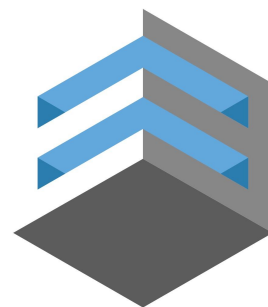


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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### dystopia

*n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

*synonym* : anti-utopia

(1) a crumbling **dystopia**, (2) the escape from **dystopia**

The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into **dystopias**.

### rout

*n.* a disorderly retreat or defeat of an army or group; a decisive defeat

*synonym* : defeat, debacle, disaster

(1) **rout** march, (2) cricket team's **rout**

The football team suffered a humiliating **rout** in the championship game.

### compulsive

*adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

*synonym* : compelling, obsessive, uncontrollable

(1) **compulsive** gambling, (2) **compulsive** behavior

He had a **compulsive** need to check the stove was turned off

every time he left the house.

## embarrass

*v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed  
*synonym*: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project  
He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

## binge

*n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

*synonym*: spree, overindulgence, splurge

(1) **binge** on social media, (2) alcohol **binge**  
She stayed up all night **binge-watching** her favorite TV show.

## disconcert

*v.* to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain  
*synonym*: unsettle, perturb, discomfit

(1) **disconcert** his plans, (2) **disconcert** the enthusiast  
His sudden departure **disconcerted** the team.

## banal

*adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar  
*synonym*: trite, mundane, dull

(1) **banal** conversation, (2) **banal** plot  
The restaurant's menu had a **banal** selection of generic dishes with no unique or exciting options.

## toothbrush

*n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth  
*synonym*: brush, scrubber, cleaner

(1) **toothbrush** stand, (2) power **toothbrush**  
My **toothbrush** with end-rounded bristles is excellent for gently cleaning my teeth and gums.

## infuriate

*v.* to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation

*synonym* : enrage, ire, provoke

(1) **infuriate** customers, (2) **infuriate** employees

His rude behavior **infuriated** many people at the party.

## app

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

*synonym* : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

## cavalier

*adj.* displaying a lack of concern or seriousness; offhand or disdainful towards important matters; adopting a carefree or arrogant attitude; (noun) a gentleman or a knight, especially one who is gallant or courtly

*synonym* : careless, offhand, indifferent

(1) **cavalier** dismissal, (2) **cavalier** language

The **cavalier** attitude of the driver caused him to disregard the rules of the road.

## panopticon

*n.* a type of prison building or structure designed to allow a single observer to watch all inmates at all times without being seen themselves; a structure or system designed to exert complete surveillance or control over a group or population

*synonym* : surveillance, prison, watchtower

(1) **panopticon-like** surveillance, (2) **panopticon** effect on behavior

The **panopticon** prison design allows for constant surveillance of the inmates.

## rethink

*v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

*synonym* : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. killer a\_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
2. com\_\_\_\_\_ve behavior *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
3. re\_\_\_\_\_k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
4. pan\_\_\_\_\_on-like surveillance *n.* a type of prison building or structure designed to allow a single observer to watch all inmates at all times without being seen themselves; a structure or system designed to exert complete surveillance or control over a group or population
5. ba\_\_l plot *adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar
6. re\_\_\_\_\_k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
7. em\_\_\_\_\_ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
8. em\_\_\_\_\_ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 1. app, 2. compulsive, 3. rethink, 4. panopticon, 5. banal, 6. rethink, 7. embarrass, 8. embarrass

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10. in\_\_\_\_\_te employees *v.* to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation
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ANSWERS: 9. dystopia, 10. infuriate, 11. banal, 12. disconcert, 13. dystopia, 14. rout, 15. panopticon, 16. infuriate, 17. compulsive

18. ca\_\_\_\_er language *adj.* displaying a lack of concern or seriousness; offhand or disdainful towards important matters; adopting a carefree or arrogant attitude; (noun) a gentleman or a knight, especially one who is gallant or courtly
19. power too\_\_\_\_\_sh *n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
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23. cricket team's r\_\_t *n.* a disorderly retreat or defeat of an army or group; a decisive defeat
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26. alcohol bi\_\_e *n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

ANSWERS: 18. cavalier, 19. toothbrush, 20. app, 21. disconcert, 22. cavalier, 23. rout, 24. toothbrush, 25. binge, 26. binge

ANSWERS:



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 1. disconcerted, 2. rethink, 3. rout, 4. app's, 5. infuriated, 6. embarrass, 7. cavalier, 8. panopticon

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