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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- 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.
- particulate** *adj.* consisting of small particles, especially those that are suspended in a fluid or air  
*synonym* : granular, dusty  
(1) **particulate** size, (2) **particulate** pollution  
Smoke from forest fires is causing an increase in **particulate** matter in the air.
- tweet** *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application  
*synonym* : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)  
(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**  
We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.
- denizen** *n.* an inhabitant or resident of a particular place; a person, animal, or plant that is frequently found or is

characteristic of a particular region or environment

*synonym*: inhabitant, resident, occupant

(1) internet **denizen**, (2) waterfront **denizen**

The lake is known for its **denizens** of various fish species.

## awaken

*v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

*synonym*: rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child

The friend's death **awakens** them.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## fieldwork

*n.* real-world research or study conducted outside a library or laboratory.

(1) meticulous **fieldwork**, (2) perform **fieldwork**

Numerous instances from **fieldwork** show these hypotheses in great detail.

## skeptical

*adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful

*synonym*: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

## purify

*v.* to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it

*synonym*: refine, filter, clarify

(1) **purify** hydrogen gas, (2) **purify** the blood

The equipment is frequently used to **purify** and distribute drinking water.

## mascot

*n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as

a symbol of their identity or values

*synonym* : symbol, emblem, icon

(1) team **mascot**, (2) corporate **mascot**

The city's **mascot** is a famous landmark that attracts tourists.

## chai

*n.* a type of spiced tea originating from India, typically made with black tea, milk, and a variety of spices such as cinnamon, ginger, and cardamom

*synonym* : tea, masala tea, spiced tea

(1) spiced **chai**, (2) **chai** latte

I love to start my day off with a hot cup of **chai** tea.

## liken

*v.* to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way

*synonym* : compare, equate, analogize

(1) **liken** to a flower, (2) **liken** to a bird

Some people **liken** meditation to a mental shower, refreshing and rejuvenating the mind.

## garner

*v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

*synonym* : acquire, collect, obtain

(1) **garner** good reviews, (2) **garner** attention

He used his charm and charisma to **garner** support for his campaign.

## incite

*v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

*synonym* : provoke, stimulate, encourage

(1) **incite** violence, (2) **incite** rebellion

The politician's speech seemed designed to **incite** anger and unrest among the crowd.

## unrest

*n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace  
*synonym*: disturbance, agitation, turmoil

(1) **unrest** in the city, (2) cause **unrest**

The recent political **unrest** in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.

## outcry

*n.* a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent  
*synonym*: protest, objection, dissent

(1) a great **outcry**, (2) national **outcry**

The **outcry** against the new policy was heard loud and clear by the government.

## galvanize

*v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust  
*synonym*: energize, invigorate, motivate

(1) **galvanize** steel, (2) **galvanize** the country

The motivational speech **galvanized** the team and gave them the drive to succeed.

## 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.

## hydropower

*n.* electricity generated from the energy of moving water, usually using turbines and dams in rivers or other bodies of water

*synonym*: hydroelectricity, waterpower, hydro

(1) **hydropower** plant, (2) **hydropower** energy

Many countries around the world have built dams to harness the power of **hydropower** for their energy needs.

- rev** *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute  
*synonym*: revolution, RPM, speed  
(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd  
He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.
- whopping** *adj.* extremely large, impressive, or noteworthy; it can also be used to describe a surprise or shock  
*synonym*: enormous, gigantic, massive  
(1) **whopping** price, (2) **whopping** success  
The new smartphone has a **whopping** 1TB of storage space.
- darn** *v.* to mend a piece of clothing by sewing over a hole or tear with small, tight stitches  
*synonym*: mend, repair, patch  
(1) **darn** stockings, (2) **darn** hole  
I have to **darn** these socks before they become unwearable.
- footprint** *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface  
*synonym*: footmark, imprint, impression  
(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization  
We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.
- temper** *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object  
*synonym*: mood, disposition, nature  
(1) a hasty **temper**, (2) bridle my **temper**  
The **temper** of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.
- optimism** *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive

aspects of a situation

*synonym* : positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym* : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## murky

*adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through

*synonym* : dim, fuzzy, foggy

(1) **murky** waters, (2) a **murky** dungeon

Prospects for the suspect's conviction are **murky** due to a lack of helpful evidence.

## twit

*n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating

*synonym* : fool, idiot, imbecile

(1) celebrity **twit**, (2) neighborhood **twit**

Please ignore that **twit** on social media; their opinions are irrelevant.

## hail

*v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

*synonym* : greet, salute, welcome

(1) **hail** the victorious team with cheers, (2) **hail** forecast

People in the area were forced to **hail** a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

## graveyard

*n.* a cemetery, especially one in a churchyard

*synonym*: cemetery, burial ground, churchyard

(1) **graveyard** of life, (2) bodies in a **graveyard**

The ancestral **graveyard** was peaceful, with rows of headstones and tall trees.

## outpace

*v.* to move or proceed at a faster rate than someone or something else; to surpass or exceed someone's or something's performance or ability

*synonym*: outdistance, outstrip, overtake

(1) **outpace** market share, (2) **outpace** economic growth

Her running speed allowed her to **outpace** her competitors and win the race.

## foggy

*adj.* characterized by or filled with dense clouds of mist or fog; unclear or hazy, as in thought or memory

*synonym*: misty, hazy, murky

(1) **foggy** morning, (2) **foggy** memory

The **foggy** weather made it difficult to see the road ahead.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ou\_\_\_\_\_e market share  
*v.* to move or proceed at a faster rate than someone or something else; to surpass or exceed someone's or something's performance or ability
2. fo\_\_\_\_\_nts in the snow  
*n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
3. corporate ma\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
4. c\_\_i latte  
*n.* a type of spiced tea originating from India, typically made with black tea, milk, and a variety of spices such as cinnamon, ginger, and cardamom
5. par\_\_\_\_\_te pollution  
*adj.* consisting of small particles, especially those that are suspended in a fluid or air
6. hyd\_\_\_\_\_er plant  
*n.* electricity generated from the energy of moving water, usually using turbines and dams in rivers or other bodies of water
7. li\_\_n to a bird  
*v.* to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way

ANSWERS: 1. outpace, 2. footprint, 3. mascot, 4. chai, 5. particulate, 6. hydropower, 7. liken



8. ga\_\_\_\_\_ze the country      *v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
9. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields      *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
10. 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
11. un\_\_\_\_t in the city      *n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
12. in\_\_\_\_e violence      *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
13. fo\_\_y morning      *adj.* characterized by or filled with dense clouds of mist or fog; unclear or hazy, as in thought or memory
14. d\_\_n hole      *v.* to mend a piece of clothing by sewing over a hole or tear with small, tight stitches
15. 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
16. the fo\_\_\_\_\_nts of an earlier civilization      *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

ANSWERS: 8. galvanize, 9. determinant, 10. electrify, 11. unrest, 12. incite, 13. foggy, 14. darn, 15. app, 16. footprint

17. ga\_\_\_\_\_ze steel *v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
18. ou\_\_\_\_\_e economic growth *v.* to move or proceed at a faster rate than someone or something else; to surpass or exceed someone's or something's performance or ability
19. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
20. wh\_\_\_\_\_ng success *adj.* extremely large, impressive, or noteworthy; it can also be used to describe a surprise or shock
21. his latest tw\_\_ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
22. internet de\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* an inhabitant or resident of a particular place; a person, animal, or plant that is frequently found or is characteristic of a particular region or environment
23. sk\_\_\_\_\_al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
24. a great ou\_\_\_\_y *n.* a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent
25. hyd\_\_\_\_\_er energy *n.* electricity generated from the energy of moving water, usually using turbines and dams in rivers or other bodies of water
26. bridle my te\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

ANSWERS: 17. galvanize, 18. outpace, 19. opportune, 20. whopping, 21. tweet, 22. denizen, 23. skeptical, 24. outcry, 25. hydropower, 26. temper

27. bodies in a gr\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a cemetery, especially one in a churchyard
28. wh\_\_\_\_\_ng price *adj.* extremely large, impressive, or noteworthy; it can also be used to describe a surprise or shock
29. h\_\_l forecast *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
30. fo\_\_y memory *adj.* characterized by or filled with dense clouds of mist or fog; unclear or hazy, as in thought or memory
31. neighborhood t\_\_t *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
32. spiced c\_\_i *n.* a type of spiced tea originating from India, typically made with black tea, milk, and a variety of spices such as cinnamon, ginger, and cardamom
33. 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
34. a chick's tw\_\_t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
35. 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

ANSWERS: 27. graveyard, 28. whopping, 29. hail, 30. foggy, 31. tweet, 32. chai, 33. electrify, 34. tweet, 35. app

36. perform fi\_\_\_\_\_rk *n.* real-world research or study conducted outside a library or laboratory.
37. li\_\_n to a flower *v.* to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way
38. ga\_\_\_r attention *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
39. par\_\_\_\_\_te size *adj.* consisting of small particles, especially those that are suspended in a fluid or air
40. h\_\_l the victorious team with cheers *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
41. meticulous fi\_\_\_\_\_rk *n.* real-world research or study conducted outside a library or laboratory.
42. a hasty te\_\_\_r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
43. r\_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
44. aw\_\_\_n at daybreak *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

ANSWERS: 36. fieldwork, 37. liken, 38. garner, 39. particulate, 40. hail, 41. fieldwork, 42. temper, 43. rev, 44. awaken

45. aw___n a child	v.	to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
46. ga___r good reviews	v.	to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
47. a sk____al attitude	adj.	doubting that something is accurate or useful
48. mu___y waters	adj.	dark and gloomy or difficult to see through
49. national ou___y	n.	a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent
50. political op____sm	n.	a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
51. waterfront de____n	n.	an inhabitant or resident of a particular place; a person, animal, or plant that is frequently found or is characteristic of a particular region or environment
52. celebrity t__t	n.	a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
53. d__n stockings	v.	to mend a piece of clothing by sewing over a hole or tear with small, tight stitches
54. pu___y the blood	v.	to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it
55. op____ne occasion	adj.	suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 45. awaken, 46. garner, 47. skeptical, 48. murky, 49. outcry, 50. optimism, 51. denizen, 52. twit, 53. darn, 54. purify, 55. opportune

56. sense of op\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
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61. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
62. cause un\_\_\_\_t *n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
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ANSWERS: 56. optimism, 57. mascot, 58. purify, 59. graveyard, 60. murky, 61. determinant, 62. unrest, 63. rev, 64. incite

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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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