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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### oppress

*v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

*synonym*: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force  
Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

### birthplace

*n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born

*synonym*: hometown, native place, origin

(1) ancestral **birthplaces**, (2) **birthplace** of modern soccer  
The **birthplace** of civilization is a topic of much debate among historians.

### disrespect

*n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

*synonym*: impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer  
His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

### frown

*v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure,

or concentration

*synonym* : scowl, glare, disapprove

(1) people with **frown** faces, (2) a worried **frown**

Thinking always made him **frown**.

## disapproval

*n.* the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group

*synonym* : condemnation, reproach, censure

(1) showing **disapproval**, (2) **disapproval** rate

Her **disapproval** of his actions was evident in her cold demeanor.

## surveil

*v.* to closely watch, monitor, or observe a person or area, often to gather information or data; to keep surveillance on

*synonym* : monitor, watch, observe

(1) **surveil** suspect, (2) **surveil** the cheating spouse

The security team was assigned to **surveil** the building and ensure its safety.

## enshrine

*v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect

*synonym* : ensconce, preserve, cherish

(1) **enshrine** memories, (2) **enshrine** tradition

The Constitution **enshrines** the rights and freedoms of citizens.

## 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.

**societal**

*adj.* relating to society or social relationships

*synonym* : social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

**ignite**

*v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning

*synonym* : light, set fire to, ignite

(1) **ignite** a boom, (2) **ignite** passion

He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

**menace**

*n.* a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger;  
a threat or perceived threat

*synonym* : threat, danger, hazard

(1) invisible **menace**, (2) potential **menace**

The reckless driver was a **menace** to other drivers on the road.

**inbox**

*n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

(1) **inbox** full of emails, (2) **inbox** folder

After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your **inbox**.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. in\_\_x folder  
*n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
2. showing dis\_\_\_\_\_al  
*n.* the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group
3. en\_\_\_\_\_ne memories  
*v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
4. su\_\_\_\_\_l suspect  
*v.* to closely watch, monitor, or observe a person or area, often to gather information or data; to keep surveillance on
5. mean no dis\_\_\_\_\_ct  
*n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
6. in\_\_x full of emails  
*n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
7. ancestral bir\_\_\_\_\_ces  
*n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born
8. a worried fr\_\_n  
*v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
9. 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

ANSWERS: 1. inbox, 2. disapproval, 3. enshrine, 4. surveil, 5. disrespect, 6. inbox, 7. birthplace, 8. frown, 9. patriarchal

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| 10. ig___e passion                 | <i>v.</i>   | to set on fire; to cause to start burning  |
| 11. pat_____al government          | <i>adj.</i> | relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated |
| 12. dis_____al rate                | <i>n.</i>   | the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group                  |
| 13. op_____s the people with force | <i>v.</i>   | to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people     |
| 14. people with fr__n faces        | <i>v.</i>   | to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration  |
| 15. potential me___e               | <i>n.</i>   | a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat   |
| 16. bir_____ce of modern soccer    | <i>n.</i>   | the house, town, etc., where someone was born  |
| 17. dis_____ct for a customer      | <i>n.</i>   | an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something   |
| 18. so_____al norms                | <i>adj.</i> | relating to society or social relationships  |
| 19. en_____ne tradition            | <i>v.</i>   | to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect                         |
| 20. so_____al expectations         | <i>adj.</i> | relating to society or social relationships  |

ANSWERS: 10. ignite, 11. patriarchal, 12. disapproval, 13. oppress, 14. frown, 15. menace, 16. birthplace, 17. disrespect, 18. societal, 19. enshrine, 20. societal

21. su\_\_\_\_l the cheating spouse      *v.* to closely watch, monitor, or observe a person or area, often to gather information or data; to keep surveillance on
22. ig\_\_\_e a boom      *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
23. op\_\_\_\_s the minority      *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
24. invisible me\_\_\_e      *n.* a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat

ANSWERS: 21. surveil, 22. ignite, 23. oppress, 24. menace

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.
  - n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
  
2. After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n. an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
  
3. Thinking always made him \_\_\_\_\_.
  - v. to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
  
4. Historically, many countries have often \_\_\_\_\_ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
  - v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
  
5. The security team was assigned to \_\_\_\_\_ the building and ensure its safety.
  - v. to closely watch, monitor, or observe a person or area, often to gather information or data; to keep surveillance on
  
6. The Constitution \_\_\_\_\_ the rights and freedoms of citizens.
  - v. to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
  
7. Her \_\_\_\_\_ of his actions was evident in her cold demeanor.
  - n. the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group

ANSWERS: 1. disrespectful, 2. inbox, 3. frown, 4. oppressed, 5. surveil, 6. enshrines, 7. disapproval

8. He \_\_\_\_\_ the fireworks with a single spark.

*v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ of civilization is a topic of much debate among historians.

*n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born

10. The \_\_\_\_\_ system that many societies have is outdated and unfair to women.

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

11. The reckless driver was a \_\_\_\_\_ to other drivers on the road.

*n.* a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat

12. The \_\_\_\_\_ pressure to conform is strong in this community.

*adj.* relating to society or social relationships

ANSWERS: 8. ignited, 9. birthplace, 10. patriarchal, 11. menace, 12. societal