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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- mosque** *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)  
(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**  
Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.
- 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.
- perk** *n.* an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job  
*synonym*: extra, bonus, benefit  
(1) **perks** for repeat guests, (2) worker **perk**  
A yacht cruise is our company's ultimate **perk**.
- dangle** *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain  
*synonym*

: swing, hang, drape

(1) **dangle** a carrot, (2) **dangle** a pendant

The earring on her earlobe would **dangle** as she moved her head.

## reprehensible

*adj.* deserving of criticism or condemnation due to being morally wrong, shameful, or improper

*synonym*: blameworthy, objectionable, shameful

(1) **reprehensible** behavior, (2) **reprehensible** act

It is **reprehensible** to discriminate against someone based on their race or gender.

## 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**.

## selfie

*n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

*synonym*: self-portrait, self-photo, self-snap

(1) **selfie** stick, (2) pose for a **selfie**

She took a **selfie** in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.

## confer

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym*: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## cocoa

*n.* a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made

(1) **cocoa** powder, (2) **cocoa** butter

The culinary class learned how to make homemade **cocoa** mix from scratch.

**sip** v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink  
*synonym*: taste, sample, drink  
(1) **sip** a drink, (2) take a **sip** of beer  
He **sipped** his tea slowly, savoring the taste.

**jolly** *adj.* happy and lively  
*synonym*: cheerful, happy, merry  
(1) a **jolly** laugh, (2) **jolly** evening  
He was in a **jolly** mood and sang a happy tune.

**orangutan** *n.* a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits  
(1) **orangutan** arm, (2) female **orangutan**  
The researcher found new species of **orangutan** on the island.

**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.

**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.

## intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

*synonym* : attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

## nightclub

n. a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks

*synonym* : discotheque, club, dance hall

(1) **nightclub** entertainment, (2) **nightclub** music

They decided to go to the **nightclub** to dance the night away.

## condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

*synonym* : criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

## Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

*synonym* : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

## bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

*synonym* : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

## unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

*synonym* : discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in

pursuit of an enemy.

## thorny

*adj.* full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with

*synonym*: prickly, spiky, bristly

(1) the **thorny** path of life, (2) **thorny** problem

The rose bush had **thorny** branches.

## mourning

*n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

*synonym*: grieving, sorrow, lamentation

(1) **mourning** period, (2) **mourning** ritual

She wore black clothing as a symbol of **mourning** for her grandmother.

## berate

*v.* to scold or criticize harshly, often in a loud or angry manner; to rebuke or chastise severely

*synonym*: rebuke, scold, criticize

(1) **berate** him for his mistakes, (2) **berate** a child

She would **berate** her husband for not taking out the trash every day.

## Nazi

*n.* a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs

*synonym*: fascist, authoritarian, dictator

(1) **Nazi** regime, (2) neo- **Nazi** movement

The **Nazi** party was responsible for atrocities committed during World War II.

## scot

*n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

*synonym*: tax, charge, toll

(1) pay annual **scot**, (2) traditional **Scot** attire

The **scot-free** suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

## disciple

*n.* a person who learns from another, especially one who then teaches others

*synonym*: student, follower, apprentice

(1) enthusiastic **disciple**, (2) **disciple** of Buddha

He became a **disciple** of a well-known spiritual leader.

## homophobia

*n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

*synonym*: prejudice, discrimination, bigotry

(1) **homophobia** awareness, (2) **homophobia** in sports

The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated **homophobia**.

## prosper

*v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish

*synonym*: thrive, flourish, succeed

(1) **prosper** in the long run, (2) **prosper** as a trading hub

With careful planning and hard work, she was able to **prosper** in her new business venture.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. co\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
2. a computer n\_\_d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
3. enthusiastic di\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a person who learns from another, especially one who then teaches others
4. pr\_\_\_\_\_r as a trading hub *v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish
5. jo\_\_y evening *adj.* happy and lively
6. be\_\_\_e him for his mistakes *v.* to scold or criticize harshly, often in a loud or angry manner; to rebuke or chastise severely
7. pose for a se\_\_\_e *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
8. da\_\_\_e a carrot *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
9. take a s\_p of beer *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

ANSWERS: 1. confer, 2. nerd, 3. disciple, 4. prosper, 5. jolly, 6. berate, 7. selfie, 8. dangle, 9. sip

10. 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
11. domed mo\_\_\_e      *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
12. in\_\_\_\_\_ue him      *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
13. teaching of Ch\_\_\_t      *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
14. un\_\_\_\_\_h a hound      *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
15. a jo\_\_y laugh      *adj.* happy and lively
16. female or\_\_\_\_\_an      *n.* a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits
17. pr\_\_\_\_\_r in the long run      *v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish
18. hom\_\_\_\_\_ia in sports      *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

ANSWERS: 10. redeem, 11. mosque, 12. intrigue, 13. Christ, 14. unleash, 15. jolly, 16. orangutan, 17. prosper, 18. homophobia



19. re\_\_\_m a government bond      *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
20. co\_\_\_\_n violence      *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
21. rep\_\_\_\_\_ble behavior      *adj.* deserving of criticism or condemnation due to being morally wrong, shameful, or improper
22. n\_\_d neck      *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
23. se\_\_\_e stick      *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
24. b\_\_y emotion      *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
25. the th\_\_\_y path of life      *adj.* full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with
26. ni\_\_\_\_\_ub music      *n.* a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks
27. worker p\_\_k      *n.* an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job

ANSWERS: 19. redeem, 20. condemn, 21. reprehensible, 22. nerd, 23. selfie, 24. bury, 25. thorny, 26. nightclub, 27. perk

28. the sacred mo\_\_\_e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
29. rep\_\_\_\_\_ble act *adj.* deserving of criticism or condemnation due to being morally wrong, shameful, or improper
30. da\_\_\_e a pendant *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
31. co\_\_\_\_\_n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
32. ni\_\_\_\_\_ub entertainment *n.* a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks
33. N\_\_i regime *n.* a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs
34. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
35. hom\_\_\_\_\_ia awareness *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

ANSWERS: 28. mosque, 29. reprehensible, 30. dangle, 31. condemn, 32. nightclub, 33. Nazi, 34. opportune, 35. homophobia

36. before Ch\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
37. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
38. co\_\_\_r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
39. un\_\_\_\_\_h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
40. di\_\_\_\_\_le of Buddha *n.* a person who learns from another, especially one who then teaches others
41. neo-N\_\_i movement *n.* a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs
42. th\_\_\_y problem *adj.* full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with
43. co\_\_a butter *n.* a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made
44. tr\_\_p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

ANSWERS: 36. Christ, 37. opportune, 38. confer, 39. unleash, 40. disciple, 41. Nazi, 42. thorny, 43. cocoa, 44. trump

45. choose tr\_\_p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
46. s\_p a drink *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
47. be\_\_\_e a child *v.* to scold or criticize harshly, often in a loud or angry manner; to rebuke or chastise severely
48. traditional S\_\_t attire *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
49. mo\_\_\_\_\_ng ritual *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
50. in\_\_\_\_\_ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
51. pay annual s\_\_t *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
52. or\_\_\_\_\_an arm *n.* a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits
53. mo\_\_\_\_\_ng period *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
54. b\_\_y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 45. trump, 46. sip, 47. berate, 48. scot, 49. mourning, 50. intrigue, 51. scot, 52. orangutan, 53. mourning, 54. bury

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ANSWERS: 55. cocoa, 56. perk

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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8. The \_\_\_\_\_ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
- n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
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