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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### shimmer

*v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten

*synonym*: gleam, glimmer, flash

(1) **shimmer** with tears, (2) **shimmer** in the moonlight

The sunlight made the water in the pool **shimmer** like diamonds.

### blazing

*adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

*synonym*: burning, fiery, scorching

(1) **blazing** fury, (2) **blazing** fire

The **blazing** sun beat down on the desert.

### unimaginable

*adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

*synonym*: unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

### assemblage

*n.* a collection or gathering of things or persons; a group or ensemble of items that have been brought together in a particular way

*synonym* : gathering, collection, meeting

(1) sculptural **assemblage**, (2) an **assemblage** of tools

The **assemblage** of artists displayed their works in the gallery for all to see.

## admiral

*n.* a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank

*synonym* : commander, captain, flag officer

(1) naval **admiral**, (2) respected **admiral**

Many high-ranking military officials attended the **admiral's** retirement ceremony.

## shipyard

*n.* a place where ships are built, repaired, or stored; a facility or area where shipbuilding or ship maintenance activities take place

*synonym* : boatyard, dockyard

(1) state-owned **shipyard**, (2) old **shipyard**

The **shipyard** workers are building a massive container ship for international trade.

## etiquette

*n.* a set of rules and norms governing polite and proper behavior in social situations or professional contexts

*synonym* : protocol, manners, decorum

(1) email **etiquette**, (2) breach of **etiquette**

It's important to follow proper **etiquette** when attending a formal dinner.

## armada

*n.* a large fleet of warships or other vessels, typically organized for a specific military purpose and often under the command of a single admiral; a large group of powerful or influential people or things

*synonym* : fleet, flotilla, squadron

(1) naval **armada**, (2) **armada** ships

The Spanish **Armada** was a powerful fleet of ships that attempted to invade England in 1588.

## millennial

*adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

*synonym*: thousand, (noun) Generation Y

(1) **millennial** record, (2) the **millennial** reign

Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by **millennial-scale** changes in climate.

## impending

*adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent

*synonym*: imminent, upcoming, approaching

(1) **impending** doom, (2) **impending** crisis

We must prepare for the **impending** storm expected to hit our area.

## overlook

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

*synonym*: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

## motto

*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

*synonym*: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

## dime

*n.* an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar

(1) **dime** store, (2) behind a **dime**

He never received a **dime**, even from the company of a close friend.

## 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**.

## **multicultural**

*adj.* relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)

*synonym*: diverse, varied, inclusive

(1) **multicultural** society, (2) **multicultural** education

The school is known for its **multicultural** student body.

## **chopstick**

*n.* a pair of thin, tapered sticks used in East Asian cultures to pick up and eat food

(1) **chopstick** holder, (2) wooden **chopstick**

She struggled to grab the sushi with **chopsticks**.

## **barbecue**

*n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

*synonym*: grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) **barbecue** sauce, (2) **barbecue** grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

## **intern**

*v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

*synonym*: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

## **devastate**

*v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage  
*synonym*: demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

## adventurous

*adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things

*synonym* : daring, risk-taking, bold

(1) lead an **adventurous** life, (2) **adventurous** pioneers

He has an **adventurous** spirit and is unafraid of risks.

## oversea

*adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

*synonym* : foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

## individualism

*n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant

*synonym* : self-reliance, autonomy, self-sufficiency

(1) rampant **individualism**, (2) nation of **individualism**

An ethic of **individualism** encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.

## app

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

*synonym* : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

## entrenched

*adj.* established firmly and securely

*synonym* : deep-rooted, confirmed, ingrained

(1) **entrenched** ideas, (2) **entrenched** positions

The monarch exploited the peasants using its **entrenched** power.

## subordinate

*adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to

something else

*synonym*: inferior, secondary, subservient

(1) **subordinate** position, (2) **subordinate** role

The CEO's **subordinate** employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.

## **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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ent\_\_\_\_\_ed ideas *adj.* established firmly and securely
2. sh\_\_\_\_\_r in the moonlight *v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten
3. sculptural ass\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a collection or gathering of things or persons; a group or ensemble of items that have been brought together in a particular way
4. adv\_\_\_\_\_us pioneers *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
5. killer a\_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
6. bl\_\_\_\_\_g fury *adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive
7. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
8. an ass\_\_\_\_\_ge of tools *n.* a collection or gathering of things or persons; a group or ensemble of items that have been brought together in a particular way
9. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
10. im\_\_\_\_\_ng crisis *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent

ANSWERS: 1. entrenched, 2. shimmer, 3. assemblage, 4. adventurous, 5. app, 6. blazing, 7. opportune, 8. assemblage, 9. smartphone, 10. impending

11. email et\_\_\_\_\_te  
*n.* a set of rules and norms governing polite and proper behavior in social situations or professional contexts
12. im\_\_\_\_\_ng doom  
*adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
13. de\_\_\_\_\_te an area  
*v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
14. uni\_\_\_\_\_ble depths  
*adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
15. naval ar\_\_\_\_a  
*n.* a large fleet of warships or other vessels, typically organized for a specific military purpose and often under the command of a single admiral; a large group of powerful or influential people or things
16. the mil\_\_\_\_\_al reign  
*adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
17. for ov\_\_\_\_\_a use  
*adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
18. ba\_\_\_\_\_ue sauce  
*n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
19. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne app developer  
*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 11. etiquette, 12. impending, 13. devastate, 14. unimaginable, 15. armada, 16. millennial, 17. oversea, 18. barbecue, 19. smartphone



20. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok a street  
*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
21. lead an adv\_\_\_\_\_us life  
*adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
22. the mo\_\_o for safe traffic  
*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
23. cannot log in to the a\_p  
*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
24. state-owned sh\_\_\_\_\_rd  
*n.* a place where ships are built, repaired, or stored; a facility or area where shipbuilding or ship maintenance activities take place
25. ent\_\_\_\_\_ed positions  
*adj.* established firmly and securely
26. ba\_\_\_\_\_ue grill  
*n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
27. de\_\_\_\_\_te the economy  
*v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
28. respected ad\_\_\_\_\_l  
*n.* a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank
29. sh\_\_\_\_\_r with tears  
*v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten

ANSWERS: 20. overlook, 21. adventurous, 22. motto, 23. app, 24. shipyard, 25. entrenched, 26. barbecue, 27. devastate, 28. admiral, 29. shimmer

30. nation of ind\_\_\_\_\_ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
31. breach of et\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* a set of rules and norms governing polite and proper behavior in social situations or professional contexts
32. rampant ind\_\_\_\_\_ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
33. company mo\_\_o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
34. mil\_\_\_\_\_al record *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
35. mul\_\_\_\_\_ral education *adj.* relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)
36. medical in\_\_\_n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
37. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
38. ch\_\_\_\_\_ck holder *n.* a pair of thin, tapered sticks used in East Asian cultures to pick up and eat food
39. naval ad\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank

ANSWERS: 30. individualism, 31. etiquette, 32. individualism, 33. motto, 34. millennial, 35. multicultural, 36. intern, 37. overlook, 38. chopstick, 39. admiral

40. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
41. uni\_\_\_\_\_ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
42. ov\_\_\_\_\_a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
43. d\_\_e store *n.* an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar
44. sub\_\_\_\_\_te role *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
45. mul\_\_\_\_\_ral society *adj.* relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)
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47. old sh\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a place where ships are built, repaired, or stored; a facility or area where shipbuilding or ship maintenance activities take place
48. ar\_\_\_\_a ships *n.* a large fleet of warships or other vessels, typically organized for a specific military purpose and often under the command of a single admiral; a large group of powerful or influential people or things

ANSWERS: 40. opportune, 41. unimaginable, 42. oversea, 43. dime, 44. subordinate, 45. multicultural, 46. subordinate, 47. shipyard, 48. armada

49. bl\_\_\_\_g fire *adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive
50. behind a d\_\_e *n.* an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar
51. wooden ch\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a pair of thin, tapered sticks used in East Asian cultures to pick up and eat food
52. in\_\_\_n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 49. blazing, 50. dime, 51. chopstick, 52. intern

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. An ethic of \_\_\_\_\_ encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.
  - n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
  
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smartphones, 14. dime, 15. admiral's

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