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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### racy

*adj.* having an exciting or provocative quality; lively and entertaining, often with a sexual or scandalous connotation

*synonym* : spicy, rich, suggestive

(1) **racy** talker, (2) **racy** humor

The author's **racy** writing style added excitement to the novel.

### elope

*v.* to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends

*synonym* : run away, abscond, escape

(1) **elope** secretly, (2) **elope** together

The young couple decided to **elope** instead of having a traditional wedding ceremony.

### telegraph

*n.* a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals

(1) answer by **telegraph**, (2) **telegraph** wires

The **telegraph** service was interrupted for a while.

### cilantro

*n.* an herb with flat, delicate green leaves and a distinctively fresh and citrusy aroma, commonly used in various cuisines, especially in Latin American, Indian, and Southeast Asian dishes

*synonym*

: coriander, Chinese parsley

(1) **cilantro** lime rice, (2) chopped **cilantro**

I need to buy some fresh **cilantro** leaves to flavor my salsa.

## **misdemeanor**

*n.* a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months

*synonym*: infraction, offense, wrongdoing

(1) **misdemeanor** charge, (2) commit a **misdemeanor**

A **misdemeanor** conviction can have long-term consequences, such as difficulty finding employment.

## **homophobia**

*n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

*synonym*: prejudice, discrimination, bigotry

(1) **homophobia** awareness, (2) **homophobia** in sports

The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated **homophobia**.

## **disseminate**

*v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse

*synonym*: spread, circulate, propagate

(1) **disseminate** propaganda, (2) **disseminate** knowledge

It is important to **disseminate** accurate information to the public to prevent false rumors from spreading.

## **doe**

*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

*synonym*: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

## drone

*n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

*synonym*: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

## amplify

*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

*synonym*: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

## shatter

*v.* to break suddenly into many pieces

*synonym*: break, crash, destroy

(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record

Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.

## airbag

*n.* a safety device designed to inflate rapidly in the event of a collision, protecting the occupants of a vehicle and reducing the risk of injury or death

*synonym*: air cushion, safety bag, crash bag

(1) defective **airbag**, (2) **airbag** deployment

The **airbag** system in the car saved the driver's life in a severe crash.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## viol

*n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

*synonym*: viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

**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.

**blur** *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

*synonym* : smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

**creditor** *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

**selfie** *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

*synonym* : self-portrait, self-photo, self-snap

(1) **selfie** stick, (2) pose for a **selfie**

She took a **selfie** in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.

**betray** *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

*synonym* : fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

**embarrass** *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

*synonym* : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project  
He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

## humiliate

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

*synonym*: shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

## compassionate

*adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

*synonym*: empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave

My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

## harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

*synonym*: pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

## sham

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

*synonym*: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. sh\_\_\_\_r the plate *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
2. hom\_\_\_\_\_ia awareness *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
3. commit a mis\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months
4. 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
5. am\_\_\_\_\_y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
6. hom\_\_\_\_\_ia in sports *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
7. el\_\_e together *v.* to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends

ANSWERS: 1. shatter, 2. homophobia, 3. misdemeanor, 4. pun, 5. amplify, 6. homophobia, 7. elope

8. em\_\_\_\_\_ss my project      *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
9. a com\_\_\_\_\_ate heart      *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
10. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
11. bankrupt cr\_\_\_\_\_or      *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
12. te\_\_\_\_\_ph wires      *n.* a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals
13. v\_\_l music      *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
14. ci\_\_\_\_\_ro lime rice      *n.* an herb with flat, delicate green leaves and a distinctively fresh and citrusy aroma, commonly used in various cuisines, especially in Latin American, Indian, and Southeast Asian dishes
15. be\_\_\_y confidence      *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
16. defective ai\_\_\_g      *n.* a safety device designed to inflate rapidly in the event of a collision, protecting the occupants of a vehicle and reducing the risk of injury or death
17. turn out to be all s\_\_m      *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 8. embarrass, 9. compassionate, 10. industrious, 11. creditor, 12. telegraph, 13. viol, 14. cilantro, 15. betray, 16. airbag, 17. sham

18. answer by te\_\_\_\_\_ph *n.* a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals
19. se\_\_\_e stick *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
20. r\_\_y talker *adj.* having an exciting or provocative quality; lively and entertaining, often with a sexual or scandalous connotation
21. com\_\_\_\_\_ate leave *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
22. buck and d\_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
23. the speaker's dr\_\_e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
24. dis\_\_\_\_\_te propaganda *v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
25. v\_\_l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
26. el\_\_e secretly *v.* to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends

ANSWERS: 18. telegraph, 19. selfie, 20. racy, 21. compassionate, 22. doe, 23. drone, 24. disseminate, 25. viol, 26. elope



27. ha\_\_\_s with constant criticism      *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
28. dis\_\_\_\_\_te knowledge      *v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
29. sh\_\_\_\_\_r a world record      *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
30. chopped ci\_\_\_\_\_ro      *n.* an herb with flat, delicate green leaves and a distinctively fresh and citrusy aroma, commonly used in various cuisines, especially in Latin American, Indian, and Southeast Asian dishes
31. hu\_\_\_\_\_te the heckler in the audience      *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
32. dr\_\_e flight      *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
33. 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
34. pose for a se\_\_\_e      *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

ANSWERS: 27. harass, 28. disseminate, 29. shatter, 30. cilantro, 31. humiliate, 32. drone, 33. pun, 34. selfie

35. am\_\_\_\_y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
36. mis\_\_\_\_\_or charge *n.* a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months
37. the cr\_\_\_\_\_or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
38. ai\_\_\_g deployment *n.* a safety device designed to inflate rapidly in the event of a collision, protecting the occupants of a vehicle and reducing the risk of injury or death
39. a s\_\_m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
40. hu\_\_\_\_\_te him publicly *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
41. ha\_\_\_s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
42. b\_\_r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
43. motion b\_\_r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

ANSWERS: 35. amplify, 36. misdemeanor, 37. creditor, 38. airbag, 39. sham, 40. humiliate, 41. harass, 42. blur, 43. blur

44. be\_\_\_y a friend                      *v.*    to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
45. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student              *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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48. em\_\_\_\_\_ss political enemy        *v.*    to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 44. betray, 45. industrious, 46. racy, 47. doe, 48. embarrass

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ system in the car saved the driver's life in a severe crash.
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