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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### entrepreneurship

*n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

*synonym*: self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody

#### entrepreneurship

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

### innovate

*v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

*synonym*: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

### gust

*n.* a sudden, strong rush of wind or air

*synonym*: blast, flurry, burst

(1) sudden **gust**, (2) strong **gusts**

The **gust** of wind nearly knocked me off my feet as I walked to work.

## intellect

*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

*synonym*: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## reinvent

*v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

*synonym*: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

## intrigue

*v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

*synonym*: attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

## afterward

*adv.* after the time mentioned

*synonym*: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

## 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.

## disappoint

*v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations;  
to make someone feel sad

*synonym* : sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

## gracious

*adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way

*synonym* : cordial, affable, courteous

(1) in a **gracious** manner, (2) **gracious** hospitality

The staff is always helpful and **gracious**.

## appreciative

*adj.* expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with pleasure or enjoyment

*synonym* : grateful, thankful, pleased

(1) **appreciative** audience, (2) **appreciative** nod

The teacher was **appreciative** of the student's dedication and hard work.

## nuanced

*adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

*synonym* : fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

## cockroach

*n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home

*synonym* : roach

(1) **cockroach** killer, (2) have a **cockroach** phobia

**Cockroaches** sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.

## sushi

*n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed

*synonym* : raw fish, sashimi, nigiri

(1) **sushi** bar, (2) **sushi** roll

I love going out for **sushi** with my friends on Friday nights.

## leftover

*adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something

*synonym* : extra, residual, unused

(1) **leftover** from a party, (2) **leftover** goods

The chef will make soup with the **leftover** ham bone.

## pitfall

*n.* a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare

*synonym* : trap, snare, hazard

(1) potential **pitfall**, (2) **pitfall** to be avoided

One of the biggest **pitfalls** of starting a new business is underestimating the costs.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. embody ent\_\_\_\_\_hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
3. su\_\_i roll *n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed
4. in\_\_\_\_\_te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
5. le\_\_\_\_\_er from a party *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something
6. go there af\_\_\_\_\_rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
7. strong g\_\_ts *n.* a sudden, strong rush of wind or air
8. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
9. le\_\_\_\_\_er goods *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something
10. app\_\_\_\_\_ive nod *adj.* expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with pleasure or enjoyment

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. entrepreneurship, 3. sushi, 4. innovate, 5. leftover, 6. afterward, 7. gust, 8. industrious, 9. leftover, 10. appreciative

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11. nu_____d view                     | <i>adj.</i> characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.                                                                |
| 12. co_____ch killer                  | <i>n.</i> a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home                                                            |
| 13. sudden g__t                       | <i>n.</i> a sudden, strong rush of wind or air                                                                                                     |
| 14. re_____nt our life                | <i>v.</i> to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new                                                                    |
| 15. gr_____us hospitality             | <i>adj.</i> behaving in a kind, polite and generous way                                                                                            |
| 16. ent_____hip culture               | <i>n.</i> the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one                                           |
| 17. have a co_____ch phobia           | <i>n.</i> a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home                                                            |
| 18. the common but nu_____d opinion   | <i>adj.</i> characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.                                                                |
| 19. human in_____ct                   | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level                                               |
| 20. in_____ue him                     | <i>v.</i> to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone |
| 21. potential pi_____l                | <i>n.</i> a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare                                                                            |
| 22. in_____te the quality of his life | <i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products                                                                                             |
| 23. an op_____ne remark               | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose                                                |

ANSWERS: 11. nuanced, 12. cockroach, 13. gust, 14. reinvent, 15. gracious, 16. entrepreneurship, 17. cockroach, 18. nuanced, 19. intellect, 20. intrigue, 21. pitfall, 22. innovate, 23. opportune

24. in\_\_\_\_\_ue against his rival      *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
25. a few years af\_\_\_\_\_rd      *adv.* after the time mentioned
26. app\_\_\_\_\_ive audience      *adj.* expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with pleasure or enjoyment
27. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
28. in a gr\_\_\_\_\_us manner      *adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way
29. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct      *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
30. su\_\_i bar      *n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed
31. dis\_\_\_\_\_nt the audience      *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
32. pi\_\_\_\_\_l to be avoided      *n.* a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare
33. don't dis\_\_\_\_\_nt me      *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

ANSWERS: 24. intrigue, 25. afterward, 26. appreciative, 27. industrious, 28. gracious, 29. intellect, 30. sushi, 31. disappoint, 32. pitfall, 33. disappoint

34. re\_\_\_\_nt local dishes

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

ANSWERS: 34. reinvent



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. \_\_\_\_\_ sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.  
*n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of wind nearly knocked me off my feet as I walked to work.  
*n.* a sudden, strong rush of wind or air
3. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
4. The sommelier can distinguish \_\_\_\_\_ variance in the flavor of the wine.  
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5. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.  
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6. They have tried to \_\_\_\_\_ their grocery stores.  
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7. She worked very hard not to \_\_\_\_\_ her boss's expectations.  
*v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
8. The teacher was \_\_\_\_\_ of the student's dedication and hard work.  
*adj.* expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with pleasure or enjoyment

ANSWERS: 1. Cockroaches, 2. gust, 3. industrious, 4. nuanced, 5. intellect, 6. reinvent, 7. disappoint, 8. appreciative

9. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently \_\_\_\_\_ the emerging technologies.
- v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
10. The government is investing in programs to support \_\_\_\_\_ and small business development.
- n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
11. The staff is always helpful and \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way
12. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
13. I love going out for \_\_\_\_\_ with my friends on Friday nights.
- n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed
14. The artist's innovative style of work \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
15. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem \_\_\_\_\_.
- adv.* after the time mentioned
16. One of the biggest \_\_\_\_\_ of starting a new business is underestimating the costs.
- n.* a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare

ANSWERS: 9. innovate, 10. entrepreneurship, 11. gracious, 12. opportune, 13. sushi, 14. intrigues, 15. afterward, 16. pitfalls

17. The chef will make soup with the \_\_\_\_\_ ham bone.

*adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something

ANSWERS: 17. leftover