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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### humanist

*n.* a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles

*synonym* : humanitarian, philanthropist, altruist

(1) **humanist** scholar, (2) **humanist** philosophy

The **humanist** counselor encouraged her clients to focus on their growth and well-being.

### shard

*n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal

*synonym* : break, fragment, shatter

(1) broken **shard**, (2) **shard** of pottery

The artist used a **shard** of glass to create intricate designs on her sculptures.

### defy

*v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

*synonym* : challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

## diver

*n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey

*synonym* : plunger, frogman, loon

(1) professional **diver**, (2) deep-sea **diver**

The search and rescue team sent a team of **divers** to search for the missing plane wreckage.

## spaceship

*n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space

*synonym* : starship, rocket, spacecraft

(1) a **spaceship** to survey the moon, (2) alien **spaceship**

They launched a crewless **spaceship** into space.

## rebellion

*n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

*synonym* : insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

## intimidate

*v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

*synonym* : frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

## piazza

*n.* an open public square or marketplace in an Italian town, often surrounded by buildings and often used as a gathering place

*synonym* : square, plaza, market

(1) **piazza** fountain, (2) **piazza** seating

The famous **piazza** was filled with people enjoying the sun and chatting with each other.

## flirt

*v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman

who uses her sex appeal to exploit men

*synonym* : tease

(1) **flirt** with him, (2) **flirt** like a schoolgirl

My husband never **flirts** with other women.

## glider

*n.* a light aircraft or small, unpowered plane that is designed to glide and soar through the air using natural winds and or thermal currents

*synonym* : sailplane, soaring bird

(1) **glider** club, (2) paper- **glider**

The hang- **glider** enthusiast looked at the clear skies, anticipating a perfect day to take flight.

## aspiration

*n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

*synonym* : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

## hut

*n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

*synonym* : shack, cabin, cottage

(1) shepherd's **hut**, (2) fishing **hut**

The little girl lived in a small **hut** in the woods with her family.

## facet

*n.* one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something

*synonym* : aspect, side, angle

(1) **facet** to a question, (2) important **facet**

The different **facets** of his personality make him a complex individual.

## bluish

*adj.* having a color that is a shade of blue

*synonym* : blue, azure, navy

(1) **bluish** cloth, (2) **bluish** color

The flowers had a **bluish** tint, indicating they needed to be riper.

## lantern

*n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source

*synonym*: lamp, beacon, flashlight

(1) candle **lantern**, (2) a **lantern** in the dark

The paper-covered **lantern** glowed softly in the darkness.

## monastery

*n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship

*synonym*: abbey, convent, friary

(1) **monastery** garden, (2) leave a **monastery**

This ancient **monastery** was founded in the 13th century and had a long history of religious devotion.

## levitate

*v.* to rise or float in the air without apparent support, often in a magical or supernatural manner

*synonym*: hover, float, soar

(1) **levitate** objects, (2) **levitate** for a few seconds

The magician appeared to **levitate** off the stage, stunning the audience.

## frivolous

*adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

*synonym*: silly, foolish, unimportant

(1) **frivolous** lawsuits, (2) engage in **frivolous** conversation

He was accused of being **frivolous** and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. mo_____ry garden                 | <i>n.</i> a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship   |
| 2. deep-sea di__r                   | <i>n.</i> a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey                                   |
| 3. le_____te for a few seconds      | <i>v.</i> to rise or float in the air without apparent support, often in a magical or supernatural manner   |
| 4. gl___r club                      | <i>n.</i> a light aircraft or small, unpowered plane that is designed to glide and soar through the air using natural winds and or thermal currents                                   |
| 5. asp_____on into the lungs        | <i>n.</i> a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath   |
| 6. fa__t to a question              | <i>n.</i> one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something |
| 7. fl__t like a schoolgirl          | <i>v.</i> to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men                          |
| 8. engage in fr_____us conversation | <i>adj.</i> not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant   |

ANSWERS: 1. monastery, 2. diver, 3. levitate, 4. glider, 5. aspiration, 6. facet, 7. flirt, 8. frivolous

9. re\_\_\_\_\_on leader *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
10. d\_\_y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
11. pi\_\_\_a seating *n.* an open public square or marketplace in an Italian town, often surrounded by buildings and often used as a gathering place
12. broken sh\_\_d *n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal
13. alien sp\_\_\_\_\_ip *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
14. d\_\_y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
15. sh\_\_d of pottery *n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal
16. fr\_\_\_\_\_us lawsuits *adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
17. paper-gl\_\_\_r *n.* a light aircraft or small, unpowered plane that is designed to glide and soar through the air using natural winds and or thermal currents
18. a sp\_\_\_\_\_ip to survey the moon *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space

ANSWERS: 9. rebellion, 10. defy, 11. piazza, 12. shard, 13. spaceship, 14. defy, 15. shard, 16. frivolous, 17. glider, 18. spaceship

19. fishing h\_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
20. shepherd's h\_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
21. excite re\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
22. important fa\_\_t *n.* one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something
23. pi\_\_\_a fountain *n.* an open public square or marketplace in an Italian town, often surrounded by buildings and often used as a gathering place
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25. int\_\_\_\_\_te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
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28. bl\_\_\_h cloth *adj.* having a color that is a shade of blue
29. a la\_\_\_\_n in the dark *n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source
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31. effectively int\_\_\_\_\_te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
32. no asp\_\_\_\_\_on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
33. hu\_\_\_\_st philosophy *n.* a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles
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ANSWERS: 28. bluish, 29. lantern, 30. bluish, 31. intimidate, 32. aspiration, 33. humanist, 34. lantern, 35. diver, 36. humanist



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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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