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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### coworker

*n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization

*synonym*: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

### pretension

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym*: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

### consciously

*adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner

*synonym*: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

### phobia

*n.* an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder

*synonym*: fear, dread, terror

(1) **phobia** treatment, (2) social **phobia**

She has a **phobia** of spiders and always avoids them.

## unsettle

*v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation

*synonym*: aggravate, annoy, disturb

(1) **unsettle** the nervous system, (2) **unsettle** his conviction

This nationwide strike may **unsettle** the country's economy.

## narcissist

*n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements

*synonym*: egotist, boaster, braggart

(1) relationship with a **narcissist**, (2) somatic **narcissist**

He thinks she is a high **narcissist** because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.

## disarray

*n.* the state of disorganization or untidiness in a situation or place; a mental state characterized by a lack of clear and orderly thought and behavior

*synonym*: chaos, mess, confusion

(1) fall into **disarray**, (2) with her clothes in **disarray** .

The country's economic policies have led to political **disarray**.

## ajar

*adj.* partially open; slightly or partly open

*synonym*: open, askew

(1) gate **ajar**, (2) closet **ajar**

The door was left **ajar**, letting a cool breeze enter the stuffy room.

## resonate

*v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

*synonym*: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

## 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.

## magnify

v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

*synonym*: enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display

Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

## fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

*synonym*: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

## ubiquitous

*adj.* being or existing everywhere at once

*synonym*: universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

## profoundly

*adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

*synonym*: deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

## Darwinism

*n.* the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment

*synonym*: evolution, natural selection

(1) digital **Darwinism**, (2) economic **Darwinism**

The concept of Social **Darwinism** was often misused to justify socioeconomic inequalities.

## eugenic

*adj.* relating to or promoting the improvement of the human genetic stock, particularly through controlled breeding, to enhance desirable traits among offspring

*synonym*: improving, genetic engineering, selective breeding

(1) **eugenic** screening, (2) **eugenic** movement

That government had once implemented a series of **eugenic** policies to improve the population's genetic makeup.

## booster

*n.* something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something

*synonym*: promoter, supporter, advocate

(1) metabolism **booster**, (2) morale **booster**

The energy drink is marketed as a **booster** to help athletes perform better.

## grandparent

*n.* a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

## heartbreak

*n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

*synonym*: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

## proponent

*n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause

*synonym*: advocate, devotee, follower

(1) enthusiastic **proponent**, (2) **proponent** of world peace

Einstein was a **proponent** of the theory of relativity.

## forbid

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

*synonym*: prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

## seductive

*adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

*synonym*: alluring, tempting, enticing

(1) a **seductive** smile, (2) **seductive** behavior

The actor's **seductive** gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.

## compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

*synonym*: force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

## glitter

v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

*synonym*: sparkle, glisten, shine

(1) **glitter** against her skin, (2) **glitter** in her eyes

Her dress **glittered** in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

## permeate

v. to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something

*synonym*: penetrate, diffuse, infiltrate

(1) **permeate** the air, (2) **permeate** the fabric

The aroma of freshly baked bread **permeated** the entire bakery.

## vitro

*n.* (used as "in vitro") a scientific experiment or procedure that takes place outside of a living organism, usually in a test tube or petri dish

*synonym* : glass, container, vessel

(1) in **vitro** fermentation, (2) in **vitro** diagnostics

The lab technician used in **vitro** fertilization to help the couple conceive.

## fertilization

*n.* the process of joining a sperm and an egg to produce an embryo

*synonym* : impregnation, pollination, insemination

(1) **fertilization** process, (2) artificial **fertilization**

The **fertilization** of the soil allowed for a bountiful harvest.

## immeasurable

*adj.* too great to be measured or calculated; vast or incalculable in extent or degree; impossible to quantify or express in numerical terms

*synonym* : boundless, limitless, endless

(1) **immeasurable** joy, (2) **immeasurable** loss

The impact of climate change on the planet is **immeasurable**.

## heritable

*adj.* able to be passed down or transmitted from one generation to the next

*synonym* : inherited, passed down, transmitted

(1) non- **heritable** variation, (2) **heritable** disease

The **heritable** trait was passed down through the generations.

## moratorium

*n.* a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision

*synonym* : suspension, pause, halt

(1) a temporary **moratorium** on evictions, (2) impose **moratorium**

The council has decided to impose a **moratorium** on building new houses in the area.

## wildfire

*n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

*synonym* : blaze, bonfire, flame

(1) **wildfire** spread, (2) arson-caused **wildfire**

The **wildfire** destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

## stuffy

*adj.* lacking fresh air or ventilation; oppressively warm; lacking in excitement or variety; formal in manner or behavior

*synonym* : stuffy, suffocating, oppressive

(1) ventilate a **stuffy** office, (2) **stuffy** atmosphere

The **stuffy** classroom made it hard to breathe during the summer heat.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. imm\_\_\_\_\_ble joy *adj.* too great to be measured or calculated; vast or incalculable in extent or degree; impossible to quantify or express in numerical terms
2. ventilate a st\_\_\_y office *adj.* lacking fresh air or ventilation; oppressively warm; lacking in excitement or variety; formal in manner or behavior
3. pe\_\_\_\_\_te the fabric *v.* to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something
4. imm\_\_\_\_\_ble loss *adj.* too great to be measured or calculated; vast or incalculable in extent or degree; impossible to quantify or express in numerical terms
5. eu\_\_\_\_\_c movement *adj.* relating to or promoting the improvement of the human genetic stock, particularly through controlled breeding, to enhance desirable traits among offspring
6. go through hea\_\_\_\_\_ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
7. deeply re\_\_\_\_\_te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
8. pro\_\_\_\_\_ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
9. se\_\_\_\_\_ve behavior *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

ANSWERS: 1. immeasurable, 2. stuffy, 3. permeate, 4. immeasurable, 5. eugenic, 6. heartbreak, 7. resonate, 8. profoundly, 9. seductive



10. somatic nar\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
11. ca\_\_e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
12. in vi\_\_o diagnostics *n.* (used as "in vitro") a scientific experiment or procedure that takes place outside of a living organism, usually in a test tube or petri dish
13. non-he\_\_\_\_\_le variation *adj.* able to be passed down or transmitted from one generation to the next
14. sleep pro\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
15. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
16. argue with a co\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
17. relationship with a nar\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
18. closet a\_\_r *adj.* partially open; slightly or partly open
19. he\_\_\_\_\_le disease *adj.* able to be passed down or transmitted from one generation to the next
20. fo\_\_\_d the use of chemical weapons *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
21. ubi\_\_\_\_\_us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
22. impose mor\_\_\_\_\_um *n.* a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision

ANSWERS: 10. narcissist, 11. carve, 12. vitro, 13. heritable, 14. profoundly, 15. fascinate, 16. coworker, 17. narcissist, 18. ajar, 19. heritable, 20. forbid, 21. ubiquitous, 22. moratorium

23. metabolism bo\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something
24. fo\_\_\_\_d smoking in public areas *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
25. digital Da\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment
26. co\_\_\_\_\_er relationship *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
27. eu\_\_\_\_\_c screening *adj.* relating to or promoting the improvement of the human genetic stock, particularly through controlled breeding, to enhance desirable traits among offspring
28. a temporary mor\_\_\_\_\_um on evictions *n.* a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision
29. morale bo\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something
30. st\_\_\_\_y atmosphere *adj.* lacking fresh air or ventilation; oppressively warm; lacking in excitement or variety; formal in manner or behavior

ANSWERS: 23. booster, 24. forbid, 25. Darwinism, 26. coworker, 27. eugenic, 28. moratorium, 29. booster, 30. stuffy

31. ubi\_\_\_\_\_us computing *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
32. gl\_\_\_\_\_r in her eyes *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
33. ph\_\_\_a treatment *n.* an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder
34. ease her hea\_\_\_\_\_ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
35. baseless pre\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
36. social ph\_\_\_a *n.* an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder
37. with her clothes in di\_\_\_\_\_ay. *n.* the state of disorganization or untidiness in a situation or place; a mental state characterized by a lack of clear and orderly thought and behavior
38. ca\_\_e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
39. gl\_\_\_\_\_r against her skin *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
40. re\_\_\_\_\_te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
41. con\_\_\_\_\_ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner

ANSWERS: 31. ubiquitous, 32. glitter, 33. phobia, 34. heartbreak, 35. pretension, 36. phobia, 37. disarray, 38. carve, 39. glitter, 40. resonate, 41. consciously

42. in vi\_\_o fermentation *n.* (used as "in vitro") a scientific experiment or procedure that takes place outside of a living organism, usually in a test tube or petri dish
43. ma\_\_\_\_y the image for display *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
44. ma\_\_\_\_y the danger *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
45. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
46. artificial fer\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the process of joining a sperm and an egg to produce an embryo
47. pr\_\_\_\_\_nt of world peace *n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
48. un\_\_\_\_\_le his conviction *v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
49. person of gra\_\_\_\_\_nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
50. economic Da\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment
51. act con\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner

ANSWERS: 42. vitro, 43. magnify, 44. magnify, 45. fascinate, 46. fertilization, 47. proponent, 48. unsettle, 49. grandparent, 50. Darwinism, 51. consciously

52. enthusiastic pr\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
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56. co\_\_\_\_l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
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58. arson-caused wi\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
59. un\_\_\_\_\_le the nervous system *v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
60. great-gra\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother

ANSWERS: 52. proponent, 53. pretension, 54. disarray, 55. seductive, 56. compel, 57. fertilization, 58. wildfire, 59. unsettle, 60. grandparent

61. co\_\_\_l attention                      *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The lab technician used in \_\_\_\_\_ fertilization to help the couple conceive.  
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