v.* to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently
9. re\_\_\_\_\_nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
10. ind\_\_\_\_\_ate youth *v.* to teach a person or group of people to accept a set of beliefs uncritically

ANSWERS: 1. insecure, 2. counterproductive, 3. converse, 4. shelve, 5. faraway, 6. drone, 7. converse, 8. shelve, 9. resilient, 10. indoctrinate

11. re\_\_\_\_\_e problem      *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
12. do\_\_\_\_\_ay mistakes      *v.* to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something
13. the speaker's dr\_\_e      *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
14. rad\_\_\_\_\_ion of society      *n.* the process of adopting extreme or fanatical views, beliefs, or ideologies, often leading to violent or aggressive behavior
15. a hard and re\_\_\_\_\_nt steel      *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
16. an in\_\_\_\_\_re future      *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
17. do\_\_\_\_\_ay my ability      *v.* to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something
18. ind\_\_\_\_\_ate ideology      *v.* to teach a person or group of people to accept a set of beliefs uncritically
19. religious rad\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the process of adopting extreme or fanatical views, beliefs, or ideologies, often leading to violent or aggressive behavior
20. re\_\_\_\_\_e resource allocation      *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

ANSWERS: 11. reframe, 12. downplay, 13. drone, 14. radicalization, 15. resilient, 16. insecure, 17. downplay, 18. indoctrinate, 19. radicalization, 20. reframe

21. fa\_\_\_\_y dream

*adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible

22. highly cou\_\_\_\_\_ive to performance

*adj.* having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted

ANSWERS: 21. faraway, 22. counterproductive

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Considering the recent increase in interest rates, we must \_\_\_\_\_ our plans to buy a new house.
  - v. to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently
  
2. Territorial disputes between different countries are entirely \_\_\_\_\_ but common.
  - adj. having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted
  
3. She enjoyed the opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ with a person who spoke her language.
  - v. to talk informally
  
4. There was concern about the \_\_\_\_\_ of some young people, as they were attracted to extremist ideologies.
  - n. the process of adopting extreme or fanatical views, beliefs, or ideologies, often leading to violent or aggressive behavior
  
5. The view from the \_\_\_\_\_ hilltop was breathtakingly beautiful.
  - adj. located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
  
6. He heard a \_\_\_\_\_ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.
  - n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
  
7. The government attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ the population with its propaganda.
  - v. to teach a person or group of people to accept a set of beliefs uncritically

ANSWERS: 1. shelve, 2. counterproductive, 3. converse, 4. radicalization, 5. faraway, 6. drone, 7. indoctrinate

8. The therapist tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his negative thoughts.

- v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

9. Children in an unstructured environment often feel \_\_\_\_\_.

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

10. The company tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the significance of the issue.

- v.* to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something

11. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

- adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 8. reframe, 9. insecure, 10. downplay, 11. resilient