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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### varsity

*n.* a team representing a college or university in sports, typically composed of the best players

*synonym*: team, squad, first-string

(1) a **varsity** player, (2) **varsity** sport

Jane made the **varsity** team and was thrilled to compete at the highest level.

### preach

*v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

*synonym*: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

### adept

*adj.* having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult

*synonym*: proficient, masterful, experienced

(1) **adept** at fishing, (2) **adept** in handicrafts

She is highly **adept** with medical equipment.

### addict

*n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

*synonym*: devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming

services.

## bully

*n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful  
*synonym*: tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

## misconception

*n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis  
*synonym*: fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held **misconception**

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

## suffocate

*v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression  
*synonym*: choke, smother, stifle

(1) **suffocate** to death, (2) **suffocate** fire

People can **suffocate** from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.

## inescapable

*adj.* impossible to avoid or evade  
*synonym*: unavoidable, inevitable, ineluctable

(1) **inescapable** fate, (2) an **inescapable** position

The consequences of his actions were **inescapable**, and he had to face the consequences.

## perseverance

*n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success  
*synonym*: persistence, tenacity, determination

(1) unwavering **perseverance**, (2) dogged **perseverance**

Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his

**perseverance** and determination led him to success.

## **prominence**

*n.* the state of being important, easily seen, or well known  
*synonym* : notability, eminence, distinction

(1) earn **prominence**, (2) **prominence** in society

He achieved **prominence** in the field of medicine with his groundbreaking research.

## **shun**

*v.* to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something

*synonym* : avoid, evade, steer clear of

(1) **shun** a person, (2) **shun** office politics

He **shunned** going to the party and decided to stay home instead.

## **deprivation**

*n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life

*synonym* : poverty, destitution, forfeiture

(1) chronic sleep **deprivation**, (2) **deprivation** of liberty

Losing him is great **deprivation** to our team.

## **vodka**

*n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring

*synonym* : spirit, liquor, distilled beverage

(1) **vodka** shot, (2) flavored **vodka**

I ordered a **vodka** tonic at the bar.

## **drastic**

*adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

*synonym* : extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------|--|
| 1. s__n a person          | <i>v.</i> to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something   |
| 2. Internet ad__t         | <i>n.</i> a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful   |
| 3. vo__a shot             | <i>n.</i> a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring                        |
| 4. pr___h the gospel      | <i>v.</i> to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience   |
| 5. pr___h to the masses   | <i>v.</i> to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience   |
| 6. dispel the mis_____ion | <i>n.</i> a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis   |
| 7. su_____te fire         | <i>v.</i> to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression |
| 8. an ine_____le position | <i>adj.</i> impossible to avoid or evade   |
| 9. earn pro_____ce        | <i>n.</i> the state of being important, easily seen, or well known   |
| 10. s__n office politics  | <i>v.</i> to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something   |

ANSWERS: 1. shun, 2. addict, 3. vodka, 4. preach, 5. preach, 6. misconception, 7. suffocate, 8. inescapable, 9. prominence, 10. shun

11. a va\_\_\_\_y player      *n.* a team representing a college or university in sports, typically composed of the best players
12. su\_\_\_\_\_te to death      *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
13. bu\_\_y the weak      *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
14. commonly held mis\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
15. flavored vo\_\_a      *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring
16. unwavering per\_\_\_\_\_nce      *n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
17. pro\_\_\_\_\_ce in society      *n.* the state of being important, easily seen, or well known
18. a drug ad\_\_\_t      *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
19. make dr\_\_\_\_\_c revision      *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

ANSWERS: 11. varsity, 12. suffocate, 13. bully, 14. misconception, 15. vodka, 16. perseverance, 17. prominence, 18. addict, 19. drastic

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21. bu\_\_y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
22. chronic sleep dep\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life
23. va\_\_\_\_\_y sport *n.* a team representing a college or university in sports, typically composed of the best players
24. ad\_\_t in handicrafts *adj.* having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult
25. ine\_\_\_\_\_le fate *adj.* impossible to avoid or evade
26. dogged per\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
27. dr\_\_\_\_\_c measures *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
28. ad\_\_t at fishing *adj.* having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult

ANSWERS: 20. deprivation, 21. bully, 22. deprivation, 23. varsity, 24. adept, 25. inescapable, 26. perseverance, 27. drastic, 28. adept

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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*n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

14. We have become TV \_\_\_\_\_ due to video streaming services.

*n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

ANSWERS: 8. adept, 9. drastic, 10. deprivation, 11. perseverance, 12. inescapable, 13. misconceptions, 14. addicts