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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### smartphone

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict  
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

### aspiration

*n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

*synonym* : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs  
He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

### convergent

*adj.* tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge

*synonym* : merging, meeting

(1) **convergent** beam, (2) **convergent** thinking  
The similarities between the two cultures suggest **convergent** evolution.

### converge

*v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

*synonym* : congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points

The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

## percentile

*n.* a measure of position in a frequency distribution expressed as a percentage of the total

*synonym* : centile, proportion

(1) **percentile** rank, (2) **percentile** distribution

The student scored in the 90th **percentile** on the exam, which means they scored higher than 90% of the other students.

## 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.

## dynamism

*n.* the quality of being characterized by continuous change, activity, and progress; energy or forcefulness in movement or action

*synonym* : energy, liveliness, vigor

(1) the **dynamism** of the market, (2) creative **dynamism**

The **dynamism** of the new CEO has revitalized the struggling company.

## fragility

*n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable

*synonym* : delicacy, weakness, frailty

(1) **fragility** of life, (2) emotional **fragility**

The **fragility** of the glass required careful handling during shipping.

## idyllic

*adj.* pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple

*synonym* : picturesque, pastoral, scenic

(1) **idyllic** setting, (2) **idyllic** vacation

The village was known for its **idyllic** way of life and picturesque scenery.

## upheaval

*n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation

*synonym*: disturbance, turmoil, upheaval

(1) **upheaval** of society, (2) the big **upheaval** of my life

The recent political **upheaval** has left the country in a state of chaos.

## medicinal

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

*synonym*: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

## anthropology

*n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

## swamp

*n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

*synonym*: marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

## preferential

*adj.* showing or giving preference or priority to a particular thing or person; giving special treatment or privilege to someone or something

*synonym*: preferential treatment, biased, partial

(1) **preferential** seating, (2) **preferential** pricing

The **preferential** treatment given to certain employees led to resentment from others in the company.

## heroism

*n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause

*synonym*: bravery, valor, courage

(1) acts of **heroism**, (2) military **heroism**

The firefighter showed true **heroism** when he rescued the family from the burning building.

## vaccinate

*v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

*synonym*: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

## slum

*n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

*synonym*: shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

## filmmaker

*n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession

*synonym*: director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

## nerd

*n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

*synonym*: geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck  
He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

## **nominate**

*v.* to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor

*synonym*: appoint, designate, elect

(1) **nominate** him for an award, (2) **nominate** government representatives

The organization **nominated** her to be the next president.

## **stunt**

*n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

*synonym*: feat, accomplishment, (verb) hinder

(1) skydiving **stunt**, (2) **stunt** brain growth

The daredevil attempted a dangerous **stunt** by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.

## **neuron**

*n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

*synonym*: nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

## **germ**

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym*: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## **creditor**

*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

## electrify

*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym* : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

## drone

*n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

*synonym* : hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

## carve

*v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

*synonym* : sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

## leapfrog

*n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs

*synonym* : hopping, jumpfrog

(1) **leapfrog** game, (2) **leapfrog** technology

During recess, the children played a game of **leapfrog** in the schoolyard.

## tranche

*n.* a portion or segment of something, especially a financial investment that is divided or allocated according to a specific criterion or formula

*synonym* : portion, segment, slice

(1) large **tranche**, (2) **tranche** of debt

The latest **tranche** of funding will help the company expand its operations.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. skydiving st\_\_t  
*n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
2. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al  
*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
3. va\_\_\_\_\_te against scarlet fever  
*v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
4. emotional fr\_\_\_\_\_ty  
*n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
5. con\_\_\_\_\_nt thinking  
*adj.* tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge
6. no asp\_\_\_\_\_on for fame  
*n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
7. non-fiction fi\_\_\_\_\_er  
*n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
8. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne app developer  
*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
9. fr\_\_\_\_\_ty of life  
*n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable

ANSWERS: 1. stunt, 2. medicinal, 3. vaccinate, 4. fragility, 5. convergent, 6. aspiration, 7. filmmaker, 8. smartphone, 9. fragility



10. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
11. con\_\_\_\_\_nt beam *adj.* tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge
12. military he\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause
13. id\_\_\_\_\_c setting *adj.* pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple
14. ca\_\_e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
15. the cr\_\_\_\_\_or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
16. the speaker's dr\_\_e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
17. muddy sw\_\_p *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
18. ant\_\_\_\_\_ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 10. opportune, 11. convergent, 12. heroism, 13. idyllic, 14. carve, 15. creditor, 16. drone, 17. swamp, 18. anthropology

19. sw\_\_p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
20. va\_\_\_\_\_te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
21. s\_\_m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
22. ne\_\_\_n cell body *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
23. per\_\_\_\_\_le distribution *n.* a measure of position in a frequency distribution expressed as a percentage of the total
24. creative dy\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* the quality of being characterized by continuous change, activity, and progress; energy or forcefulness in movement or action
25. per\_\_\_\_\_le rank *n.* a measure of position in a frequency distribution expressed as a percentage of the total
26. asp\_\_\_\_\_on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
27. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 19. swamp, 20. vaccinate, 21. slum, 22. neuron, 23. percentile, 24. dynamism, 25. percentile, 26. aspiration, 27. smartphone

28. the dy\_\_\_\_\_sm of the market      *n.* the quality of being characterized by continuous change, activity, and progress; energy or forcefulness in movement or action
29. up\_\_\_\_\_al of society      *n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
30. a computer n\_\_\_\_d      *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
31. co\_\_\_\_\_ge from different points      *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
32. pre\_\_\_\_\_ial pricing      *adj.* showing or giving preference or priority to a particular thing or person; giving special treatment or privilege to someone or something
33. acts of he\_\_\_\_\_m      *n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause
34. excite the ne\_\_\_\_\_ns      *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
35. social ant\_\_\_\_\_ogy      *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 28. dynamism, 29. upheaval, 30. nerd, 31. converge, 32. preferential, 33. heroism, 34. neuron, 35. anthropology

36. me\_\_\_\_\_al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
37. s\_\_m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
38. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
39. large tr\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a portion or segment of something, especially a financial investment that is divided or allocated according to a specific criterion or formula
40. ca\_\_e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
41. tr\_\_\_\_\_e of debt *n.* a portion or segment of something, especially a financial investment that is divided or allocated according to a specific criterion or formula
42. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
43. le\_\_\_\_\_og game *n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs
44. bankrupt cr\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 36. medicinal, 37. slum, 38. electrify, 39. tranche, 40. carve, 41. tranche, 42. germ, 43. leapfrog, 44. creditor

45. dr\_\_e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
46. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
47. a g\_\_m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
48. n\_\_d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
49. id\_\_\_\_\_c vacation *adj.* pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple
50. st\_\_t brain growth *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
51. no\_\_\_\_\_te him for an award *v.* to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
52. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 45. drone, 46. electrify, 47. germ, 48. nerd, 49. idyllic, 50. stunt, 51. nominate, 52. opportune

53. le\_\_\_\_og technology *n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs
54. the big up\_\_\_\_al of my life *n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
55. no\_\_\_\_te government representatives *v.* to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
56. pre\_\_\_\_ial seating *adj.* showing or giving preference or priority to a particular thing or person; giving special treatment or privilege to someone or something
57. co\_\_\_\_ge of a series *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
58. a successful fi\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession

ANSWERS: 53. leapfrog, 54. upheaval, 55. nominate, 56. preferential, 57. converge, 58. filmmaker

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The firefighter showed true \_\_\_\_\_ when he rescued the family from the burning building.
  - n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause
  
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ANSWERS: 1. heroism, 2. nerd, 3. preferential, 4. drone, 5. idyllic, 6. aspiration, 7. germ

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*n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
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ANSWERS: 16. leapfrog, 17. filmmaker, 18. slums, 19. tranche, 20. creditor, 21. medicinal, 22. fragility, 23. stunt

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