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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

*synonym*: travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

### unreliable

*adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on

*synonym*: inconsistent, erratic, undependable

(1) prove **unreliable**, (2) **unreliable** source of information

By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously **unreliable**.

### disparate

*adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

*synonym*: different, distinct, separate

(1) **disparate** impact, (2) physically **disparate** location

The organization worked to bring together **disparate** groups in the community.

### impair

v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse

*synonym*: degrade, mar, deface

(1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity

The accident made his vision **impaired**.

## constrain

*v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

*synonym* : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

## pan-American

*adj.* relating to or involving all of North, Central, and South America

(1) **pan-American** unity, (2) a **pan-American** organization

The goal of the summit was to **pan-American** efforts to combat climate change.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## helpless

*adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

*synonym* : defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

## overlook

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

*synonym* : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

## automaker

*n.* a company or manufacturer that produces automobiles, cars, and other motor vehicles

*synonym* : carmaker, vehicle maker, automobilist

(1) Japanese **automaker**, (2) luxury **automaker**

The **automaker's** sales have increased by 10% this quarter, thanks to strong consumer demand.

## industrialize

*v.* to organize the production of something into an industry

*synonym*: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

## 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.

## supple

*adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

*synonym*: flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

## motto

*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

*synonym*: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

## 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.

## pothole

*n.* a hole or depression in a road surface, usually caused by wear, weathering, or erosion; can be dangerous to drivers and cause damage to vehicles

*synonym* : chuckhole, pit, depression

(1) deep **pothole**, (2) **pothole** repair

The car hit a **pothole** and caused a flat tire.

## uneven

*adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical

*synonym* : irregular, rough, bumpy

(1) **uneven** numbers, (2) **uneven** coating

The road was **uneven**, causing the car to bounce up and down as it drove.

## aspiration

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

*synonym* : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

## immobility

*n.* the state of being unable to move; the quality of being unable to be moved or changed easily

*synonym* : inactivity, stillness, paralysis

(1) emotional **immobility**, (2) the **immobility** of a rock

The airplane crash resulted in the **immobility** of several passengers due to their injuries.

## rickshaw

*n.* a light two- or three-wheeled passenger carriage, typically pulled by a human runner or cyclist, commonly used in some Asian cities as a mode of transportation

*synonym* : pedicab, jinrikisha

(1) ride a **rickshaw**, (2) traditional **rickshaw**

In some cities, you can ride a **rickshaw** for a unique experience.

## sedan

*n.* a car with four doors and a closed roof, designed to seat a small number of passengers in comfort; a type of automobile that is larger and more luxurious than a

compact or subcompact car

*synonym* : car, automobile, vehicle

(1) **sedan** car, (2) a black **sedan**

I prefer driving a **sedan** over a larger SUV because it's easier to park.

## empower

*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

*synonym* : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## akin

*adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin

*synonym* : similar, related, alike

(1) **akin** to anger, (2) **akin** to the prior experiences

Her interests are **akin** to mine.

## catapult

*n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance

*synonym* : launcher, trebuchet, slingshot

(1) powerful **catapult**, (2) **catapult** mechanism

The army used a **catapult** to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

## negligible

*adj.* so small or insignificant as to be not worth considering; negligible amounts or effects are too minor or unimportant to have any major impact

*synonym* : insignificant, trivial, minor

(1) **negligible** impact, (2) a **negligible** amount of time

The cost of the repairs was **negligible** compared to the value of the antique car.

## immutable

*adj.* unchanging; permanent or unalterable

*synonym* : unchanging, constant, permanent

(1) **immutable** love, (2) **immutable** characteristics

The laws of physics are **immutable**; they never change.

## hardworking

*adj.* tending to work with a lot of effort and care

*synonym* : diligent, dedicated, conscientious

(1) **hardworking** student, (2) retire from **hardworking** life

They sought candidates with **hardworking** and good-natured.

## thirst

*n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

*synonym* : craving, desire, appetite

(1) a burning **thirst**, (2) **thirst** for authority

He read books to quench his **thirst** for knowledge.

## ethic

*n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

*synonym* : moral code, code of conduct, principles

(1) moral **ethic**, (2) professional **ethic**

Having a strong work **ethic** is important for success in any field.

## burgeon

*v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way

*synonym* : flourish, bloom, thrive

(1) **burgeon** rapidly, (2) **burgeon** from every corner.

The city's art scene has been **burgeoning** recently, with new galleries and exhibitions popping up regularly.

## impetus

*n.* a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change

*synonym* : stimulus, momentum, drive

(1) political **impetus**, (2) technological **impetus**

Getting a raise at work was the **impetus** to start looking for a new place to live.

## **bolster**

*v.* to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources

*synonym*: reinforce, support, strengthen

(1) **bolster** confidence, (2) **bolster** the economy

The company hired a new advertising agency to **bolster** its marketing efforts.

## **hurdle**

*n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

*synonym*: obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome **hurdles**, (2) **hurdle** race

The company faced several **hurdles** in the development of its new product.

## **frugal**

*adj.* characterized by being sparing or economical about money or resources; avoiding waste or luxury

*synonym*: economical, thrifty, sparing

(1) live a **frugal** lifestyle, (2) a **frugal** meal

My grandparents were always **frugal** with their money, even when they had plenty of it.

## **prosperous**

*adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

*synonym*: successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. political im\_\_\_\_s  
*n.* a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change
2. a fr\_\_\_l meal  
*adj.* characterized by being sparing or economical about money or resources; avoiding waste or luxury
3. a burning th\_\_\_t  
*n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
4. overcome hu\_\_\_es  
*n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
5. emotional imm\_\_\_\_ty  
*n.* the state of being unable to move; the quality of being unable to be moved or changed easily
6. bu\_\_\_\_n rapidly  
*v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
7. pro\_\_\_\_us nation  
*adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
8. op\_\_\_\_ne occasion  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
9. im\_\_\_\_le characteristics  
*adj.* unchanging; permanent or unalterable
10. retire from har\_\_\_\_ng life  
*adj.* tending to work with a lot of effort and care
11. co\_\_\_\_e to work  
*v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

ANSWERS: 1. impetus, 2. frugal, 3. thirst, 4. hurdle, 5. immobility, 6. burgeon, 7. prosperous, 8. opportune, 9. immutable, 10. hardworking, 11. commute



12. em\_\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same  
*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
13. di\_\_\_\_\_te impact  
*adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
14. bo\_\_\_\_\_r confidence  
*v.* to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources
15. he\_\_\_\_\_ss baby  
*adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
16. se\_\_n car  
*n.* a car with four doors and a closed roof, designed to seat a small number of passengers in comfort; a type of automobile that is larger and more luxurious than a compact or subcompact car
17. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life  
*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
18. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
19. a neg\_\_\_\_\_le amount of time  
*adj.* so small or insignificant as to be not worth considering; negligible amounts or effects are too minor or unimportant to have any major impact
20. bo\_\_\_\_\_r the economy  
*v.* to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources
21. ind\_\_\_\_\_ize service  
*v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
22. he\_\_\_\_\_ss victims  
*adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

ANSWERS: 12. empower, 13. disparate, 14. bolster, 15. helpless, 16. sedan, 17. empower, 18. industrious, 19. negligible, 20. bolster, 21. industrialize, 22. helpless

23. ov\_\_\_\_ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
24. a\_\_n to the prior experiences *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
25. the imm\_\_\_\_\_ty of a rock *n.* the state of being unable to move; the quality of being unable to be moved or changed easily
26. asp\_\_\_\_\_on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
27. a\_\_n to anger *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
28. physically di\_\_\_\_\_te location *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
29. technological im\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change
30. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
31. th\_\_\_t for authority *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
32. pan\_\_\_\_\_can unity *adj.* relating to or involving all of North, Central, and South America
33. powerful ca\_\_\_\_\_lt *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
34. unr\_\_\_\_\_le source of information *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on

ANSWERS: 23. overlook, 24. akin, 25. immobility, 26. aspiration, 27. akin, 28. disparate, 29. impetus, 30. industrious, 31. thirst, 32. pan-American, 33. catapult, 34. unreliable

35. professional et\_\_c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
36. live a fr\_\_\_l lifestyle *adj.* characterized by being sparing or economical about money or resources; avoiding waste or luxury
37. neg\_\_\_\_\_le impact *adj.* so small or insignificant as to be not worth considering; negligible amounts or effects are too minor or unimportant to have any major impact
38. un\_\_\_n coating *adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical
39. pro\_\_\_\_\_us weather *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
40. ind\_\_\_\_\_ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
41. co\_\_\_\_\_in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
42. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
43. deep po\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a hole or depression in a road surface, usually caused by wear, weathering, or erosion; can be dangerous to drivers and cause damage to vehicles
44. Japanese au\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a company or manufacturer that produces automobiles, cars, and other motor vehicles

ANSWERS: 35. ethic, 36. frugal, 37. negligible, 38. uneven, 39. prosperous, 40. industrialize, 41. constrain, 42. overlook, 43. pothole, 44. automaker

45. re\_\_\_\_\_ne the future      *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
46. ca\_\_\_\_\_lt mechanism      *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
47. a black se\_\_n      *n.* a car with four doors and a closed roof, designed to seat a small number of passengers in comfort; a type of automobile that is larger and more luxurious than a compact or subcompact car
48. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
49. prove unr\_\_\_\_\_le      *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
50. company mo\_\_o      *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
51. im\_\_\_\_\_le love      *adj.* unchanging; permanent or unalterable
52. the mo\_\_o for safe traffic      *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
53. co\_\_\_\_\_in his freedom      *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
54. im\_\_\_r my health      *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
55. ride a ri\_\_\_\_\_aw      *n.* a light two- or three-wheeled passenger carriage, typically pulled by a human runner or cyclist, commonly used in some Asian cities as a mode of transportation

ANSWERS: 45. reimagine, 46. catapult, 47. sedan, 48. opportune, 49. unreliable, 50. motto, 51. immutable, 52. motto, 53. constrain, 54. impair, 55. rickshaw

56. re\_\_\_\_\_ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
57. a pan\_\_\_\_\_can organization *adj.* relating to or involving all of North, Central, and South America
58. hu\_\_\_e race *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
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65. har\_\_\_\_\_ng student *adj.* tending to work with a lot of effort and care
66. im\_\_\_r insulin sensitivity *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse

ANSWERS: 56. reimagine, 57. pan-American, 58. hurdle, 59. ethic, 60. aspiration, 61. pothole, 62. uneven, 63. supple, 64. supple, 65. hardworking, 66. impair

67. daily co\_\_\_\_\_e
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ANSWERS: 67. commute, 68. burgeon, 69. automaker, 70. rickshaw

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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