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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### pueblo

*n.* a type of Native American dwelling found in the southwestern United States and Mexico, made of adobe or stone and typically multi-storied with flat roofs

*synonym* : village, town, settlement

(1) **pueblo** house, (2) traditional **pueblo** architecture

The detailed artwork on the Native American **pueblo** was stunning to behold.

### hoop

*n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration

*synonym* : ring, circle, band

(1) **hoop** earring, (2) basketball **hoop**

The circus clown jumped through a fiery **hoop** as the audience gasped in amazement.

### willow

*n.* a deciduous tree or shrub that is often found near water, characterized by long, flexible, and slender branches and narrow leaves

*synonym* : willow, osier, saugh

(1) weeping **willow**, (2) **willow** overhanging the bank

Under the **willow** tree, they had a lovely picnic in the shade.

## mimic

*v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

*synonym*: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

## ancestor

*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

*synonym*: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

## obsess

*v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

*synonym*: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

## controllable

*adj.* able to be controlled or directed

*synonym*: manageable, governable, submissive

(1) computer- **controllable**, (2) **controllable** aircraft

The new software is much more **controllable** and user-friendly.

## filmmaker

*n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession

*synonym*: director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

## reclaim

*v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

*synonym*: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the

sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

## infuse

*v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

*synonym*: instill, fill, permeate

(1) **infuse** with spirit, (2) **infuse** life with meaning

She **infused** fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

## multigenerational

*adj.* involving or encompassing multiple generations, particularly within a family or community; relating to or affecting people of different age groups or life stages

*synonym*: cross-generational, intergenerational

(1) **multigenerational** home, (2) **multigenerational** workforce

The **multigenerational** family farm has been passed down for generations.

## 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.

## dumpling

*n.* a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables

*synonym*: doughball, potsticker, pierogi

(1) **dumpling** soup, (2) homemade **dumpling**

I ordered some delicious **dumplings** for lunch.

## powwow

*n.* a Native American gathering or meeting, typically involving dancing, singing, storytelling, and discussions of tribal matters; a conference or meeting for discussion or planning

*synonym*: meeting, conference, gathering

(1) informal **powwow**, (2) office **powwow**

We gathered around the bonfire for a traditional **powwow**

under the starry sky.

## immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

*synonym*: dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

## confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym*: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

*synonym*: recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

## soundscape

n. the overall sound environment of a particular area or place

*synonym*: auditory environment, acoustics

(1) **soundscape** music, (2) tranquil **soundscape**

The **soundscape** of the city was a symphony of car horns and chatter.

## harp

n. a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers

*synonym*: lyre, psaltery, clavichord

(1) **harp** strings, (2) Japanese **harp**

She began to play a beautiful melody on her **harp**.

## pentatonic

*adj.* relating to or based on a musical scale consisting of five notes, often associated with traditional folk music and widely used in various cultures around the world

*synonym* : five-note, five-tone, quinary

(1) **pentatonic** guitar solo, (2) play **pentatonic** notes

The musician played a beautiful melody using a **pentatonic** scale.

## immersion

*n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity

*synonym* : submergence, involvement, engagement

(1) baptism by **immersion**, (2) **immersion** in acid

I felt like I was in a different world because of the **immersion** experience of virtual reality.

## assimilate

*v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

*synonym* : absorb, incorporate, integrate

(1) **assimilate** into society, (2) **assimilate** a language

The immigrant struggled to **assimilate** into the new culture.

## pun

*n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

*synonym* : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

## braid

*n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration

*synonym* : plait, twist, weave

(1) **braid** hair, (2) elastic cord **braid**

She always wore her hair in a single **braid** down her back.

## storytelling

*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

*synonym*: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

## transcend

*v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

*synonym*: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. informal po\_\_\_w *n.* a Native American gathering or meeting, typically involving dancing, singing, storytelling, and discussions of tribal matters; a conference or meeting for discussion or planning
2. he is ob\_\_\_sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
3. im\_\_\_\_\_e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
4. tranquil sou\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* the overall sound environment of a particular area or place
5. person of gra\_\_\_\_\_nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
6. play pen\_\_\_\_\_ic notes *adj.* relating to or based on a musical scale consisting of five notes, often associated with traditional folk music and widely used in various cultures around the world
7. tr\_\_\_\_\_nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
8. red\_\_\_\_\_er an old truth *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
9. br\_\_d hair *n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration

ANSWERS: 1. powwow, 2. obsess, 3. immerse, 4. soundscape, 5. grandparent, 6. pentatonic, 7. transcend, 8. rediscover, 9. braid

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| 10. an____or language               | <i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather   |
| 11. basketball h__p                 | <i>n.</i> a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration   |
| 12. con_____ble aircraft            | <i>adj.</i> able to be controlled or directed   |
| 13. great-gra_____nt                | <i>n.</i> a parent of one's father or mother  |
| 14. sou_____pe music                | <i>n.</i> the overall sound environment of a particular area or place   |
| 15. co_____e fantasy with reality   | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand   |
| 16. mul_____nal workforce           | <i>adj.</i> involving or encompassing multiple generations, particularly within a family or community; relating to or affecting people of different age groups or life stages   |
| 17. courtroom sto_____ing           | <i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories  |
| 18. ass_____te into society         | <i>v.</i> to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate  |
| 19. re_____m a competitive position | <i>v.</i> to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back  |
| 20. homemade du_____ng              | <i>n.</i> a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables   |
| 21. in___e with spirit              | <i>v.</i> to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue  |
| 22. elastic cord br__d              | <i>n.</i> a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration |

ANSWERS: 10. ancestor, 11. hoop, 12. controllable, 13. grandparent, 14.



soundscape, 15. confuse, 16. multigenerational, 17. storytelling, 18. assimilate, 19. reclaim, 20. dumpling, 21. infuse, 22. braid

23. a successful fi\_\_\_\_\_er                    *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
24. traditional pu\_\_\_o architecture           *n.* a type of Native American dwelling found in the southwestern United States and Mexico, made of adobe or stone and typically multi-storied with flat roofs
25. mul\_\_\_\_\_nal home                    *adj.* involving or encompassing multiple generations, particularly within a family or community; relating to or affecting people of different age groups or life stages
26. h\_\_p strings                                *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers
27. in\_\_\_e life with meaning                *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
28. non-fiction fi\_\_\_\_\_er                    *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
29. du\_\_\_\_\_ng soup                        *n.* a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables
30. mi\_\_c a human voice                    *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
31. office po\_\_\_w                              *n.* a Native American gathering or meeting, typically involving dancing, singing, storytelling, and discussions of tribal matters; a conference or meeting for discussion or planning

ANSWERS: 23. filmmaker, 24. pueblo, 25. multigenerational, 26. harp, 27. infuse, 28. filmmaker, 29. dumpling, 30. mimic, 31. powwow

32. Japanese h\_\_p *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers
33. pu\_\_\_o house *n.* a type of Native American dwelling found in the southwestern United States and Mexico, made of adobe or stone and typically multi-storied with flat roofs
34. h\_\_p earring *n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
35. baptism by im\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity
36. weeping wi\_\_\_w *n.* a deciduous tree or shrub that is often found near water, characterized by long, flexible, and slender branches and narrow leaves
37. ass\_\_\_\_\_te a language *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
38. earliest human an\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
39. computer-con\_\_\_\_\_ble *adj.* able to be controlled or directed
40. wi\_\_\_w overhanging the bank *n.* a deciduous tree or shrub that is often found near water, characterized by long, flexible, and slender branches and narrow leaves
41. pen\_\_\_\_\_ic guitar solo *adj.* relating to or based on a musical scale consisting of five notes, often associated with traditional folk music and widely used in various cultures around the world

ANSWERS: 32. harp, 33. pueblo, 34. hoop, 35. immersion, 36. willow, 37. assimilate, 38. ancestor, 39. controllable, 40. willow, 41. pentatonic

42. sto\_\_\_\_\_ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
43. completely im\_\_\_\_\_e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
44. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
45. re\_\_\_\_\_m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
46. im\_\_\_\_\_on in acid *n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity
47. ob\_\_\_\_\_s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
48. silly p\_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
49. red\_\_\_\_\_er a value *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
50. mi\_\_c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
51. witty p\_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 42. storytelling, 43. immerse, 44. confuse, 45. reclaim, 46. immersion, 47. obsess, 48. pun, 49. rediscover, 50. mimic, 51. pun

52. tr\_\_\_\_\_nd limits

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

ANSWERS: 52. transcend

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Under the \_\_\_\_\_ tree, they had a lovely picnic in the shade.  
*n.* a deciduous tree or shrub that is often found near water, characterized by long, flexible, and slender branches and narrow leaves
  
2. She always wore her hair in a single \_\_\_\_\_ down her back.  
*n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
  
3. She was skilled in \_\_\_\_\_ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.  
*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
  
4. I felt like I was in a different world because of the \_\_\_\_\_ experience of virtual reality.  
*n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity
  
5. The detailed artwork on the Native American \_\_\_\_\_ was stunning to behold.  
*n.* a type of Native American dwelling found in the southwestern United States and Mexico, made of adobe or stone and typically multi-storied with flat roofs
  
6. We gathered around the bonfire for a traditional \_\_\_\_\_ under the starry sky.  
*n.* a Native American gathering or meeting, typically involving dancing, singing, storytelling, and discussions of tribal matters; a conference or meeting for discussion or planning

ANSWERS: 1. willow, 2. braid, 3. storytelling, 4. immersion, 5. pueblo, 6. powwow

7. She began to play a beautiful melody on her \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers
8. The musician played a beautiful melody using a \_\_\_\_\_ scale.
- adj.* relating to or based on a musical scale consisting of five notes, often associated with traditional folk music and widely used in various cultures around the world
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the city was a symphony of car horns and chatter.
- n.* the overall sound environment of a particular area or place
10. She was close to her paternal \_\_\_\_\_ and often spent summers with them.
- n.* a parent of one's father or mother
11. My remote \_\_\_\_\_ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
- n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
12. The circus clown jumped through a fiery \_\_\_\_\_ as the audience gasped in amazement.
- n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
13. The immigrant struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ into the new culture.
- v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
14. The new software is much more \_\_\_\_\_ and user-friendly.
- adj.* able to be controlled or directed

ANSWERS: 7. harp, 8. pentatonic, 9. soundscape, 10. grandparents, 11. ancestor, 12. hoop, 13. assimilate, 14. controllable

15. He's utterly \_\_\_\_\_ with his promotion.  
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
16. The music \_\_\_\_\_ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.  
v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
17. The painting was \_\_\_\_\_ in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.  
v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
18. The comedian's \_\_\_\_ had the audience laughing out loud.  
n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
19. You may be entitled to \_\_\_\_\_ some tax.  
v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
20. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself in his research.  
v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
21. She \_\_\_\_\_ fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.  
v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
22. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.  
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
23. I ordered some delicious \_\_\_\_\_ for lunch.  
n. a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables

ANSWERS: 15. obsessed, 16. transcended, 17. rediscovered, 18. pun, 19. reclaim, 20. immersed, 21. infused, 22. confused, 23. dumplings



24. The renowned \_\_\_\_\_ won several awards for his latest film.

*n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession

25. The \_\_\_\_\_ family farm has been passed down for generations.

*adj.* involving or encompassing multiple generations, particularly within a family or community; relating to or affecting people of different age groups or life stages

26. He is very popular at school because he can \_\_\_\_\_ all the teachers' accents.

*v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

ANSWERS: 24. filmmaker, 25. multigenerational, 26. mimic