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# **Advanced Words Only**

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# **Session 1: Word List**

#### pronounce

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

*synonym*: articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

#### phonetic

adj. of or relating to speech sounds or scientific study of speech sound

synonym: vocal, spoken, phonic

(1) **phonetic** spelling, (2) **phonetic** sounds

A **phonetic** symbol for each word is listed before the definition.

#### etymology

- n. the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase
- (1) **etymology** dictionary, (2) the **etymology** of a word The study of **etymology** helps us to understand the origins of words.

#### aspiration

 a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no <b>aspiration</b> for fame,	(2) <b>aspiration</b> into the lungs
He has an <b>aspiration</b> to bed	come a doctor.

#### gent

a polite or formal term used to refer to a man,
 particularly one who is gentle or refined in manners or behavior; short for a gentleman

synonym: gentleman, fellow, guy

(1) gent clothing, (2) gent style

He was a true **gent**, always courteous and respectful to everyone he met.

#### pliant

 adj. easily bent, flexible, or adaptable; easily influenced or manipulated; willing to comply or acquiesce

synonym: flexible, adaptable, supple

(1) **pliant** vines, (2) **pliant** personality

The **pliant** branches of the willow tree swayed gently in the breeze.

#### childlike

adj. resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive

synonym: innocent, naive, trusting

(1) childlike charm, (2) childlike innocence

She had a **childlike** wonder and curiosity about the world.

#### 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.

#### memorize

to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions

of the law.

## upbringing

 the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development

synonym: childhood, background, nurturing

(1) Catholic **upbringing**, (2) family **upbringing**His strict **upbringing** instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.

#### punctuate

v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically

synonym: emphasize, accent, mark

(1) **punctuate** a sentence, (2) **punctuate** his talk Strikes had also **punctuated** the preceding weeks.

#### devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

#### abolish

- v. to do away with completely; to put an end to synonym: cancel, repeal, annul
- abolish slavery, (2) abolish censorship
   The government voted to abolish the outdated law.

## thoughtless

 adj. lacking consideration for others; inconsiderate; not reflecting on one's actions or words; showing a lack of thought or intelligence

synonym: unthinking, careless, insensitive

(1) **thoughtless** comment, (2) **thoughtless** mistake

The **thoughtless** actions of the students caused damage to the school property.

#### insistence

 the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence

synonym: persistence, determination, demand

(1) collective insistence, (2) rigid insistence

Despite her **insistence**, he refused to change his mind.

#### pester

brute

 to trouble or annoy someone by asking them something repeatedly

synonym: disturb, bother, intrude

- (1) **pester** her for a date, (2) **pester** him with complaints Please don't **pester** me with phone calls.
- a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power

synonym: beast, savage, animal

(1) brute beasts, (2) brute force

The **brute** behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.

#### ridicule

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

synonym: derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

dedicate

 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.

#### spearhead

v. to lead or initiate an effort or campaign

synonym: lead, initiate, begin

(1) **spearhead** campaign, (2) **spearhead** movement

The CEO decided to **spearhead** the new project to ensure its success.

#### sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

#### giraffe

 a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves

synonym: gazelle, okapi, camelopard

(1) **giraffe** pattern, (2) **giraffe** exhibit

The **giraffe's** long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.

#### drastic

adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

synonym: extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

#### stealth

n. the quality of remaining hidden or undetected; the ability to move or act with great secrecy and subtlety

synonym: sneakiness, secrecy, furtiveness

(1) **stealth** technology, (2) **stealth** bomber

The thief moved with **stealth**, careful not to make any noise and alert anyone to his presence.

# spontaneously

adv. in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden

synonym: impromptu, automatically, immediately

(1) recover **spontaneously** after five days, (2) this shift occurs **spontaneously** 

The electrical cord **spontaneously** combusted.

#### lexicon

 all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
 synonym: glossary, dictionary, vocabulary

(1) Greek-English **lexicon**, (2) **lexicon** of business phrases This bilingual **lexicon** was essential for his language improvement.

#### 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.

#### impeccable

adj. without flaw or fault; perfect or flawless; incapable of doing wrong or making mistakes; of the highest quality or standards

synonym: flawless, perfect, ideal

(1) **impeccable** reputation, (2) **impeccable** taste His **impeccable** manners and appearance made him stand out from the rest of the guests.

#### slack

 adj. lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude

synonym: loose, lax, floppy

(1) a **slack** rope, (2) **slack** performance

The team's **slack** attitude towards deadlines caused the project to fall behind schedule.

#### prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

#### chaotic

- adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusingsynonym: disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy
- (1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

#### **Arabic**

- the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
- (1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

#### homonym

 a word that sounds or is spelled the same as another word but has a different meaning; words that are pronounced or written identically but have different definitions

synonym: homophone, heteronym, double

(1) English **homonyms**, (2) **homonym** in a sentence In English, 'lead' as in leadership and 'lead' as in the metal are **homonyms**, which can be confusing for language learners.

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.

### dispel

v. to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea

synonym: chase away, allay, disperse

(1) **dispel** a painful feeling, (2) **dispel** baseless rumors This program aims to **dispel** certain misconceptions about the disease.

## impede

v. to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress

synonym: hinder, obstruct, block

- (1) **impede** a close relationship, (2) **impede** development The traffic jam **impeded** our progress to reach the destination on time.
- to remove or get rid of something, especially that is unwanted or impure

synonym: cleanse, clear, eliminate

(1) **purge** the system, (2) **purge** his sins

The government tried to **purge** corrupt officials from the bureaucracy.

# purge

# **Session 2: Spelling**

1.	thoss comment	adj.	lacking consideration for others; inconsiderate; not reflecting on one's actions or words; showing a lack of thought or intelligence
2.	prize people over cars	ν.	to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
3.	Catholic upbng	n.	the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
4.	bre force	n.	a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
5.	per her for a date	v.	to trouble or annoy someone by asking them something repeatedly
6.	plt vines	adj.	easily bent, flexible, or adaptable; easily influenced or manipulated; willing to comply or acquiesce
7.	try hard to meze the lines	v.	to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
8.	gie pattern	n.	a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
9.	prize tasks	<i>v</i> .	to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

ANSWERS: 1. thoughtless, 2. prioritize, 3. upbringing, 4. brute, 5. pester, 6. pliant, 7. memorize, 8. giraffe, 9. prioritize

10.	drc measures	adj.	radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
11.	phic spelling	adj.	of or relating to speech sounds or scientific study of speech sound
12.	collective insce	n.	the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence
13.	dil baseless rumors	<i>v</i> .	to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea
14.	the etgy of a word	n.	the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase
15.	imple taste	adj.	without flaw or fault; perfect or flawless; incapable of doing wrong or making mistakes; of the highest quality or standards
16.	prce a name	<i>v</i> .	to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
17.	thoss mistake	adj.	lacking consideration for others; inconsiderate; not reflecting on one's actions or words; showing a lack of thought or intelligence
18.	bre beasts	n.	a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
19.	recover sposly after five days	adv.	in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
20.	etgy dictionary	n.	the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase

ANSWERS: 10. drastic, 11. phonetic, 12. insistence, 13. dispel, 14. etymology, 15. impeccable, 16. pronounce, 17. thoughtless, 18. brute, 19. spontaneously, 20. etymology

21.	die a letter to secretary	ν.	to state or give order with total authority to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
22.	chke innocence	adj.	resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive
23.	rigid insce	n.	the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence
24.	gie exhibit	n.	a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
25.	per him with complaints	<i>v</i> .	to trouble or annoy someone by asking them something repeatedly
26.	coe fantasy with reality	<i>v</i> .	to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
27.	diI a painful feeling	<i>v</i> .	to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea
28.	coe the listener	<i>v</i> .	to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
29.	ime development	ν.	to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
30.	slk performance	adj.	lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude
31.	len of business phrases	n.	all the words and phrases of a particula language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical

ANSWERS: 21. dictate, 22. childlike, 23. insistence, 24. giraffe, 25. pester, 26. confuse, 27. dispel, 28. confuse, 29. impede, 30. slack, 31. lexicon

32.	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.)
33.	a sl_	_k rope	adj.	lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude
34.	st	_h technology	n.	the quality of remaining hidden or undetected; the ability to move or act with great secrecy and subtlety
35.	st	_h bomber	n.	the quality of remaining hidden or undetected; the ability to move or act with great secrecy and subtlety
36.	de	_e my own life	ν.	to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
37.	pl	t personality	adj.	easily bent, flexible, or adaptable; easily influenced or manipulated; willing to comply or acquiesce
38.	this s	hift occurs sposly	adv.	in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
39.	no as	spon for fame	n.	a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
40.	pu	e the system	<i>v</i> .	to remove or get rid of something, especially that is unwanted or impure
41.	ri	_le at his expense	n.	speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

ANSWERS: 32. institutionalize, 33. slack, 34. stealth, 35. stealth, 36. devote, 37. pliant, 38. spontaneously, 39. aspiration, 40. purge, 41. ridicule

42.	pute a sentence	<i>v</i> .	to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
43.	prce a judgment	<i>v</i> .	to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
44.	meze musical scores	<i>v</i> .	to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
45.	dee all of my energies	ν.	to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
46.	dete 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
47.	senal damage	adj.	connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
48.	phic sounds	adj.	of or relating to speech sounds or scientific study of speech sound
49.	Arc language	n.	the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
50.	aspon into the lungs	n.	a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
51.	pue his sins	<i>v</i> .	to remove or get rid of something, especially that is unwanted or impure
52.	abh slavery	ν.	to do away with completely; to put an end to

ANSWERS: 42. punctuate, 43. pronounce, 44. memorize, 45. devote, 46. dedicate, 47. sentimental, 48. phonetic, 49. Arabic, 50. aspiration, 51. purge, 52. abolish

53.	family upbng	n.	the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
54.	abh censorship	<i>v</i> .	to do away with completely; to put an end to
55.	gt style	n.	a polite or formal term used to refer to a man, particularly one who is gentle or refined in manners or behavior; short for a gentleman
56.	imple reputation	adj.	without flaw or fault; perfect or flawless; incapable of doing wrong or making mistakes; of the highest quality or standards
57.	public rile	n.	speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
58.	in a senal mood	adj.	connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
59.	spad campaign	<i>v</i> .	to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
60.	Arc cuisine	n.	the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

ANSWERS: 53. upbringing, 54. abolish, 55. gent, 56. impeccable, 57. ridicule, 58. sentimental, 59. spearhead, 60. Arabic

61.	the chc economic situation	adj.	extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
62.	spad movement	ν.	to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
63.	dete a few hours	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
64.	insize a system	<i>v</i> .	to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
65.	gt clothing	n.	a polite or formal term used to refer to a man, particularly one who is gentle or refined in manners or behavior; short for a gentleman
66.	make drc revision	adj.	radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
67.	English homs	n.	a word that sounds or is spelled the same as another word but has a different meaning; words that are pronounced or written identically but have different definitions
68.	chc theory	adj.	without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
69.	hom in a sentence	n.	a word that sounds or is spelled the same as another word but has a different meaning; words that are pronounced or written identically but have different definitions

ANSWERS: 61. chaotic, 62. spearhead, 63. dedicate, 64. institutionalize, 65. gent, 66. drastic, 67. homonym, 68. chaotic, 69. homonym

70.	ime a close relationship	v.	to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
71.	pute his talk	<i>v</i> .	to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
72.	chke charm	adj.	resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive
73.	Greek-English len	n.	all the words and phrases of a particula language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
74.	die 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: 70. impede, 71. punctuate, 72. childlike, 73. lexicon, 74. dictate

# **Session 3: Fill in the Blanks**

1.	The traffic jam our progress to reach the destination on time.
<i>v</i> .	to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
2.	Please don't me with phone calls.
<i>v</i> .	to trouble or annoy someone by asking them something repeatedly
3.	Stop being and always speak the truth.
adj	connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
4.	The long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.
n.	a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
5.	Strikes had also the preceding weeks.
v.	to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
6.	Her remarks the debate.
ν.	to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
7.	The thief moved with careful not to make any noise and alert anyone to his presence.
n.	the quality of remaining hidden or undetected; the ability to move or act with great secrecy and subtlety
	SWERS: 1. impeded, 2. pester, 3. sentimental, 4. giraffe's, 5. punctuated, 6. ifused, 7. stealth,

ANSWERS: 8. impeccable, 9. etymology, 10. Arabic, 11. memorize, 12. childlike, 13. homonyms, 14. dedicated

15.	The electrical cord combusted.
adv.	in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
16. <sup>-</sup>	This bilingual was essential for his language improvement.
n.	all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
	The organization the needs of the community in its decision-making.
<i>v</i> .	to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
	The new policy aims to the use of renewable energy sources.
v.	to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
	The actions of the students caused damage to the school property.
adj.	lacking consideration for others; inconsiderate; not reflecting on one's actions or words; showing a lack of thought or intelligence
20. \$	She struggled to the word in a foreign language.
<i>v</i> .	to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
21. <sup>-</sup>	The government voted to the outdated law.
<i>v</i> .	to do away with completely; to put an end to
22	The government tried to corrupt officials from the bureaucracy.
v.	to remove or get rid of something, especially that is unwanted or impure
	SWERS: 15. spontaneously, 16. lexicon, 17. prioritized, 18. institutionalize, 19. ghtless, 20. pronounce, 21. abolish, 22. purge

23.	The global community is undergoing changes at present.
adj.	radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
24.	The behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.
n.	a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
25.	His strict instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.
n.	the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
26.	He was a true always courteous and respectful to everyone he met.
n.	a polite or formal term used to refer to a man, particularly one who is gentle or refined in manners or behavior; short for a gentleman
27.	He himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
v.	to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
28.	The allies the terms of surrender to the country.
<i>v</i> .	to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
	The team's attitude towards deadlines caused the project to fall behind schedule.
adj.	lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude
30.	Despite her he refused to change his mind.
n.	the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence
	SWERS: 23. drastic, 24. brute, 25. upbringing, 26. gent, 27. devoted, 28. dictated, slack, 30. insistence,

31. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of reform.  adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
32. This program aims to certain misconceptions about the disease.
$\nu$ . to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea
33. The from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.
n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful o derisive way
34. The branches of the willow tree swayed gently in the breeze.
adj. easily bent, flexible, or adaptable; easily influenced or manipulated; willing to comply or acquiesce
35. The CEO decided to the new project to ensure its success.
v. to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
36. He has an to become a doctor.
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
37. A symbol for each word is listed before the definition.
adj. of or relating to speech sounds or scientific study of speech sound
ANSWERS: 31. chaotic, 32. dispel, 33. ridicule, 34. pliant, 35. spearhead, 36. aspiration, 37. phonetic