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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.

### balk

v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

*synonym*: hesitate, recoil, shy away

(1) **balk** at extra work, (2) **balk** in fear

After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't **balk** at trying again.

### befriend

v. to become a friend of someone, especially when in need

*synonym*: support, advise, patronize

(1) **befriend** a young boy, (2) **befriend** other members

I'm willing to **befriend** the weak and the poor.

### postwar

*adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of

countries and societies

*synonym* : subsequent, aftermath

(1) **postwar** years, (2) **postwar** society

The **postwar** period was marked by economic growth and rebuilding efforts.

## troop

*n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

*synonym* : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

## lawless

*adj.* lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system

*synonym* : unlawful, illegal, criminal

(1) **lawless** society, (2) **lawless** behavior

The underground club was a **lawless** environment where anything could happen.

## checkpoint

*n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check

(1) **checkpoint** security, (2) military **checkpoint**

The airport security **checkpoint** was crowded with passengers waiting to board their flights.

## riddle

*n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

*synonym* : mystery, puzzle, enigma

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**

The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

## terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym* : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events  
Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

### altercation

*n.* a noisy or heated argument or dispute, often involving physical aggression

*synonym*: argument, dispute, quarrel

(1) violent **altercation**, (2) heated **altercation**

The **altercation** between the two coworkers was finally resolved in a mediation session.

### trustworthy

*adj.* reliable and dependable

*synonym*: reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally, (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

### counterfeit

*adj.* made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic

*synonym*: fake, false, imitation

(1) **counterfeit** document, (2) **counterfeit** money

The company hired a team of experts to identify **counterfeit** products in their supply chain.

### atrocious

*n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

*synonym*: evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocious**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocious**

The **atrocious** of the war left many children orphaned.

### provocative

*adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately

*synonym*: instigating, provoking, inciting

(1) **provocative** questions, (2) a **provocative** smile

His **provocative** style frequently sparked controversies.

### cessation

*n.* the act of stopping or coming to an end; a temporary or permanent discontinuance of an activity or state

*synonym*: halt, stoppage, discontinuation

(1) **cessation** from work, (2) **cessation** of smoking  
The government called for an immediate **cessation** of hostilities between the two countries.

## puzzling

*adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious  
*synonym*: baffling, confusing, enigmatic

(1) **puzzling** behavior, (2) **puzzling** questions  
The detective found the clues **puzzling** and couldn't solve the case immediately.

## dismay

*n.* a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence

*synonym*: distress, discouragement, consternation

(1) flop down in **dismay**, (2) feel **dismay**  
The employees expressed their **dismay** at the sudden announcement of massive layoffs.

## Ebola

*n.* a highly contagious and often fatal viral disease that causes severe fever and internal bleeding, primarily occurring in remote areas of Central and West Africa

*synonym*: viral hemorrhagic fever, EVD

(1) **Ebola** epidemic, (2) **Ebola** virus  
The **Ebola** outbreak in West Africa caused widespread panic and fear.

## 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.

## outpouring

*n.* a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time

*synonym* : outflow, surge, torrent

(1) artistic **outpouring**, (2) emotional **outpouring**

The **outpouring** of support from the community was overwhelming after the tragic event.

## phenomenal

*adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding

*synonym* : extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

## reluctance

*n.* a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking

*synonym* : hesitation, resistance, unwillingness

(1) overcoming **reluctance**, (2) **reluctance** in buying

The company's **reluctance** to invest in new technology kept them from competing with other businesses.

## corruptible

*adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

*synonym* : bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

## savory

*adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet

*synonym* : delicious, tasty, appetizing

(1) **savory** dish, (2) a **savory** omelet

The **savory** aroma of roasted chicken filled the kitchen.

## outsider

*n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

*synonym* : stranger, foreigner, alien

(1) **outsider** perspective, (2) **outsider** artist

Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an **outsider** at times.

## unsung

*adj.* not praised or famous but deserving to be recognized for one's accomplishments or contributions; not publicized or acclaimed

*synonym* : unknown, unrecognized, unappreciated

(1) **unsung** accomplishment, (2) **unsung** songwriter

The community's **unsung** heroes often go unnoticed but are essential to its well-being.

## untold

*adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

*synonym* : countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) **untold** riches, (2) an **untold** number of people

The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym* : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## inefficient

*adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

*synonym* : ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

## conceive

*v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

*synonym* : imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

## dismantle

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

*synonym*: take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system

The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

## crumble

v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

*synonym*: disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

## marshal

n. a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

*synonym*: marshal, commander, organizer

(1) **marshal** the books into their proper places, (2) deputy **marshal**

The event organizer appointed a professional **marshal** to manage the flow of traffic.

## midwife

n. a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby

*synonym*: obstetrician, gynecologist, accoucheuse

(1) professional **midwife**, (2) serve as **midwife**

The clinical **midwife** assisted with the delivery of the baby.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. sa\_\_\_y dish *adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet
2. cr\_\_\_\_\_e to dust *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
3. an un\_\_\_d number of people *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
4. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
5. ine\_\_\_\_\_nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
6. phe\_\_\_\_\_al growth *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
7. flop down in di\_\_\_y *n.* a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence
8. began to cr\_\_\_\_\_e under financial pressure *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
9. cor\_\_\_\_\_le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
10. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating

ANSWERS: 1. savory, 2. crumble, 3. untold, 4. institutionalize, 5. inefficient, 6. phenomenal, 7. dismay, 8. crumble, 9. corruptible, 10. terrifying



11. military che\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
12. a pro\_\_\_\_\_ve smile *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
13. ri\_\_\_e me a riddle *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
14. co\_\_\_\_\_ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
15. Eb\_\_a epidemic *n.* a highly contagious and often fatal viral disease that causes severe fever and internal bleeding, primarily occurring in remote areas of Central and West Africa
16. serve as mi\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
17. tru\_\_\_\_\_hy ally *adj.* reliable and dependable
18. professional mi\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
19. de\_\_\_\_\_te 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
20. pu\_\_\_\_\_ng questions *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

ANSWERS: 11. checkpoint, 12. provocative, 13. riddle, 14. conceive, 15. Ebola, 16. midwife, 17. trustworthy, 18. midwife, 19. dedicate, 20. puzzling

21. po\_\_\_\_r society *adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies
22. ce\_\_\_\_\_on of smoking *n.* the act of stopping or coming to an end; a temporary or permanent discontinuance of an activity or state
23. ine\_\_\_\_\_nt management *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
24. artistic out\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time
25. rel\_\_\_\_\_ce in buying *n.* a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking
26. b\_\_k in fear *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
27. tru\_\_\_\_\_hy source *adj.* reliable and dependable
28. be\_\_\_\_\_nd other members *v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need
29. po\_\_\_\_r years *adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies

ANSWERS: 21. postwar, 22. cessation, 23. inefficient, 24. outpouring, 25. reluctance, 26. balk, 27. trustworthy, 28. befriend, 29. postwar

30. di\_\_\_\_\_le a machine      *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
31. co\_\_\_\_\_ve a child      *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
32. b\_\_k at extra work      *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
33. heated alt\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a noisy or heated argument or dispute, often involving physical aggression
34. di\_\_\_\_\_le a system      *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
35. ou\_\_\_\_\_er perspective      *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles
36. la\_\_\_\_\_s society      *adj.* lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system
37. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
38. a sa\_\_\_\_y omelet      *adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet

ANSWERS: 30. dismantle, 31. conceive, 32. balk, 33. altercation, 34. dismantle, 35. outsider, 36. lawless, 37. improvisation, 38. savory

39. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize customary laws      *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
40. phe\_\_\_\_\_al success      *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
41. cou\_\_\_\_\_it document      *adj.* made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic
42. deputy ma\_\_\_\_\_l      *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
43. che\_\_\_\_\_nt security      *n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
44. commit at\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
45. un\_\_\_\_d riches      *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
46. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng experience      *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
47. a tr\_\_p of deer      *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

ANSWERS: 39. institutionalize, 40. phenomenal, 41. counterfeit, 42. marshal, 43. checkpoint, 44. atrocity, 45. untold, 46. terrifying, 47. troop

48. ce\_\_\_\_\_on from work *n.* the act of stopping or coming to an end; a temporary or permanent discontinuance of an activity or state
49. un\_\_\_g accomplishment *adj.* not praised or famous but deserving to be recognized for one's accomplishments or contributions; not publicized or acclaimed
50. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
51. la\_\_\_\_\_s behavior *adj.* lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system
52. cou\_\_\_\_\_it money *adj.* made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic
53. overcoming rel\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking
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ANSWERS: 48. cessation, 49. unsung, 50. improvisation, 51. lawless, 52. counterfeit, 53. reluctance, 54. dedicate, 55. marshal

56. un\_\_\_g songwriter *adj.* not praised or famous but deserving to be recognized for one's accomplishments or contributions; not publicized or acclaimed
57. pu\_\_\_\_\_ng behavior *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
58. Eb\_\_a virus *n.* a highly contagious and often fatal viral disease that causes severe fever and internal bleeding, primarily occurring in remote areas of Central and West Africa
59. the members of a military tr\_\_p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
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61. cold-blooded at\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
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63. be\_\_\_\_\_nd a young boy *v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need
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65. feel di\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence
66. solve the ri\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

ANSWERS: 56. unsung, 57. puzzling, 58. Ebola, 59. troop, 60. corruptible, 61. atrocity, 62. altercation, 63. befriend, 64. provocative, 65. dismay, 66. riddle

67. emotional out\_\_\_\_\_ng

*n.* a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time

68. ou\_\_\_\_\_er artist

*n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

ANSWERS: 67. outpouring, 68. outsider

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. People tend to believe \_\_\_\_\_ friends with their secrets.  
*adj.* reliable and dependable
2. The company hired a team of experts to identify \_\_\_\_\_ products in their supply chain.  
*adj.* made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic
3. His \_\_\_\_\_ style frequently sparked controversies.  
*adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ remains mysterious to us.  
*n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
5. The detective found the clues \_\_\_\_\_ and couldn't solve the case immediately.  
*adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
6. 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.)
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ANSWERS: 1. trustworthy, 2. counterfeit, 3. provocative, 4. riddle, 5. puzzling, 6. institutionalize, 7. checkpoint



8. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ he'd want to harm us.
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10. The \_\_\_\_\_ outbreak in West Africa caused widespread panic and fear.
- n.* a highly contagious and often fatal viral disease that causes severe fever and internal bleeding, primarily occurring in remote areas of Central and West Africa
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ANSWERS: 15. outpouring, 16. crumble, 17. terrifying, 18. lawless, 19. phenomenal, 20. dismay, 21. outsider

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