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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### presume

v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

*synonym* : assume, suppose, guess

(1) **presume** innocence, (2) **presume** on his tolerance

I **presume** you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

### hover

v. to stay in one place in the air

*synonym* : hang, float over, drift

(1) **hover** between life and death, (2) **hover** around the table

Two birds were **hovering** overhead.

### detonation

n. a sudden and violent explosion, often caused by the ignition of an explosive substance; the act of causing something to explode

*synonym* : explosion, blast, burst

(1) accidental **detonation**, (2) **detonation** velocity

The **detonation** of the explosive was heard throughout the entire city.

## maim

*v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part

*synonym*: injure, incapacitate, wound

(1) **maim** a victim, (2) **maim** his hand

The reckless driver **maimed** several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.

## gill

*n.* a respiratory organ of fish and some other aquatic animals that extracts dissolved oxygen from water and excretes carbon dioxide

*synonym*: respiratory organ, lung

(1) **gill** slits, (2) **gill** apparatus

The fish's **gills** are necessary for extracting oxygen from the water.

## unwarranted

*adj.* without justification or valid reason; not supported by evidence, logic, or authority

*synonym*: unjustified, baseless, groundless

(1) **unwarranted** fear, (2) **unwarranted** assumption

The media's negative portrayal of the politician was **unwarranted** and biased

## humanize

*v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

*synonym*: civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

## plunge

*v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

*synonym*: dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

## wade

*v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

*synonym* : paddle, trudge, slosh

(1) **wade** down a street, (2) **wade** through paperwork

I had to **wade** through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.

## commuter

*n.* a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car

*synonym* : traveler, passenger

(1) **commuter** shuttle, (2) daily **commuter**

The **commuter** train was delayed due to a signal failure on the line.

## etiquette

*n.* a set of rules and norms governing polite and proper behavior in social situations or professional contexts

*synonym* : protocol, manners, decorum

(1) email **etiquette**, (2) breach of **etiquette**

It's important to follow proper **etiquette** when attending a formal dinner.

## briefcase

*n.* a flat, rectangular container, typically made of leather or other sturdy material, used for carrying documents, books, or other important items

*synonym* : portfolio, attaché, case

(1) **briefcase** handle, (2) leather **briefcase**

The detective found crucial evidence inside the suspect's **briefcase**.

## prosthetic

*adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant

(1) have **prosthetic** arms, (2) **prosthetic** limbs

New **prosthetic** joints are less prone to metal poisoning.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym* : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## tourniquet

*n.* a device, typically a tightly bound strip of cloth or a flexible band, used to constrict or shut off blood flow to a limb or body part, usually to control bleeding or during medical procedures

*synonym* : bandage, ligature, compression

(1) apply a **tourniquet**, (2) emotional **tourniquet**

The paramedics quickly applied an emergency medical **tourniquet** to the man's leg to stem the bleeding.

## instinct

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

*synonym* : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

## elevate

*v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

*synonym* : lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

## thigh

*n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg

*synonym* : thigh-bone, femur, upper leg

(1) **thigh** muscle, (2) chicken **thigh**

The marathon runner felt a cramp in her **thigh** at the 20th mile.

## contemplate

*v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

*synonym*: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

## unconditional

*adj.* not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions

*synonym*: absolute, complete, unqualified

(1) **unconditional** forgiveness, (2) **unconditional** support  
Her love for him was **unconditional**, despite all of his flaws.

## retribution

*n.* punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing

*synonym*: punishment, revenge, recompense

(1) divine **retribution**, (2) seek **retribution**

He faced **retribution** for his crimes and was sentenced to many years.

## brilliance

*n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining

*synonym*: splendor, glory, luster

(1) **brilliance** of diamond, (2) economic **brilliance**

The scientist's **brilliance** led to many groundbreaking discoveries in his field.

## ponder

*v.* to think deeply or carefully about something

*synonym*: think about, consider, reflect on

(1) **ponder** divine matters, (2) **ponder** life's meaning

She sat quietly, **pondering** the difficult decision.

**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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. g\_\_l slits *n.* a respiratory organ of fish and some other aquatic animals that extracts dissolved oxygen from water and excretes carbon dioxide
2. el\_\_\_\_e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
3. have pro\_\_\_\_ic arms *adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
4. pr\_\_\_\_e on his tolerance *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
5. a det\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
6. apply a tou\_\_\_\_et *n.* a device, typically a tightly bound strip of cloth or a flexible band, used to constrict or shut off blood flow to a limb or body part, usually to control bleeding or during medical procedures
7. accidental det\_\_\_\_on *n.* a sudden and violent explosion, often caused by the ignition of an explosive substance; the act of causing something to explode

ANSWERS: 1. gill, 2. elevate, 3. prosthetic, 4. presume, 5. determinant, 6. tourniquet, 7. detonation

8. el\_\_\_\_e educational standards      *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
9. emotional tou\_\_\_\_\_et      *n.* a device, typically a tightly bound strip of cloth or a flexible band, used to constrict or shut off blood flow to a limb or body part, usually to control bleeding or during medical procedures
10. pl\_\_\_e into the water      *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
11. daily co\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car
12. con\_\_\_\_\_ted leaving school      *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
13. pl\_\_\_e a dagger through his heart      *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
14. email et\_\_\_\_\_te      *n.* a set of rules and norms governing polite and proper behavior in social situations or professional contexts
15. breach of et\_\_\_\_\_te      *n.* a set of rules and norms governing polite and proper behavior in social situations or professional contexts
16. bri\_\_\_\_\_ce of diamond      *n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining

ANSWERS: 8. elevate, 9. tourniquet, 10. plunge, 11. commuter, 12. contemplate, 13. plunge, 14. etiquette, 15. etiquette, 16. brilliance



17. th\_\_h muscle *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
18. br\_\_\_\_\_se handle *n.* a flat, rectangular container, typically made of leather or other sturdy material, used for carrying documents, books, or other important items
19. po\_\_\_r life's meaning *v.* to think deeply or carefully about something
20. det\_\_\_\_\_on velocity *n.* a sudden and violent explosion, often caused by the ignition of an explosive substance; the act of causing something to explode
21. m\_\_m a victim *v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
22. w\_\_e down a street *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
23. economic bri\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining
24. chicken th\_\_h *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
25. po\_\_\_r divine matters *v.* to think deeply or carefully about something

ANSWERS: 17. thigh, 18. briefcase, 19. ponder, 20. detonation, 21. maim, 22. wade, 23. brilliance, 24. thigh, 25. ponder

26. unw\_\_\_\_\_ed fear *adj.* without justification or valid reason; not supported by evidence, logic, or authority
27. seek ret\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing
28. d\_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
29. hu\_\_\_\_\_ze a room *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
30. in\_\_\_\_\_ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
31. 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
32. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
33. unc\_\_\_\_\_nal forgiveness *adj.* not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
34. unw\_\_\_\_\_ed assumption *adj.* without justification or valid reason; not supported by evidence, logic, or authority

ANSWERS: 26. unwarranted, 27. retribution, 28. doe, 29. humanize, 30. instinct, 31. doe, 32. determinant, 33. unconditional, 34. unwarranted

35. divine ret\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing
36. unc\_\_\_\_\_nal support *adj.* not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
37. ho\_\_r around the table *v.* to stay in one place in the air
38. leather br\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a flat, rectangular container, typically made of leather or other sturdy material, used for carrying documents, books, or other important items
39. w\_\_e through paperwork *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
40. co\_\_\_\_\_er shuttle *n.* a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car
41. m\_\_m his hand *v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
42. aggressive in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
43. hu\_\_\_\_\_ze my pet *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

ANSWERS: 35. retribution, 36. unconditional, 37. hover, 38. briefcase, 39. wade, 40. commuter, 41. maim, 42. instinct, 43. humanize

44. con\_\_\_\_\_te a marriage      *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
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48. pro\_\_\_\_\_ic limbs      *adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant

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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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