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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### etch

- v. to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

*synonym* : engrave, inscribe, carve

- (1) **etch** a metal plate, (2) **etch** a design into wood

He used a sharp tool to **etch** his initials onto the metal.

### trepidation

- n. a feeling of fear, anxiety, or apprehension about something uncertain or unknown; a state of alarm or nervousness that results from anticipating something frightening or dangerous

*synonym* : fear, anxiety, apprehension

- (1) trembling with **trepidation**, (2) sense of **trepidation**

She felt **trepidation** as she approached the podium to give her speech.

### dissuade

- v. to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action

*synonym* : discourage, deter, convince

- (1) **dissuade** a person, (2) **dissuade** him from committing the crime

He tried to **dissuade** her from quitting her job.

## aback

*adv.* to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something

*synonym* : surprised, astounded, shocked

(1) flat **aback**, (2) **aback** shock

The sudden news of the merger took me **aback**.

## fiance

*n.* a person who is engaged to be married

*synonym* : groom-to-be, betrothed, intended

(1) **fiance** visa, (2) meeting with the **fiance's** family

My **fiance** and I are looking for a new apartment after our wedding.

## dowry

*n.* property or money brought by a bride to her husband on their marriage, traditionally in some cultures

*synonym* : dower, portion, settlement

(1) **dowry** payment, (2) donate a **dowry**

Traditionally, a bride's **dowry** consisted of money, property, or other valuable possessions given to the groom's family.

## cashew

*n.* a type of nut that grows on trees native to Brazil, with a creamy texture and mild, sweet flavor, often used in cooking and snacking

(1) roasted **cashews**, (2) **cashew** butter

**Cashew** nuts are a good source of healthy fats and protein.

## groom

*v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat

*synonym* : brush, comb, neaten

(1) **groom** duties, (2) **groom** a horse

I need to **groom** my dog before his fur gets too long.

## bankrupt

*adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

*synonym* : insolvent, broke, ruined

(1) **bankrupt** business, (2) financially **bankrupt**

Unfortunately, the company went **bankrupt** and had to close its doors permanently.

## extortion

*n.* the act of obtaining something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion

*synonym*: blackmail, coercion, shakedown

(1) **extortion** letter, (2) **extortion** scheme

In this era of cybercrime, digital **extortion** is becoming increasingly common, with hackers demanding ransoms to unlock encrypted files.

## feticide

*n.* the act of causing the death of a fetus, either intentionally or unintentionally, often used to refer to a criminal act of causing the death of an unborn child

*synonym*: abortion, termination of pregnancy, infanticide

(1) illegal **feticide**, (2) **feticide** laws

Activists protested against female **feticide**, a disturbing practice reflecting deep-rooted gender biases.

## ostentatious

*adj.* characterized by a display of wealth, knowledge, or possessions meant to impress or attract attention; intended to be showy or flashy

*synonym*: showy, flashy, extravagant

(1) **ostentatious** spending, (2) **ostentatious** jewelry

The **ostentatious** display of wealth was unnecessary and distasteful.

## patriarchal

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated

*synonym*: male-dominated, paternalistic

(1) **patriarchal** society, (2) **patriarchal** government

The **patriarchal** system that many societies have is outdated and unfair to women.

## mindset

*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

*synonym* : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

## sibling

*n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

*synonym* : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

## relinquish

*v.* to give up power, control, or possession

*synonym* : surrender, give up, abandon

(1) **relinquish** control, (2) **relinquish** all hope

She decided to **relinquish** her role as the leader of the group.

## coerce

*v.* to force, pressure, or compel someone to do something against their will or better judgment; to use threatening or intimidating tactics to persuade someone to comply with one's demands

*synonym* : force, compel, pressure

(1) **coerce** him to follow an order, (2) **coerce** obedience

The boss tried to **coerce** the employees into working overtime by threatening to fire them.

## spoil

*v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

*synonym* : rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

## natal

*adj.* relating to birth or the place of one's birth; connected with the beginning or origin of something

*synonym* : birth, nativity, born

(1) **natal** chart, (2) **natal** clinic

The mother-to-be attended **natal** classes to prepare for the birth of her first child.

## deprive

*v.* to take away something from someone

*synonym*: deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status

He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

## adamant

*adj.* having a very strong determination to do something and refusing to be influenced or persuaded; (noun) a legendary rock that is very hard and impossible to crush

*synonym*: resolute, unyielding, obstinate

(1) **adamant** refusal, (2) **adamant** to temptation

She was **adamant** about not changing her mind.

## widen

*v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

*synonym*: broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve

He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

## ancestral

*adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past

*synonym*: hereditary, inherited, patrimonial

(1) an **ancestral** graveyard, (2) **ancestral** roots

The **ancestral** home has been in the family for generations.

## blackmail

*n.* the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information

*synonym*: extortion, shakedown, racket

(1) **blackmail** extortion, (2) **blackmail** scheme

He threatened to reveal the secret, using it as **blackmail**.

## broth

*n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

*synonym* : bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

## mantra

*n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation

*synonym* : hymn, chant, phrase

(1) campaign **mantra**, (2) chant the **mantra** of structural reform

She repeated her personal **mantra** to herself to stay motivated.

## nurture

*v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

*synonym* : boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

## nourish

*v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

*synonym* : feed, sustain, nurture

(1) **nourish** damaged skin, (2) **nourish** hope

The mother used her breast milk to **nourish** the baby.

## retaliate

*v.* to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person

*synonym* : get back, strike back, revenge

(1) **retaliate** for the blow, (2) **retaliate** in a like fashion

After the other team scored, we **retaliated** by playing even harder and scoring two quick goals.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. roasted ca___ws            | <i>n.</i> a type of nut that grows on trees native to Brazil, with a creamy texture and mild, sweet flavor, often used in cooking and snacking  |
| 2. rel_____sh control         | <i>v.</i> to give up power, control, or possession  |
| 3. chicken br__h              | <i>n.</i> a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews  |
| 4. flexible mi_____t          | <i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone   |
| 5. de_____e him of his status | <i>v.</i> to take away something from someone   |
| 6. no_____h hope              | <i>v.</i> to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy   |
| 7. remains of br__h           | <i>n.</i> a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews  |
| 8. rel_____sh all hope        | <i>v.</i> to give up power, control, or possession  |
| 9. an_____al roots            | <i>adj.</i> related to or connected with members of your family from the past   |
| 10. fi___e visa               | <i>n.</i> a person who is engaged to be married   |
| 11. e__h a design into wood   | <i>v.</i> to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern |

ANSWERS: 1. cashew, 2. relinquish, 3. broth, 4. mindset, 5. deprive, 6. nourish, 7. broth, 8. relinquish, 9. ancestral, 10. fiance, 11. etch

12. sp\_\_l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
13. pat\_\_\_\_\_al government *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated
14. the mi\_\_\_\_\_t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
15. de\_\_\_\_\_e others of profit *v.* to take away something from someone
16. have a si\_\_\_\_\_g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
17. ad\_\_\_\_\_t to temptation *adj.* having a very strong determination to do something and refusing to be influenced or persuaded; (noun) a legendary rock that is very hard and impossible to crush
18. nu\_\_\_\_\_e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
19. sp\_\_l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
20. an an\_\_\_\_\_al graveyard *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
21. illegal fe\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* the act of causing the death of a fetus, either intentionally or unintentionally, often used to refer to a criminal act of causing the death of an unborn child

ANSWERS: 12. spoil, 13. patriarchal, 14. mindset, 15. deprive, 16. sibling, 17. adamant, 18. nurture, 19. spoil, 20. ancestral, 21. feticide



22. nu\_\_\_\_e his talents      *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
23. gr\_\_m a horse      *v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat
24. fe\_\_\_\_de laws      *n.* the act of causing the death of a fetus, either intentionally or unintentionally, often used to refer to a criminal act of causing the death of an unborn child
25. trembling with tre\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a feeling of fear, anxiety, or apprehension about something uncertain or unknown; a state of alarm or nervousness that results from anticipating something frightening or dangerous
26. ab\_\_k shock      *adv.* to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
27. ost\_\_\_\_ous spending      *adj.* characterized by a display of wealth, knowledge, or possessions meant to impress or attract attention; intended to be showy or flashy
28. co\_\_\_\_e obedience      *v.* to force, pressure, or compel someone to do something against their will or better judgment; to use threatening or intimidating tactics to persuade someone to comply with one's demands
29. wi\_\_n in excitement      *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

ANSWERS: 22. nurture, 23. groom, 24. feticide, 25. trepidation, 26. aback, 27. ostentatious, 28. coerce, 29. widen

30. na\_\_l clinic *adj.* relating to birth or the place of one's birth; connected with the beginning or origin of something
31. na\_\_l chart *adj.* relating to birth or the place of one's birth; connected with the beginning or origin of something
32. di\_\_\_\_de a person *v.* to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action
33. ba\_\_\_\_pt business *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
34. donate a do\_\_y *n.* property or money brought by a bride to her husband on their marriage, traditionally in some cultures
35. e\_\_h a metal plate *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
36. play with my si\_\_\_\_gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
37. campaign ma\_\_\_\_a *n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
38. ex\_\_\_\_on letter *n.* the act of obtaining something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion

ANSWERS: 30. natal, 31. natal, 32. dissuade, 33. bankrupt, 34. dowry, 35. etch, 36. sibling, 37. mantra, 38. extortion

39. ex\_\_\_\_\_on scheme *n.* the act of obtaining something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion
40. ad\_\_\_\_\_t refusal *adj.* having a very strong determination to do something and refusing to be influenced or persuaded; (noun) a legendary rock that is very hard and impossible to crush
41. meeting with the fi\_\_\_\_e's family *n.* a person who is engaged to be married
42. di\_\_\_\_\_de him from committing the crime *v.* to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action
43. ost\_\_\_\_\_ous jewelry *adj.* characterized by a display of wealth, knowledge, or possessions meant to impress or attract attention; intended to be showy or flashy
44. pat\_\_\_\_\_al society *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated
45. wi\_\_n a narrowed heart valve *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
46. chant the ma\_\_\_\_a of structural reform *n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
47. flat ab\_\_k *adv.* to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
48. financially ba\_\_\_\_\_pt *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

ANSWERS: 39. extortion, 40. adamant, 41. fiance, 42. dissuade, 43. ostentatious, 44. patriarchal, 45. widen, 46. mantra, 47. aback, 48. bankrupt

49. do\_\_y payment *n.* property or money brought by a bride to her husband on their marriage, traditionally in some cultures
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53. no\_\_\_\_\_h damaged skin *v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
54. bl\_\_\_\_\_il extortion *n.* the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information
55. re\_\_\_\_\_te in a like fashion *v.* to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person
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ANSWERS: 49. dowry, 50. trepidation, 51. groom, 52. cashew, 53. nourish, 54. blackmail, 55. retaliate, 56. coerce

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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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