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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### cello

*n.* a large stringed instrument of the viola family, typically held between the knees when played; also known as violoncello

*synonym* : violoncello, violincello

(1) the beautiful sound of a **cello**, (2) **cello** music

She played a passionate solo on her **cello**.

### flee

*v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

*synonym* : exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

### bass

*n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes

*synonym* : low-pitch, resonance

(1) **bass** guitar, (2) **bass** fisherman

The **bass** in the music was so deep that it vibrated the floor.

### inspiration

*n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

*synonym* :

motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature  
He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

## degree

*n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

*synonym*: level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade  
She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

## recital

*n.* a public performance of music or dance, usually by a soloist or a group of performers; a detailed account of events or facts

*synonym*: performance, concert, show

(1) poetry **recital**, (2) give a **recital** at the hall  
Her piano **recital** was a great success, and she received a standing ovation.

## extraordinary

*adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

*synonym*: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather  
He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

## normally

*adv.* usually; under normal conditions

*synonym*: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much  
I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

## suite

*n.* a set of rooms designated for a particular purpose or activity, especially a set of rooms in a hotel or private residence used as a living unit; a musical composition of several movements only loosely connected; the group following and attending to some important person

*synonym*: set, series, collection

(1) **suite** room, (2) **suite** of products

The presidential **suite** is the most luxurious room in the hotel.

## onstage

*adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

## loop

*n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

*synonym* : circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**

Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. su\_\_e of products  
*n.* a set of rooms designated for a particular purpose or activity, especially a set of rooms in a hotel or private residence used as a living unit; a musical composition of several movements only loosely connected; the group following and attending to some important person
2. ext\_\_\_\_\_ary ability  
*adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
3. walk on\_\_\_\_\_e  
*adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
4. b\_\_s guitar  
*n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
5. bachelor's de\_\_\_e  
*n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
6. the beautiful sound of a ce\_\_o  
*n.* a large stringed instrument of the viola family, typically held between the knees when played; also known as violoncello
7. ext\_\_\_\_\_ary weather  
*adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
8. ce\_\_o music  
*n.* a large stringed instrument of the viola family, typically held between the knees when played; also known as violoncello

ANSWERS: 1. suite, 2. extraordinary, 3. onstage, 4. bass, 5. degree, 6. cello, 7. extraordinary, 8. cello

9. exit from a l\_\_p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
10. appeared on \_\_\_\_e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
11. poetry re \_\_\_\_l *n.* a public performance of music or dance, usually by a soloist or a group of performers; a detailed account of events or facts
12. positive feedback l\_\_p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
13. f\_\_e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
14. not no \_\_\_\_ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
15. b\_\_s fisherman *n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
16. su\_\_e room *n.* a set of rooms designated for a particular purpose or activity, especially a set of rooms in a hotel or private residence used as a living unit; a musical composition of several movements only loosely connected; the group following and attending to some important person
17. f\_\_e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

ANSWERS: 9. loop, 10. onstage, 11. recital, 12. loop, 13. flee, 14. normally, 15. bass, 16. suite, 17. flee

18. de\_\_\_e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
19. complete no\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
20. source of ins\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
21. get ins\_\_\_\_\_on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
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ANSWERS: 18. degree, 19. normally, 20. inspiration, 21. inspiration, 22. recital

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It is a basic instinct to \_\_\_\_\_ from a dangerous situation.  
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ANSWERS: 1. flee, 2. loop, 3. recital, 4. cello, 5. degree, 6. extraordinary, 7. suite

8. He found \_\_\_\_\_ in the works of his favorite authors.  
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*adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
11. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ take a vacation in the middle of summer.  
*adv.* usually; under normal conditions

ANSWERS: 8. inspiration, 9. bass, 10. onstage, 11. normally