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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### infographic

*n.* a visual representation of information or data often used to present complicated or complex concepts in a simple and understandable way

(1) **infographic** design, (2) **infographic** presentation

The company shared an impressive **infographic** about its annual profits.

### decode

*v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

*synonym*: decipher, translate, interpret

(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences

The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

### numeracy

*n.* the ability to understand and work with numbers, particularly in the context of everyday life and practical applications

*synonym*: numerical ability, math proficiency, math skills

(1) basic **numeracy**, (2) **numeracy** test results

**Numeracy** skills are important in many industries, including finance and science.

## troop

*n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

*synonym* : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer  
The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

## dwindle

*v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

*synonym* : shrink, decrease, fade

(1) **dwindle** in importance, (2) **dwindle** to almost nothing  
The crowds at the festival **dwindled** as the night went on.

## cartographer

*v.* a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools

*synonym* : mapmaker

(1) expert **cartographer**, (2) **cartographer's** tool  
A **cartographer's** job requires a strong eye for detail and a deep understanding of geographic principles.

## excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym* : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion  
The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## scrutinize

*v.* to examine carefully and critically; to inspect closely

*synonym* : examine, inspect, audit

(1) **scrutinize** her belongings, (2) **scrutinize** a suspect  
The detective **scrutinized** the evidence for any clues.

## sculpt

*v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

*synonym* : carve, mold, shape

(1) **sculpt** an image, (2) **sculpt** prototype  
He spent hours every day **sculpting** figures out of clay.

## weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

*synonym* : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

## scrabble

v. to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game

*synonym* : scramble, jumble, mix

(1) **scrabble** through her purse, (2) **scrabble** words

The kids eagerly **scrabbled** to find the hidden Easter eggs in the garden.

## sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

*synonym* : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

## trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

*synonym* : course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

## chairperson

n. the officer who presides over organization meetings

*synonym* : director, head, leader

(1) vice **chairperson**, (2) the meeting elected a **chairperson**

The **chairperson** has the authority to approve or deny any

request.

## infancy

*n.* the state or period of being a baby or very young child  
*synonym* : childhood, babyhood, juvenescence

(1) **infancy** stage, (2) in early **infancy**

The technology is still in its **infancy** and has much room for improvement.

## dialect

*n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics

*synonym* : accent, language, vernacular

(1) a local **dialect**, (2) minority **dialect**

The **dialect** spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. in_____y stage             | <i>n.</i> the state or period of being a baby or very young child   |
| 2. a local di_____t           | <i>n.</i> a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics       |
| 3. secret s__t                | <i>n.</i> a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream |
| 4. a tra_____ry missile       | <i>n.</i> the curved path followed by an object moving through space  |
| 5. dw_____e to almost nothing | <i>v.</i> to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller   |
| 6. inf_____ic design          | <i>n.</i> a visual representation of information or data often used to present complicated or complex concepts in a simple and understandable way               |
| 7. a tr__p of deer            | <i>n.</i> a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.  |
| 8. scr_____ze a suspect       | <i>v.</i> to examine carefully and critically; to inspect closely   |
| 9. basic nu_____cy            | <i>n.</i> the ability to understand and work with numbers, particularly in the context of everyday life and practical applications                              |

ANSWERS: 1. infancy, 2. dialect, 3. sect, 4. trajectory, 5. dwindle, 6. infographic, 7. troop, 8. scrutinize, 9. numeracy

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|---------------------------------------|----|---|
| 10. expert cartographer               | v. | a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools  |
| 11. career trajectory                 | n. | the curved path followed by an object moving through space  |
| 12. dwindle in importance             | v. | to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller   |
| 13. sculpt prototype                  | v. | to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques  |
| 14. scrutinize her belongings         | v. | to examine carefully and critically; to inspect closely   |
| 15. the members of a military troop   | n. | a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.  |
| 16. cartographer's tool               | v. | a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools  |
| 17. ability to decode the differences | v. | to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand  |
| 18. scramble through her purse        | v. | to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game |

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19. s\_\_t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
20. sc\_\_\_t an image *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
21. de\_\_\_e a message *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
22. inf\_\_\_\_\_ic presentation *n.* a visual representation of information or data often used to present complicated or complex concepts in a simple and understandable way
23. sc\_\_\_\_\_le words *v.* to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game
24. nu\_\_\_\_\_cy test results *n.* the ability to understand and work with numbers, particularly in the context of everyday life and practical applications
25. we\_\_e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
26. vice cha\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings

ANSWERS: 19. sect, 20. sculpt, 21. decode, 22. infographic, 23. scrabble, 24. numeracy, 25. weave, 26. chairperson

27. in early in\_\_\_\_y                    *n.* the state or period of being a baby or very young child
28. minority di\_\_\_\_t                    *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
29. the meeting elected a cha\_\_\_\_on                    *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
30. ex\_\_\_e the crowd                    *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
31. ex\_\_\_e rebellion                    *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
32. we\_\_e a story                    *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

ANSWERS: 27. infancy, 28. dialect, 29. chairperson, 30. excite, 31. excite, 32. weave



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ has the authority to approve or deny any request.  
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6. A \_\_\_\_\_ job requires a strong eye for detail and a deep understanding of geographic principles.  
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ANSWERS: 1. chairperson, 2. troop, 3. scrabbled, 4. dwindled, 5. decode, 6. cartographer's, 7. infographic

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ANSWERS: 8. trajectory, 9. scrutinized, 10. sect, 11. infancy, 12. sculpting, 13. weaves, 14. dialect, 15. excited, 16. Numeracy

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