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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### bloodless

*adj.* lacking any evidence of violence, injury, or blood; figuratively, lacking emotional or visceral impact or intensity

*synonym*: anemic, pallid, ashen

(1) **bloodless** medicine, (2) **bloodless** battlefield

The surgery was performed with such precision that it was a nearly **bloodless** procedure.

### humanize

*v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

*synonym*: civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

### tease

*v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

*synonym*: bully, annoy, provoke

(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool

This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.

## 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**.

## whisper

*v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

*synonym* : murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

## shush

*v.* to silence or quiet someone or something, particularly by making a "shh" or "hush" sound

*synonym* : silence, hush, quiet

(1) **shush** the baby, (2) **shush** the crowd

I had to **shush** my chatty friend during the movie.

## grandparent

*n.* a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

## jumble

*v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things

*synonym* : mix, scramble, mess up

(1) **jumble** in some herbs and spices, (2) **jumble** together different colors

The children **jumbled** up the puzzle pieces and had to start over.

## distort

*v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

*synonym* : fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy  
Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

### scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions  
*synonym*: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet  
The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

### reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

*synonym*: reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend  
The band will **reunite** only for this show.

### numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

*synonym*: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind  
My left arm became **numb**.

### quantify

v. to express or measure something in numerical terms  
*synonym*: measure, express, determine

(1) **quantify** the results, (2) **quantify** blood flow  
He tried to **quantify** the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.

### heartbeat

n. the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force

*synonym*: beat, pulse, force

(1) **heartbeat** abnormality, (2) a pounding **heartbeat**  
New York is the commercial **heartbeat** of America.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------------------|----|--|
| 1. sc_____r around the internet     | v. | to cause to separate and go in different directions  |
| 2. te__e the children               | v. | to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing                       |
| 3. qu_____fy the results            | v. | to express or measure something in numerical terms   |
| 4. sc_____r seeds                   | v. | to cause to separate and go in different directions  |
| 5. ju___e together different colors | v. | to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things |
| 6. di_____t the economy             | v. | to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear  |
| 7. re_____e after five years        | v. | to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation  |
| 8. di_____t the facts               | v. | to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear  |
| 9. a pounding he_____at             | n. | the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force   |

ANSWERS: 1. scatter, 2. tease, 3. quantify, 4. scatter, 5. jumble, 6. distort, 7. reunite, 8. distort, 9. heartbeat

10. n\_\_b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
11. ju\_\_\_e in some herbs and spices *v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things
12. have a si\_\_\_\_\_g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
13. te\_\_e wool *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
14. bl\_\_\_\_\_ss battlefield *adj.* lacking any evidence of violence, injury, or blood; figuratively, lacking emotional or visceral impact or intensity
15. play with my si\_\_\_\_\_gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
16. bl\_\_\_\_\_ss medicine *adj.* lacking any evidence of violence, injury, or blood; figuratively, lacking emotional or visceral impact or intensity
17. great-gra\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
18. re\_\_\_\_\_e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
19. answer in a wh\_\_\_\_\_r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

ANSWERS: 10. numb, 11. jumble, 12. sibling, 13. tease, 14. bloodless, 15. sibling, 16. bloodless, 17. grandparent, 18. reunite, 19. whisper

20. sh\_\_h the crowd      *v.* to silence or quiet someone or something, particularly by making a "shh" or "hush" sound
21. qu\_\_\_\_fy blood flow      *v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms
22. person of gra\_\_\_\_nt age      *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
23. the wh\_\_\_\_r of the leaves      *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
24. hu\_\_\_\_ze my pet      *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
25. hu\_\_\_\_ze a room      *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
26. a n\_\_b mind      *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
27. he\_\_\_\_at abnormality      *n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force
28. sh\_\_h the baby      *v.* to silence or quiet someone or something, particularly by making a "shh" or "hush" sound

ANSWERS: 20. shush, 21. quantify, 22. grandparent, 23. whisper, 24. humanize, 25. humanize, 26. numb, 27. heartbeat, 28. shush

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.

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2. Economists contend that taxes \_\_\_\_\_ consumer behavior in general.

*v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

3. He took me aside and \_\_\_\_\_ in my ear.

*v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

4. Children often copy their parents or elder \_\_\_\_\_.

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

5. The children \_\_\_\_\_ up the puzzle pieces and had to start over.

*v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things

6. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.

*v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms

7. The band will \_\_\_\_\_ only for this show.

*v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

ANSWERS: 1. numb, 2. distort, 3. whispered, 4. siblings, 5. jumbled, 6. quantify, 7. reunite

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- v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
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- n. the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force
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14. She was close to her paternal \_\_\_\_\_ and often spent summers with them.
- n. a parent of one's father or mother

ANSWERS: 8. humanize, 9. bloodless, 10. scattered, 11. shush, 12. heartbeat, 13. tease, 14. grandparents



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