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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### decentralize

*v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

*synonym*: deconcentrate, disperse, distribute

(1) **decentralize** authority, (2) **decentralize** organizational structure

We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

### gatekeeper

*n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

*synonym*: guardian, watchman, custodian

(1) **gatekeeper** role, (2) information **gatekeeper**

The company's **gatekeeper screened** all incoming phone calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.

### middleman

*n.* a person who acts as an intermediary between two or more parties, often facilitating the exchange of goods or services and taking a commission or fee for their

### services

*synonym*: intermediary, agent, broker

(1) trusted **middleman**, (2) business **middleman**

The **middleman** in the real estate deal ensured a smooth and fair transaction.

### coworker

*n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization

*synonym*: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

### irresponsible

*adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable

*synonym*: careless, reckless, thoughtless

(1) **irresponsible** actions, (2) **irresponsible** behavior

It was **irresponsible** of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

### empower

*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

*synonym*: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

### cryptography

*n.* the study of the techniques and methods used for secure communication and information processing, particularly using codes and ciphers

*synonym*: coding, steganography, encryption

(1) asymmetric **cryptography**, (2) digital **cryptography**

The software engineers developed a new **cryptography** algorithm to protect users' data.

### electrify

*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or

interested in something

*synonym*: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

## unjust

*adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

*synonym*: unfair, inequitable

(1) **unjust** verdict, (2) **unjust** accusation

The ruling was considered **unjust** by many people in the community.

## emoticon

*n.* a representation of a facial expression, often constructed from keyboard characters, used to convey emotion in written communication, such as emails, texts, and online chats

*synonym*: emoji, smiley, icon

(1) **emoticon** keyboard, (2) sending **emoticons**

I added an **emoticon** at the end of my text message to show I was joking.

## massacre

*n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

*synonym*: slaughter, bloodbath, butchery

(1) **massacre** in the village, (2) animal **massacre**

The **massacre** of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

## endanger

*v.* to put someone or something in a risky situation

*synonym*: threaten, imperil, jeopardize

(1) **endanger** my health, (2) **endanger** a close relationship

Their actions **endangered** the lives of innocent people.

## takedown

*n.* the act of forcibly removing someone or something from a position of power or prominence; (of sports or martial arts) an action or technique used to bring an opponent to the ground or disorient them

*synonym*: tackling, removal, squelch

(1) **takedown** notice, (2) emergency **takedown**

The FBI carried out a **takedown** of the illegal drug cartel's headquarters.

## rename

*v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something

*synonym*: rebrand, rechristen, re-label

(1) **rename** the street, (2) **rename** in plain English

The new owners **renamed** the restaurant to give it a fresh start.

## ensor

*n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

*synonym*: suppressor, scrutineer, examiner

(1) **ensor** a book, (2) **ensor** a TV program

The newspaper editor decided to **ensor** the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. re___e the street       | <i>v.</i> to give a new name to something; to change the name of something   |
| 2. animal ma_____re        | <i>n.</i> the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals  |
| 3. co_____er relationship  | <i>n.</i> a person who works with another in the same company or organization  |
| 4. trusted mi_____an       | <i>n.</i> a person who acts as an intermediary between two or more parties, often facilitating the exchange of goods or services and taking a commission or fee for their services                               |
| 5. argue with a co_____er  | <i>n.</i> a person who works with another in the same company or organization  |
| 6. re___e in plain English | <i>v.</i> to give a new name to something; to change the name of something   |
| 7. digital cry_____phy     | <i>n.</i> the study of the techniques and methods used for secure communication and information processing, particularly using codes and ciphers   |
| 8. irr_____ble behavior    | <i>adj.</i> not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable   |
| 9. ta_____wn notice        | <i>n.</i> the act of forcibly removing someone or something from a position of power or prominence; (of sports or martial arts) an action or technique used to bring an opponent to the ground or disorient them |

ANSWERS: 1. rename, 2. massacre, 3. coworker, 4. middleman, 5. coworker, 6. rename, 7. cryptography, 8. irresponsible, 9. takedown

10. ce\_\_\_r a TV program *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
11. sending em\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* a representation of a facial expression, often constructed from keyboard characters, used to convey emotion in written communication, such as emails, texts, and online chats
12. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
13. en\_\_\_\_\_er my health *v.* to put someone or something in a risky situation
14. ce\_\_\_r a book *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
15. business mi\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who acts as an intermediary between two or more parties, often facilitating the exchange of goods or services and taking a commission or fee for their services
16. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 10. censor, 11. emoticon, 12. empower, 13. endanger, 14. censor, 15. middleman, 16. electrify

17. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience      *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
18. irr\_\_\_\_\_ble actions      *adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
19. em\_\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same      *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
20. dec\_\_\_\_\_ize authority      *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
21. asymmetric cry\_\_\_\_\_phy      *n.* the study of the techniques and methods used for secure communication and information processing, particularly using codes and ciphers
22. dec\_\_\_\_\_ize organizational structure      *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
23. en\_\_\_\_\_er a close relationship      *v.* to put someone or something in a risky situation
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ANSWERS: 17. electrify, 18. irresponsible, 19. empower, 20. decentralize, 21. cryptography, 22. decentralize, 23. endanger, 24. takedown

25. em\_\_\_\_on keyboard *n.* a representation of a facial expression, often constructed from keyboard characters, used to convey emotion in written communication, such as emails, texts, and online chats
26. un\_\_\_\_t accusation *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
27. information gat\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
28. ma\_\_\_\_\_re in the village *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
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ANSWERS: 25. emoticon, 26. unjust, 27. gatekeeper, 28. massacre, 29. unjust, 30. gatekeeper



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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8. The company \_\_\_\_\_ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
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ANSWERS: 8. empowered, 9. cryptography, 10. gatekeeper screened, 11. electrify, 12. middleman, 13. censor

14. The \_\_\_\_\_ of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

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15. It was \_\_\_\_\_ of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

*adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable

ANSWERS: 14. massacre, 15. irresponsible