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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### immutable

*adj.* unchanging; permanent or unalterable

*synonym*: unchanging, constant, permanent

(1) **immutable** love, (2) **immutable** characteristics

The laws of physics are **immutable**; they never change.

### dictate

*v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

*synonym*: read out, prescribe, order

(1) **dictate** a letter to secretary, (2) **dictate** to the associate

The allies **dictated** the terms of surrender to the country.

### accuse

*v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

*synonym*: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

### convict

*v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

*synonym*: condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five

years in prison.

## timestamp

*n.* a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day

(1) the **timestamp** on a file, (2) a UNIX **timestamp**

The engineer checked the log records' **timestamps** to investigate the system's bug.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym*: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## blush

*v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty

*synonym*: flush, redden, glow

(1) **blush** bright red, (2) **blush** for my mistake

She **blushed** when the boy complimented her.

## eyewitness

*n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened

*synonym*: observer, spectator, witness

(1) a memory of an **eyewitness**, (2) **eyewitness** report

The **eyewitness** testimony was crucial in solving the case.

## politely

*adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others

*synonym*: courteously, respectfully, graciously

(1) **politely** ask, (2) nodded **politely**

She **politely** declined the invitation to the party, saying she had other plans.

## fishy

*adj.* suspicious or untrustworthy; having the qualities or taste of fish

*synonym* : suspicious, shady, questionable

(1) **fishy** smell, (2) **fishy** evidence

The politician's explanation for his sudden wealth seemed **fishy** to the reporters.

## vacate

*v.* to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty

*synonym* : empty, evacuate, abandon

(1) **vacate** a property, (2) **vacate** a seat

I need to **vacate** my apartment by the end of the month.

## confession

*n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

*synonym* : admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

## coerce

*v.* to force, pressure, or compel someone to do something against their will or better judgment; to use threatening or intimidating tactics to persuade someone to comply with one's demands

*synonym* : force, compel, pressure

(1) **coerce** him to follow an order, (2) **coerce** obedience

The boss tried to **coerce** the employees into working overtime by threatening to fire them.

## fulsome

*adj.* excessive or insincere in a way that is offensively flattering or ingratiating; overly abundant or extravagant in expression or display

*synonym* : excessive, flattering, effusive

(1) **fulsome** compliment, (2) **fulsome** apology

The politician's **fulsome** praise for the new policy seemed insincere and exaggerated.

## hairstyle

*n.* the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head

*synonym*: hairdo, coiffure, haircut

(1) modern **hairstyle**, (2) bob **hairstyle**

My sister got a new **hairstyle** for her job interview.

## vacatur

*n.* the act of setting aside or voiding a legal decision, judgment, or order; the cancellation or annulment of a legal action or proceeding

*synonym*: vacancy, void, emptiness

(1) **vacatur** of judgment, (2) the court's decision for **vacatur**

The lawyer argued for the **vacatur** of the previous court ruling.

## courtroom

*n.* a room in which a court of law is held

*synonym*: law court, tribunal

(1) **courtroom** drama, (2) **courtroom** trial

The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave testimony crucial to the case.

## descend

*v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

*synonym*: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

## recite

*v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

*synonym*: repeat, replicate, recount

(1) **recite** a charm, (2) **recite** a long list of the article

He could **recite** all of Shakespeare's works.

## niece

*n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

(1) a bouncing **niece**, (2) play with her **niece**

My **niece** is a talented artist who has won several awards for

her drawings.

## dedicate

*v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

*synonym*: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

## unjust

*adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

*synonym*: unfair, inequitable

(1) **unjust** verdict, (2) **unjust** accusation

The ruling was considered **unjust** by many people in the community.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. va___e a seat         | <i>v.</i> to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty   |
| 2. co___e obedience      | <i>v.</i> to force, pressure, or compel someone to do something against their will or better judgment; to use threatening or intimidating tactics to persuade someone to comply with one's demands |
| 3. a UNIX ti_____mp      | <i>n.</i> a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day   |
| 4. de_____te a few hours | <i>v.</i> to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use  |
| 5. un___t verdict        | <i>adj.</i> not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong   |
| 6. co_____t in a jail    | <i>v.</i> to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison  |
| 7. play with her ni___e  | <i>n.</i> a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law  |
| 8. im_____le love        | <i>adj.</i> unchanging; permanent or unalterable   |
| 9. bob ha_____le         | <i>n.</i> the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head   |

ANSWERS: 1. vacate, 2. coerce, 3. timestamp, 4. dedicate, 5. unjust, 6. convict, 7. niece, 8. immutable, 9. hairstyle

10. di\_\_\_\_\_e a letter to secretary *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
11. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
12. the ti\_\_\_\_\_mp on a file *n.* a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day
13. im\_\_\_\_\_le characteristics *adj.* unchanging; permanent or unalterable
14. re\_\_\_e a long list of the article *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
15. eye\_\_\_\_\_ss report *n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
16. fi\_\_y smell *adj.* suspicious or untrustworthy; having the qualities or taste of fish
17. modern ha\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head
18. a con\_\_\_\_\_on of guilt *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
19. un\_\_\_t accusation *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
20. co\_\_\_\_\_om drama *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
21. fi\_\_y evidence *adj.* suspicious or untrustworthy; having the qualities or taste of fish

ANSWERS: 10. dictate, 11. determinant, 12. timestamp, 13. immutable, 14. recite, 15. eyewitness, 16. fishy, 17. hairstyle, 18. confession, 19. unjust, 20. courtroom, 21. fishy

22. bl\_\_h for my mistake                    *v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
23. co\_\_\_e him to follow an order                    *v.* to force, pressure, or compel someone to do something against their will or better judgment; to use threatening or intimidating tactics to persuade someone to comply with one's demands
24. co\_\_\_\_t him of manslaughter                    *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
25. nodded po\_\_\_\_ly                    *adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
26. the court's decision for va\_\_\_\_r                    *n.* the act of setting aside or voiding a legal decision, judgment, or order; the cancellation or annulment of a legal action or proceeding
27. de\_\_\_\_d a steep hill                    *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
28. va\_\_\_\_r of judgment                    *n.* the act of setting aside or voiding a legal decision, judgment, or order; the cancellation or annulment of a legal action or proceeding
29. environmental det\_\_\_\_nt                    *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
30. po\_\_\_\_ly ask                    *adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others

ANSWERS: 22. blush, 23. coerce, 24. convict, 25. politely, 26. vacatur, 27. descend, 28. vacatur, 29. determinant, 30. politely



31. de\_\_\_\_te a chapter to the subject      *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
32. ac\_\_\_\_e each other      *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
33. a memory of an eye\_\_\_\_ss      *n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
34. fu\_\_\_\_e compliment      *adj.* excessive or insincere in a way that is offensively flattering or ingratiating; overly abundant or extravagant in expression or display
35. a con\_\_\_\_on of faith      *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
36. ac\_\_\_\_e his rudeness      *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
37. de\_\_\_\_d by elevator      *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
38. va\_\_\_\_e a property      *v.* to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty
39. re\_\_\_\_e a charm      *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
40. di\_\_\_\_e to the associate      *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

ANSWERS: 31. dedicate, 32. accuse, 33. eyewitness, 34. fulsome, 35. confession, 36. accuse, 37. descend, 38. vacate, 39. recite, 40. dictate

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| 41. bl__h bright red | <i>v.</i> to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty   |
| 42. fu_____e apology | <i>adj.</i> excessive or insincere in a way that is offensively flattering or ingratiating; overly abundant or extravagant in expression or display |
| 43. co_____om trial  | <i>n.</i> a room in which a court of law is held  |
| 44. a bouncing ni__e | <i>n.</i> a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law   |

ANSWERS: 41. blush, 42. fulsome, 43. courtroom, 44. niece

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She was \_\_\_\_\_ from an old Italian noble family.  
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