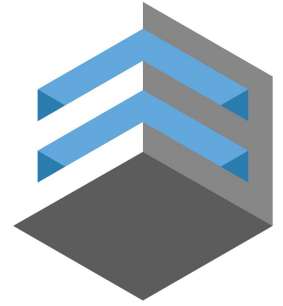


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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### sponge

*n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

(1) sea **sponge**, (2) metallic **sponge**

The tiny marine **sponge** has existed for more than 500 million years.

### thunderstorm

*n.* a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind

*synonym*: tempest, lightning storm, deluge

(1) severe **thunderstorms**, (2) **thunderstorm** advisory

The forecast called for a chance of **thunderstorms** in the afternoon.

### mandarin

*n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China

*synonym*: Chinese, Beijing dialect

(1) ancient **mandarin** house, (2) **Mandarin** Chinese  
**Mandarin** dialects typically have relatively few vowels.

### pronounce

*v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

*synonym* : articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

## compulsive

*adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

*synonym* : compelling, obsessive, uncontrollable

(1) **compulsive** gambling, (2) **compulsive** behavior

He had a **compulsive** need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.

## 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.

## dread

*v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

*synonym* : fear, cringe, apprehend

(1) **dread** failure, (2) **dread** getting old

We all **dread** to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

## peccadillo

*n.* a small, relatively minor fault or sin; a minor offense or indiscretion; a slight transgression or misdemeanor

*synonym* : minor offense, indiscretion

(1) **peccadillo** confession, (2) private **peccadillo**

Although it was just a minor **peccadillo**, she apologized profusely.

## quirk

*n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group

*synonym* : eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity

(1) personality **quirk**, (2) a **quirk** of fate

One of her **quirks** is that she always wears mismatched socks.

## earnest

*adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment

*synonym* : sincere, serious, genuine

(1) **earnest** attempt, (2) **earnest** conversation

He spoke in an **earnest** tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.

## epiphany

*n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

*synonym* : revelation, enlightenment, insight

(1) **epiphany** about life, (2) Feast of **Epiphany**

She had an **epiphany** while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.

## incidentally

*adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing

*synonym* : by chance, by accident, inadvertently

(1) **incidentally** discovered, (2) **incidentally** mentioned

**Incidentally**, I know the answer to that question.

## misspell

*v.* to spell incorrectly or wrongly; to use an incorrect spelling for a word

*synonym* : miscopy, mismark

(1) **misspell** words, (2) **misspell** his name

Please be careful not to **misspell** any of the words in your essay.

## chaotic

*adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

*synonym* : disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory  
Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

## shorthand

*n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

*synonym*: stenography, speedwriting, tachygraphy

(1) learn **shorthand**, (2) write in **shorthand**

The secretary's **shorthand** was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.

## lexicon

*n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical

*synonym*: glossary, dictionary, vocabulary

(1) Greek-English **lexicon**, (2) **lexicon** of business phrases

This bilingual **lexicon** was essential for his language improvement.

## correlate

*v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

*synonym*: associate, liken, connect

(1) **correlate** closely with the quality, (2) **correlate** to the size

We may frequently **correlate** age with the frequency of disease.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ea\_\_\_\_t conversation *adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
2. pec\_\_\_\_\_lo confession *n.* a small, relatively minor fault or sin; a minor offense or indiscretion; a slight transgression or misdemeanor
3. mi\_\_\_\_\_ll his name *v.* to spell incorrectly or wrongly; to use an incorrect spelling for a word
4. personality qu\_\_k *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
5. learn sh\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
6. a qu\_\_k of fate *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
7. mi\_\_\_\_\_ll words *v.* to spell incorrectly or wrongly; to use an incorrect spelling for a word
8. ch\_\_\_\_\_c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
9. ancient ma\_\_\_\_\_in house *n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China

ANSWERS: 1. earnest, 2. peccadillo, 3. misspell, 4. quirk, 5. shorthand, 6. quirk, 7. misspell, 8. chaotic, 9. mandarin

10. dr\_\_d getting old *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
11. inc\_\_\_\_\_lly mentioned *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
12. pr\_\_\_\_\_ce a name *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
13. 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
14. 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
15. le\_\_\_\_\_n of business phrases *n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
16. pr\_\_\_\_\_ce a judgment *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
17. Feast of Ep\_\_\_\_\_ny *n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus
18. private pec\_\_\_\_\_lo *n.* a small, relatively minor fault or sin; a minor offense or indiscretion; a slight transgression or misdemeanor
19. com\_\_\_\_\_ve gambling *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

ANSWERS: 10. dread, 11. incidentally, 12. pronounce, 13. germ, 14. germ, 15. lexicon, 16. pronounce, 17. epiphany, 18. peccadillo, 19. compulsive

20. Ma\_\_\_\_\_in Chinese *n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China
21. ea\_\_\_\_\_t attempt *adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
22. thu\_\_\_\_\_orm advisory *n.* a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind
23. co\_\_\_\_\_te closely with the quality *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
24. sea sp\_\_\_\_e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
25. inc\_\_\_\_\_lly discovered *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
26. Greek-English le\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
27. severe thu\_\_\_\_\_orms *n.* a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind
28. ep\_\_\_\_\_ny about life *n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

ANSWERS: 20. mandarin, 21. earnest, 22. thunderstorm, 23. correlate, 24. sponge, 25. incidentally, 26. lexicon, 27. thunderstorm, 28. epiphany

29. co\_\_\_\_\_te to the size                      *v.*    to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
30. metallic sp\_\_\_\_e                                *n.*    a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
31. com\_\_\_\_\_ve behavior                      *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
32. write in sh\_\_\_\_\_nd                            *n.*    a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
33. the ch\_\_\_\_\_c economic situation            *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
34. dr\_\_d failure                                      *v.*    to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

ANSWERS: 29. correlate, 30. sponge, 31. compulsive, 32. shorthand, 33. chaotic, 34. dread



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This bilingual \_\_\_\_\_ was essential for his language improvement.  
*n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
  
2. One of her \_\_\_\_\_ is that she always wears mismatched socks.  
*n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
  
3. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.  
*adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
  
4. He spoke in an \_\_\_\_\_ tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.  
*adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
  
5. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of \_\_\_\_\_ reform.  
*adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
  
6. We may frequently \_\_\_\_\_ age with the frequency of disease.  
*v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
  
7. She had an \_\_\_\_\_ while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.  
*n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

ANSWERS: 1. lexicon, 2. quirks, 3. compulsive, 4. earnest, 5. chaotic, 6. correlate, 7. epiphany

8. \_\_\_\_\_ dialects typically have relatively few vowels.
- n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China
9. Although it was just a minor \_\_\_\_\_ she apologized profusely.
- n.* a small, relatively minor fault or sin; a minor offense or indiscretion; a slight transgression or misdemeanor
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13. She struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ the word in a foreign language.
- v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
14. We all \_\_\_\_\_ to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.
- v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
15. Please be careful not to \_\_\_\_\_ any of the words in your essay.
- v.* to spell incorrectly or wrongly; to use an incorrect spelling for a word

ANSWERS: 8. Mandarin, 9. peccadillo, 10. germ, 11. thunderstorms, 12. shorthand, 13. pronounce, 14. dread, 15. misspell

16. \_\_\_\_\_ I know the answer to that question.

*adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing

17. The tiny marine \_\_\_\_\_ has existed for more than 500 million years.

*n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

ANSWERS: 16. Incidentally, 17. sponge