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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### institutionalize

*v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

*synonym*: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

### tactic

*n.* a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective

*synonym*: strategy, approach, method

(1) an imprudent **tactic**, (2) alternative **tactic**

The coach implemented a new **tactic** to win the game.

### pollack

*n.* (also "pollock") a variety of freshwater fish related to the cod, or a member of a North Atlantic family of marine fish, typically greenish-gray in color

(1) **pollack** fillet, (2) Alaska **pollack**

The restaurant serves a delicious **pollack** stew.

### crunch

*n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

*synonym*: crushing, snapping, crisis

(1) financial **crunch**, (2) a gas **crunch**

The **crunch** of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

## sect

*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

*synonym*: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

## cram

*v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

*synonym*: stuff, pack, jam

(1) **cram** more circuits into chips, (2) **cram** five people into a car

She had to **cram** for the final exam and stayed up all night studying.

## curate

*n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

*synonym*: minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

## excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## eradicate

*v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

*synonym*: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

## linseed

*n.* the seed of the flax plant, used for extracting oil (also called flaxseed), which is commonly used in cooking, as well as for producing linseed oil for various industrial and commercial purposes

*synonym*: flaxseed

(1) **linseed** crop, (2) **linseed** bread

I used **linseed** oil to protect and enhance the natural beauty of the wooden furniture.

## depict

*v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

*synonym*: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

## 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

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| 1. an imprudent ta___c             | <i>n.</i> a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2. er_____te racial discrimination | <i>v.</i> to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 3. de___t a scene                  | <i>v.</i> to illustrate someone or something in a photograph                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 4. ins_____ize a system            | <i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 5. cu___e an art website           | <i>n.</i> a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation |
| 6. alternative ta___c              | <i>n.</i> a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 7. an op_____ne remark             | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 8. ins_____ize customary laws      | <i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 9. de___t a feeling of isolation   | <i>v.</i> to illustrate someone or something in a photograph                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

ANSWERS: 1. tactic, 2. eradicate, 3. depict, 4. institutionalize, 5. curate, 6. tactic, 7. opportune, 8. institutionalize, 9. depict

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12. ex\_\_\_e rebellion      *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
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14. a gas cr\_\_\_h      *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
15. er\_\_\_\_\_te the deficit      *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
16. s\_\_t beliefs      *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
17. li\_\_\_\_\_d bread      *n.* the seed of the flax plant, used for extracting oil (also called flaxseed), which is commonly used in cooking, as well as for producing linseed oil for various industrial and commercial purposes

ANSWERS: 10. cram, 11. cram, 12. excite, 13. curate, 14. crunch, 15. eradicate, 16. sect, 17. linseed

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ANSWERS: 18. pollack, 19. crunch, 20. pollack, 21. opportune, 22. excite, 23. linseed, 24. sect

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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2. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
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ANSWERS: 8. cram, 9. excited, 10. tactic, 11. institutionalize, 12. pollack