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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### grapple

*v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

*synonym* : brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

### repurpose

*v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

*synonym* : reutilize, recycle, reuse

(1) **repurpose** an old building, (2) **repurpose** a used car

The old barn was **repurposed** into a modern event space.

### chromatic

*adj.* relating to or characterized by color or colors; pertaining to the complete range of colors; involving changes in pitch or musical tonality

*synonym* : colored, colorful, hue

(1) **chromatic** scale, (2) **chromatic** aberration

The artist used a **chromatic** palette to create a vibrant and lively painting.

### trump

*n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

## **malign**

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence

*synonym*: defame, vilify, (adjective) evil

(1) **malign** influence, (2) **malign** the politician in the media

The article **maligned** the company's reputation with false accusations.

## **redeem**

v. to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation

*synonym*: rescue, save, recover

(1) **redeem** a coupon, (2) **redeem** a government bond

He tried to **redeem** himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.

## **sneak**

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

*synonym*: creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

## **gunpoint**

n. the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery

*synonym*: point, muzzle

(1) held at **gunpoint**, (2) **gunpoint** robbery

The robbers demanded money from the store clerk at **gunpoint**.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## innovate

*v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

*synonym* : bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

## sow

*v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

*synonym* : plant, scatter, seed

(1) **sow** wheat in a field, (2) **sow** discord

She carefully **sowed** the seeds in the garden.

## reap

*v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

*synonym* : collect, harvest, derive

(1) **reap** the benefits, (2) **reap** crops

He **reaped** a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.

## convict

*v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;  
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

*synonym* : condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

## nonviolence

*n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social

## change

*synonym*: pacifism, nonresistance, peacekeeping

(1) **nonviolence** movement, (2) **nonviolence** protest

Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of **nonviolence** in the fight for civil rights.

## empathy

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym*: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## amplify

*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

*synonym*: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

## churning

*n.* the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy

*synonym*: agitation, turmoil, commotion

(1) butter **churning**, (2) **churning** emotions

The **churning** of the waves on the beach made it difficult to swim.

## bestow

*v.* to give something to somebody, especially as an honor or present

*synonym*: give, grant, present

(1) **bestow** the name, (2) **bestow** a warm praise

He did not **bestow** one thought on his dead friend.

## undeserved

*adj.* not warranted, justified, or earned; unjustifiable or unfair

*synonym*: undue, improper, needless

(1) receive **undeserved** honor, (2) **undeserved** status

He received an **undeserved** reputation as a coward.

## relegate

*v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote

*synonym*: demote, assign, transfer

(1) **relegate** a matter to another authority, (2) **relegate** task

The underperforming team was **relegated** to a lower division.

## bystander

*n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene

*synonym*: spectator, observer, witness

(1) innocent **bystander**, (2) shocked **bystander**

The **bystander** effect is a phenomenon where people are less likely to intervene in an emergency if others are present.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. be\_\_\_w the name *v.* to give something to somebody, especially as an honor or present
2. re\_\_\_\_te task *v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
3. ch\_\_\_\_\_ic aberration *adj.* relating to or characterized by color or colors; pertaining to the complete range of colors; involving changes in pitch or musical tonality
4. ch\_\_\_\_\_ng emotions *n.* the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy
5. co\_\_\_\_\_t in a jail *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
6. ma\_\_\_n the politician in the media *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
7. held at gu\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery
8. in\_\_\_\_\_te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
9. re\_\_\_m a coupon *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation

ANSWERS: 1. bestow, 2. relegate, 3. chromatic, 4. churning, 5. convict, 6. malign, 7. gunpoint, 8. innovate, 9. redeem

10. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
11. s\_w discord *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
12. ma\_\_\_n influence *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
13. tr\_\_p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
14. innocent by\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
15. sn\_\_k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
16. non\_\_\_\_\_ce protest *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
17. am\_\_\_\_\_y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
18. ch\_\_\_\_\_ic scale *adj.* relating to or characterized by color or colors; pertaining to the complete range of colors; involving changes in pitch or musical tonality

ANSWERS: 10. opportune, 11. sow, 12. malign, 13. trump, 14. bystander, 15. sneak, 16. nonviolence, 17. amplify, 18. chromatic

19. re\_\_\_\_\_se a used car      *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
20. full of em\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
21. sn\_\_k a cigarette      *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
22. gr\_\_\_\_\_e with each other      *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
23. em\_\_\_\_\_y for patients      *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
24. r\_\_p the benefits      *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
25. und\_\_\_\_\_ed status      *adj.* not warranted, justified, or earned; unjustifiable or unfair
26. gr\_\_\_\_\_e with problem      *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
27. butter ch\_\_\_\_\_ng      *n.* the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy

ANSWERS: 19. repurpose, 20. empathy, 21. sneak, 22. grapple, 23. empathy, 24. reap, 25. undeserved, 26. grapple, 27. churning



28. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
29. gu\_\_\_\_\_nt robbery      *n.* the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery
30. re\_\_\_\_\_te a matter to another authority      *v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
31. be\_\_\_w a warm praise      *v.* to give something to somebody, especially as an honor or present
32. shocked by\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
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34. am\_\_\_\_\_y a signal      *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
35. receive und\_\_\_\_\_ed honor      *adj.* not warranted, justified, or earned; unjustifiable or unfair
36. s\_w wheat in a field      *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
37. re\_\_\_\_\_se an old building      *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
38. choose tr\_\_p      *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
39. r\_\_p crops      *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

ANSWERS: 28. opportune, 29. gunpoint, 30. relegate, 31. bestow, 32. bystander, 33. convict, 34. amplify, 35. undeserved, 36. sow, 37. repurpose, 38. trump, 39. reap

40. in\_\_\_\_te a new method
41. non\_\_\_\_\_ce movement
42. re\_\_\_m a government bond
- v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
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ANSWERS: 40. innovate, 41. nonviolence, 42. redeem

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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