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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### banjo

*n.* a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound

(1) famous **banjo** player, (2) **banjo** music

The musician played the five-string **banjo** as part of his folk ensemble.

### mess

*n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

*synonym*: disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

### regret

*v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do

*synonym*: apologize, deplore, lament

(1) **regret** a decision, (2) **regret** being so careless

I **regret** to say that you did not gain admission to the university.

### homesick

*adj.* feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time

*synonym*

: nostalgic, longing, yearning

(1) suffer from **homesick**, (2) **homesick** for home  
The military personnel stationed overseas often feel **homesick** for their loved ones.

## romantic

*adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship  
*synonym*: idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup  
It was his first **romantic** love.

## fantasy

*n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

*synonym*: fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality  
Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

## distance

*n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

*synonym*: space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**  
The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

## sight

*n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen

*synonym*: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**  
Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

## harsh

*adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

*synonym*: brutal, severe, backbreaking

(1) **harsh** climate, (2) use of **harsh** chemicals  
The prime minister faced **harsh** criticism.

## judge

*n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

*synonym*: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. driving di\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
2. social di\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
3. ha\_\_h climate *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
4. ho\_\_\_\_ck for home *adj.* feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time
5. have a whole m\_\_s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
6. re\_\_\_\_t being so careless *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
7. an unexpected si\_\_t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
8. ba\_\_o music *n.* a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound

ANSWERS: 1. distance, 2. distance, 3. harsh, 4. homesick, 5. mess, 6. regret, 7. sight, 8. banjo

9. use of ha\_\_h chemicals *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
10. ju\_\_e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
11. an associate ju\_\_e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
12. ro\_\_\_\_ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
13. suffer from ho\_\_\_\_ck *adj.* feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time
14. ro\_\_\_\_ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
15. re\_\_\_t a decision *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
16. famous ba\_\_o player *n.* a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound
17. dull si\_\_t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
18. get into a m\_\_s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

ANSWERS: 9. harsh, 10. judge, 11. judge, 12. romantic, 13. homesick, 14. romantic, 15. regret, 16. banjo, 17. sight, 18. mess

19. confuse fa\_\_\_\_y with reality

*n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

20. fa\_\_\_\_y novel

*n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

ANSWERS: 19. fantasy, 20. fantasy

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He made a frightful \_\_\_\_\_ in his room.  
*n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
  
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*n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
  
3. It was his first \_\_\_\_\_ love.  
*adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
  
4. The musician played the five-string \_\_\_\_\_ as part of his folk ensemble.  
*n.* a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound
  
5. The military personnel stationed overseas often feel \_\_\_\_\_ for their loved ones.  
*adj.* feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time
  
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ to say that you did not gain admission to the university.  
*v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
  
7. Many famous \_\_\_\_\_ are within walking distance.  
*n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen

ANSWERS: 1. mess, 2. distance, 3. romantic, 4. banjo, 5. homesick, 6. regret, 7. sights

8. The strict \_\_\_\_\_ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

*n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

9. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

10. The prime minister faced \_\_\_\_\_ criticism.

*adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

ANSWERS: 8. judge, 9. fantasy, 10. harsh