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# **Advanced Words Only**

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# **Session 1: Word List**

# reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym: re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

## sibling

 a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**. Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

frisk

v. to search for someone or something in a quick, lively manner, often to discover something hidden or suspicious; to frolic or skip about in a lively or playful manner

synonym: search, pat down, romp

(1) **frisk** around the yard, (2) **frisk** his pockets

The security guard stopped and **frisked** the suspicious-looking person at the entrance to the building.

## opal

- a mineral consisting of hydrated silica that is often iridescent and comes in a variety of colors; a gemstone made from this mineral valued for its play of color
- (1) opal jewelry, (2) milky opal

The **opal** on her necklace glimmered in the sunlight.

# disparity

a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

*synonym*: difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income disparity

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

# displace

to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

*synonym*: evict, exile, remove

(1) displace workers, (2) displace the explosive power The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

#### ancestral

adj. related to or connected with members of your family from the past

*synonym*: hereditary, inherited, patrimonial

(1) an **ancestral** graveyard, (2) **ancestral** roots The **ancestral** home has been in the family for generations.

#### wreak

to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events

synonym: cause, inflict, bring about

- (1) wreak a lot of changes, (2) wreak further damage The virus has **wreaked** havoc on the healthcare system, overwhelming hospitals and causing shortages of supplies.
- widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by n. natural disasters, war, or other violent events

#### havoc

synonym: destruction, devastation, ruin

(1) cause **havoc**, (2) play **havoc** in the mind

The storm wreaked **havoc** on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.

# hemisphere

- n. half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
- northern hemisphere,
   cerebral hemisphere
   this weather pattern is unique to the southern hemisphere.

## inhabitant

- n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular placesynonym: dweller, occupant, resident
- (1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

# precede

v. to happen or go before something or someone in time or space

synonym: lead, forego, antecede

(1) men often **precede** women when walking, (2) **precede** any discussion

Agricultural development generally **precedes** economic growth.

#### cholera

 a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes

synonym: infectious disease, epidemic, plague

(1) cholera toxin, (2) cholera epidemic

The outbreak of **cholera** was a major health crisis in the 19th century.

# peacekeeping

 the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives

synonym: peacebuilding, peacemaking, reconciliation

(1) peacekeeping efforts, (2) peacekeeping force

The **peacekeeping** mission in the war-torn country was challenging but necessary.

#### eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

#### unconscionable

 adj. not guided by conscience; unprincipled; unreasonable; excessively or shockingly excessive, unreasonably harsh or severe

synonym: unscrupulous, immoral, unethical

(1) **unconscionable** behavior, (2) **unconscionable** decision

It is **unconscionable** that some companies exploit their workers for profit.

### trickle

 to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities

synonym: dribble, flow, seep

(1) **trickle** down my cheek, (2) **trickle** from his eyes Water was beginning to **trickle** into the basement after the heavy rain.

### effervescence

 the process or state of bubbling or fizzing, often caused by the release of gas; liveliness, enthusiasm, or excitement

synonym: fizz, bubbling, frothiness

(1) **effervescence** of bubbles, (2) cultural **effervescence** The champagne had a delightful **effervescence**, with tiny bubbles rising to the surface.

#### Latina

 a female person of Latin American origin or descent; a term used to refer to women from Latin American countries or with Latin American heritage

synonym: Hispanic woman

# Latina community, (2) Latina actress She is the first Latina senator in the country's history.

## opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purposesynonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

# interdependence

- n. the fact or state of depending on each othersynonym: relation, interconnection, linkage
- (1) **interdependence** of mind and body, (2) global **interdependence**

The diplomatic rivalry between the two countries has strengthened the **interdependence** of their intra-regional supply chains for their manufacturing industries.

#### mantra

 a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation

synonym: hymn, chant, phrase

(1) campaign **mantra**, (2) chant the **mantra** of structural reform

She repeated her personal **mantra** to herself to stay motivated.

### sabbatical

- a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
   synonym: leave, vacation, break
- (1) **sabbatical** leave, (2) **sabbatical** year After ten years of teaching, she took a **sabbatical** to travel the world.

## flourish

- v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully synonym: boom, advance, succeed
- flourish economically, (2) flourish worldwide
   The Ottoman Empire flourished for over five centuries.

# superhero

- a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
- (1) superhero movies, (2) superhero comicsSuperman is a classic superhero known for his superhuman

strength and flying ability.

### fickle

adj. liable to change frequently or unexpectedly, often without reason; capricious or unsteadysynonym: capricious, unpredictable, inconsistent

(1) fickle opinion, (2) fickle mood

The weather can be quite **fickle** in this region, changing rapidly and unpredictably.

# deify

 to worship or regard someone or something as divine or almost perfect; to idealize or elevate someone or something to a godlike status

synonym: worship, idolize, revere

(1) deify a hero, (2) deify a political figure

Some cultures **deify** their rulers, considering them godlike and infallible.

## terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

*synonym*: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) terrify people, (2) the threats terrify him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

# disagreeable

 adj. unpleasant or unpleasant to deal with; not likely to agree or comply with something or someone; having an unpleasant or negative temperament

synonym: unpleasant, objectionable, offensive

(1) disagreeable smell, (2) disagreeable temper

The **disagreeable** coworker always found fault with everyone else's work.

#### 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.

#### eke

v. to make a living or support oneself with difficulty or by supplementing one's income with additional work or resources; to manage or get by with what is available, often by means of careful or thrifty measures

synonym: supplement, stretch, squeeze out

(1) **eke** out a few extra dollars, (2) **eke** out a narrow victory He managed to **eke** out a living by doing odd jobs.

## undocumented

- adj. not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission
- (1) **undocumented** worker, (2) **undocumented** command The border patrol has recently been focusing on cracking down on **undocumented** non-citizens.

## xenophobic

 adj. showing strong dislike or fear of people from other countries or cultures; having a strong bias or prejudice against outsiders

synonym: prejudiced, racist, intolerant

(1) **xenophobic** attitude, (2) **xenophobic** statements

The **xenophobic** rhetoric of the politician only seeks to sow division and hatred among people.

#### entrenched

adj. established firmly and securelysynonym: deep-rooted, confirmed, ingrained

(1) **entrenched** ideas, (2) **entrenched** positions

The monarch exploited the peasants using its **entrenched** power.

# courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a courageous decision, (2) courageous rescue

# attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

#### torch

 a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym: flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

# forcibly

adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will

synonym: violently, roughly, aggressively

(1) forcibly remove, (2) forcibly taken into a car

The police officer **forcibly** removed the protesters from the public park.

# intricately

 adv. in a manner that involves a lot of detailed and complex arrangement or planning; with many interconnected parts or components

synonym: complexly, elaborately

(1) intricately woven, (2) intricately decorated

The watch was **intricately** designed, with many small moving parts.

# arresting

 adj. attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something

synonym: striking, impressive, captivating

(1) an **arresting** image, (2) an **arresting** sight

The painting's **arresting** beauty made it difficult to look away.

# **Session 2: Spelling**

1.	pre any discussion	<i>v</i> .	to happen or go before something or someone in time or space
2.	men often pre women when walking	<i>v</i> .	to happen or go before something or someone in time or space
3.	rene the possibilities	<i>v</i> .	to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
4.	couus rescue attempt	adj.	able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
5.	chant the maa of structural reform	n.	a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
6.	an anal graveyard	adj.	related to or connected with members of your family from the past
7.	tre down my cheek	<i>v</i> .	to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
8.	uncble behavior	adj.	not guided by conscience; unprincipled; unreasonable; excessively or shockingly excessive, unreasonably harsh or severe
9.	the threats tey him	v.	to frighten someone very much
10.	northern hemre	n.	half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
11.	ented ideas	adj.	established firmly and securely
12.	sabal year	n.	a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions

ANSWERS: 1. precede, 2. precede, 3. reimagine, 4. courageous, 5. mantra, 6. ancestral, 7. trickle, 8. unconscionable, 9. terrify, 10. hemisphere, 11. entrenched, 12. sabbatical

ANSWERS: 22. inhabitant, 23. trickle, 24. eradicate, 25. cholera, 26. displace, 27. superhero, 28. peacekeeping, 29. peacekeeping, 30. havoc

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ANSWERS: 40. sibling, 41. disagreeable, 42. fickle, 43. effervescence, 44. obsess, 45. mantra, 46. flourish, 47. arresting, 48. Latina, 49. unconscionable

50.	suro movies	n.	a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
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54.	flsh economically	<i>v</i> .	to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
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56.	foly remove	adv.	done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
57.	intly woven	adv.	in a manner that involves a lot of detailed and complex arrangement or planning; with many interconnected parts or components
58.	the dity between theory and reality	n.	a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
59.	intly decorated	adv.	in a manner that involves a lot of detailed and complex arrangement or planning; with many interconnected parts or components
60.	cha epidemic	n.	a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes

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ANSWERS: 70. terrify, 71. obsess, 72. effervescence, 73. deify, 74. disparity, 75. interdependence, 76. deify, 77. frisk, 78. wreak

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

1.	He was as	oldier who had served his country with honor.
adj	able to face and deal w	ith danger or fear without flinching
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