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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### gaunt

*adj.* thin and bony in appearance, often due to illness or malnutrition; desolate or barren in landscape or atmosphere

*synonym* : emaciated, thin, skinny

(1) **gaunt** face, (2) **gaunt** figure

The **gaunt** prisoner was a reflection of the harsh conditions in the jail.

### clothesline

*n.* a rope or wire stretched between two points, typically outdoors, for hanging clothes to dry

*synonym* : washing line, drying rack

(1) outdoor **clothesline**, (2) **clothesline** drying

I hung the wet laundry on the **clothesline** to let it dry in the sun.

### twine

*n.* a thin, flexible string or cord made from two or more strands twisted together; (verb) to spin, wind, or twist together

*synonym* : string, cord, (verb) coil

(1) cotton **twine**, (2) **twine** a garland

The **twine** rope was strong enough to hold the weight.

## twirl

*v.* to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion

*synonym* : spin, swirl, rotate

(1) **twirl** a ribbon, (2) **twirl** a hula hoop

She **twirled** her hair absentmindedly as she listened to the conversation.

## settler

*n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

*synonym* : frontiersperson, immigrant, emigrant

(1) new **settlers**, (2) **settlers** on some foreign shore

A large proportion of railway workers in **settler** colonies were white.

## pantaloons

*n.* a type of loose-fitting trousers typically worn by men in the past; a stock character in Italian commedia dell'arte, usually depicted as an older man wearing pantaloons and a top hat

(1) striped **pantaloons**, (2) vintage **pantaloons**

The actor wore a colorful **pantaloons** costume during the play.

## enslave

*v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

*synonym* : coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

## antebellum

*adj.* belonging to the period before a war, especially the American Civil War; characteristic of the culture, society, and politics of the southern United States during the pre-Civil War era

*synonym* : pre-civil war, pre-war

(1) **antebellum** plantation, (2) **antebellum** literature

The plantation house was a perfect example of **antebellum** architecture.

## rhyme

*n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting

*synonym*: verse, poetry, meter

(1) **rhyme** poem, (2) write in **rhyme**

The poem had a consistent **rhyme** scheme throughout.

## chant

*n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

*synonym*: hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

## overhear

*v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge

*synonym*: catch, eavesdrop

(1) happen to **overhear** a conversation, (2) accidentally **overheard** their talk

She was inside at the time and **overheard** the conversation.

## rover

*n.* a vehicle designed to travel over rough terrain, especially on the surface of a planet or moon

*synonym*: vehicle, robot, explorer

(1) **rover** mission, (2) lunar **rover**

The **rover** on Mars is gathering data on the planet's surface and sending it back to Earth.

## ready-made

*adj.* (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work

*synonym*: pre-made, off-the-shelf, prefab

(1) **ready-made** templates, (2) **ready-made** curtains

I prefer using **ready-made** meals when short on time and don't feel like cooking from scratch.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. striped pa_____on                  | <i>n.</i> a type of loose-fitting trousers typically worn by men in the past; a stock character in Italian commedia dell'arte, usually depicted as an older man wearing pantaloons and a top hat |
| 2. clo_____ne drying                  | <i>n.</i> a rope or wire stretched between two points, typically outdoors, for hanging clothes to dry  |
| 3. ch__t in the chapel                | <i>n.</i> a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation   |
| 4. tw__l a ribbon                     | <i>v.</i> to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion   |
| 5. tw__l a hula hoop                  | <i>v.</i> to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion   |
| 6. happen to ov_____ar a conversation | <i>v.</i> to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge  |
| 7. tw__e a garland                    | <i>n.</i> a thin, flexible string or cord made from two or more strands twisted together; (verb) to spin, wind, or twist together  |
| 8. vintage pa_____on                  | <i>n.</i> a type of loose-fitting trousers typically worn by men in the past; a stock character in Italian commedia dell'arte, usually depicted as an older man wearing pantaloons and a top hat |

ANSWERS: 1. pantaloon, 2. clothesline, 3. chant, 4. twirl, 5. twirl, 6. overhear, 7. twine, 8. pantaloon

9. rea\_\_\_\_\_de templates *adj.* (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work
10. write in rh\_\_e *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
11. ga\_\_t figure *adj.* thin and bony in appearance, often due to illness or malnutrition; desolate or barren in landscape or atmosphere
12. rea\_\_\_\_\_de curtains *adj.* (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work
13. rh\_\_e poem *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
14. se\_\_\_\_\_rs on some foreign shore *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
15. cotton tw\_\_e *n.* a thin, flexible string or cord made from two or more strands twisted together; (verb) to spin, wind, or twist together
16. en\_\_\_\_\_e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
17. lunar ro\_\_r *n.* a vehicle designed to travel over rough terrain, especially on the surface of a planet or moon

ANSWERS: 9. ready-made, 10. rhyme, 11. gaunt, 12. ready-made, 13. rhyme, 14. settler, 15. twine, 16. enslave, 17. rover

18. new se\_\_\_\_rs *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
19. ant\_\_\_\_\_um plantation *adj.* belonging to the period before a war, especially the American Civil War; characteristic of the culture, society, and politics of the southern United States during the pre-Civil War era
20. ga\_\_t face *adj.* thin and bony in appearance, often due to illness or malnutrition; desolate or barren in landscape or atmosphere
21. accidentally ov\_\_\_\_\_ard their talk *v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
22. ch\_\_t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
23. outdoor clo\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a rope or wire stretched between two points, typically outdoors, for hanging clothes to dry
24. ant\_\_\_\_\_um literature *adj.* belonging to the period before a war, especially the American Civil War; characteristic of the culture, society, and politics of the southern United States during the pre-Civil War era
25. ro\_\_r mission *n.* a vehicle designed to travel over rough terrain, especially on the surface of a planet or moon
26. en\_\_\_\_\_e poor peasants *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

ANSWERS: 18. settler, 19. antebellum, 20. gaunt, 21. overhear, 22. chant, 23. clothesline, 24. antebellum, 25. rover, 26. enslave

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I hung the wet laundry on the \_\_\_\_\_ to let it dry in the sun.  
*n.* a rope or wire stretched between two points, typically outdoors, for hanging clothes to dry
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ rope was strong enough to hold the weight.  
*n.* a thin, flexible string or cord made from two or more strands twisted together; (verb) to spin, wind, or twist together
3. I prefer using \_\_\_\_\_ meals when short on time and don't feel like cooking from scratch.  
*adj.* (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ prisoner was a reflection of the harsh conditions in the jail.  
*adj.* thin and bony in appearance, often due to illness or malnutrition; desolate or barren in landscape or atmosphere
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ her hair absentmindedly as she listened to the conversation.  
*v.* to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion
6. The poem had a consistent \_\_\_\_\_ scheme throughout.  
*n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
7. The actor wore a colorful \_\_\_\_\_ costume during the play.  
*n.* a type of loose-fitting trousers typically worn by men in the past; a stock character in Italian commedia dell'arte, usually depicted as an older man wearing pantaloons and a top hat

ANSWERS: 1. clothesline, 2. twine, 3. ready-made, 4. gaunt, 5. twirled, 6. rhyme, 7. pantaloons



8. The plantation house was a perfect example of \_\_\_\_\_ architecture.  
*adj.* belonging to the period before a war, especially the American Civil War; characteristic of the culture, society, and politics of the southern United States during the pre-Civil War era
9. The soccer game crowd broke into a \_\_\_\_\_ of "Go, team, go!"  
*n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
10. She was inside at the time and \_\_\_\_\_ the conversation.  
*v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
11. Her beauty \_\_\_\_\_ me completely.  
*v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
12. A large proportion of railway workers in \_\_\_\_\_ colonies were white.  
*n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ on Mars is gathering data on the planet's surface and sending it back to Earth.  
*n.* a vehicle designed to travel over rough terrain, especially on the surface of a planet or moon

ANSWERS: 8. antebellum, 9. chant, 10. overheard, 11. enslaved, 12. settler, 13. rover