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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### meteorology

*n.* the branch of science that deals with processes in the Earth's atmosphere that cause weather conditions

(1) agricultural **meteorology**, (2) marine **meteorology**

He conducted his research at the **meteorology** laboratory using large-scale computing.

### marshal

*n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

*synonym* : marshal, commander, organizer

(1) **marshal** the books into their proper places, (2) deputy **marshal**

The event organizer appointed a professional **marshal** to manage the flow of traffic.

### shepherd

*n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

*synonym* : herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and

protect them from predators.

## outdo

v. to do better than someone; to surpass

*synonym*: excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

## dissonance

n. a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds

*synonym*: conflict, disharmony, disagreement

(1) cognitive **dissonance**, (2) musical **dissonance**

The **dissonance** between the two melodies created a sense of tension in the music.

## 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.

## chuckle

n. a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way

*synonym*: laugh, giggle, snicker

(1) **chuckle** at my cat's silly antics, (2) stifled **chuckle**

I couldn't help but let out a little **chuckle** when I saw the silly photo my friend had sent me.

## illusory

adj. not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion

*synonym*: illusive, deceptive, delusional

(1) **illusory** wealth, (2) **illusory** hope

The promise of easy money turned out to be **illusory**.

## underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

*synonym*: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

## rodent

*n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail

*synonym*: mouse, rat, hamster

(1) **rodent** repellent, (2) prevent **rodent** damage

He set up a trap to catch the **rodent**.

## almanac

*n.* a calendar that provides daily, monthly, and annual information on astronomical events, weather patterns, and other relevant topics; an annual publication that contains such information, along with predictions and advice for the coming year

*synonym*: annual, yearbook, chronicle

(1) **almanac** information, (2) planting **almanac**

I consult my astrological **almanac** every month to stay attuned to the movements of the planets and stars.

## misinformation

*n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

*synonym*: falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

## wildfire

*n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

*synonym*: blaze, bonfire, flame

(1) **wildfire** spread, (2) arson-caused **wildfire**

The **wildfire** destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

## landfall

*n.* the arrival or touching down of a ship, aircraft, or meteor on land after a voyage or journey; the first sighting or approach of land from the sea

*synonym* : shoreline, beachfront, landing place

(1) **landfall** location, (2) predicted **landfall**

The hurricane made **landfall** in the early morning hours, causing widespread damage.

## amuse

*v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

*synonym* : entertain, delight, divert

(1) **amuse** a baby with a rattle, (2) **amuse** guests

He **amused** himself by playing video games during his free time.

## anomaly

*n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand

*synonym* : abnormality, irregularity, deviation

(1) **anomaly** detection, (2) global temperature **anomaly**

The sudden drop in the stock market was an **anomaly** that puzzled many investors.

## downgrade

*v.* to reduce in importance, rank, or status; to decrease the quality or value of something; to lower a score or rating; (noun) a negative change in the rating of a security, a company's stock, or a country's sovereign debt by a rating agency

*synonym* : demote, lower, reduce

(1) economic **downgrade**, (2) **downgrade** expectations

The company had to **downgrade** its earnings forecast for the quarter.

## upbringing

*n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development

*synonym* : childhood, background, nurturing

(1) Catholic **upbringing**, (2) family **upbringing**

His strict **upbringing** instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.

## revered

*v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities

*synonym*: respected, admired, honored

(1) **revered** figure, (2) the most **revered** President

The **revered** teacher was loved by her students.

## skeptic

*n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

*synonym*: doubter, disbeliever, questioner

(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**

He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. la_____ll location                | <i>n.</i> the arrival or touching down of a ship, aircraft, or meteor on land after a voyage or journey; the first sighting or approach of land from the sea |
| 2. am__e a baby with a rattle        | <i>v.</i> to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh   |
| 3. a chick's tw__t                   | <i>n.</i> a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application   |
| 4. an ingrained sk_____c             | <i>n.</i> a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural             |
| 5. ch_____e at my cat's silly antics | <i>n.</i> a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way            |
| 6. climate sk_____c                  | <i>n.</i> a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural             |
| 7. re_____d figure                   | <i>v.</i> highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities   |
| 8. wi_____re spread                  | <i>n.</i> a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope                              |
| 9. ou__o him in trickery             | <i>v.</i> to do better than someone; to surpass  |

ANSWERS: 1. landfall, 2. amuse, 3. tweet, 4. skeptic, 5. chuckle, 6. skeptic, 7. revered, 8. wildfire, 9. outdo

10. arson-caused wi\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
11. his latest tw\_\_ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
12. il\_\_\_\_\_ry hope *adj.* not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion
13. und\_\_\_\_\_ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
14. agricultural met\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the branch of science that deals with processes in the Earth's atmosphere that cause weather conditions
15. global temperature an\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
16. marine met\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the branch of science that deals with processes in the Earth's atmosphere that cause weather conditions
17. sh\_\_\_\_\_rd boy *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
18. mis\_\_\_\_\_ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
19. al\_\_\_\_\_c information *n.* a calendar that provides daily, monthly, and annual information on astronomical events, weather patterns, and other relevant topics; an annual publication that contains such information, along with predictions and advice for the coming year

ANSWERS: 10. wildfire, 11. tweet, 12. illusory, 13. underestimate, 14. meteorology, 15. anomaly, 16. meteorology, 17. shepherd, 18. misinformation, 19. almanac

20. ro\_\_\_t repellent *n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
21. predicted la\_\_\_\_\_ll *n.* the arrival or touching down of a ship, aircraft, or meteor on land after a voyage or journey; the first sighting or approach of land from the sea
22. family upb\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
23. cognitive dis\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
24. combat mis\_\_\_\_\_ion on social media *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
25. the most re\_\_\_\_\_d President *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
26. il\_\_\_\_\_ry wealth *adj.* not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion
27. sheep without a sh\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
28. Catholic upb\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
29. an\_\_\_\_\_y detection *n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand

ANSWERS: 20. rodent, 21. landfall, 22. upbringing, 23. dissonance, 24. misinformation, 25. revered, 26. illusory, 27. shepherd, 28. upbringing, 29. anomaly



30. deputy ma\_\_\_\_l *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
31. prevent ro\_\_\_\_t damage *n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
32. stifled ch\_\_\_\_e *n.* a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way
33. ma\_\_\_\_l the books into their proper places *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
34. und\_\_\_\_ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
35. ou\_\_o the competition *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
36. am\_\_e guests *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

ANSWERS: 30. marshal, 31. rodent, 32. chuckle, 33. marshal, 34. underestimate, 35. outdo, 36. amuse

37. economic do\_\_\_\_\_de
- v. to reduce in importance, rank, or status; to decrease the quality or value of something; to lower a score or rating; (noun) a negative change in the rating of a security, a company's stock, or a country's sovereign debt by a rating agency
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ANSWERS: 37. downgrade, 38. dissonance, 39. downgrade, 40. almanac

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company had to \_\_\_\_\_ its earnings forecast for the quarter.
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ANSWERS: 7. almanac, 8. landfall, 9. underestimated, 10. wildfire, 11. rodent, 12. revered, 13. tweet

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ANSWERS: 14. amused, 15. marshal, 16. chuckle, 17. outdo, 18. dissonance, 19. skeptic, 20. illusory

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