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# **Advanced Words Only**

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# **Session 1: Word List**

# disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

#### industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effortsynonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

#### intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

*synonym*: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) intern civilians, (2) medical internThe navy interned ships of defeated nations.

### nonconformist

 a person who refuses to conform to established customs, norms, or beliefs, often characterized by independent thinking and behavior; members of Protestant groups in England during the 16th to 19th centuries who dissented from the Church of England

synonym: maverick, individualist, rebel

(1) artistic **nonconformist**, (2) rebellious **nonconformist**The school's **nonconformist** curriculum emphasized creative thinking and self-expression.

# procrastinate

v. to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring

synonym: delay, dawdle, hesitate

(1) **procrastinate** about a big challenge, (2) **procrastinate** on my homework

He procrastinated the matter until it was almost too late.

#### confession

 a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym: admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

# precrastinator

- n. (antonym for "procrastinator") a person who tends to complete tasks as soon as possible, often excessively or prematurely; someone who inclines to finish or accomplish tasks far ahead of the deadline or required time
- (1) **precrastinator** tendencies, (2) **precrastinator** mindset As a self-confessed **precrastinator**, she always finished her assignments the moment they were assigned, preferring to get them out of the way.

goofy

adj. silly or foolish

synonym: silly, crazy, dopey

(1) ware a **goofy** hat, (2) with a **goofy** expression He made a **goofy** face as he recalled this morning's events.

# frenzy

 a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior

synonym: frenetic, commotion, tumult

(1) **frenzy** of activity, (2) buying **frenzy** 

The shoppers were **frenzy** to get the best deals on Black Friday.

# dangle

v. to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

synonym: swing, hang, drape

(1) dangle a carrot, (2) dangle a pendant

The earring on her earlobe would **dangle** as she moved her head.

#### incubate

v. to keep warm and protected, especially to hatch eggs; to develop and nurture

synonym: hatch, breed, gestate

(1) **incubate** terrorism in developing countries, (2) **incubate** an idea

The scientists decided to **incubate** the eggs for further study.

# divergent

- adj. different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directionssynonym: differing, disparate, atypical
- (1) follow a **divergent** path, (2) wildly **divergent** results

  The prime minister had to reconcile **divergent** opinions on controversial issues like abortion.

# self-respect

- n. a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourselfsynonym: dignity, pride, self-esteem
- (1) lacks a sense of **self-respect**, (2) wound his **self-respect**

Her failure resulted in a loss of her **self-respect**.

# diligent

adj. showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties

synonym: active, engaged, assiduous

(1) a **diligent** person, (2) a **diligent** search of the files. The **diligent** detective investigated all clues.

# agony

extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

synonym: anguish, torment, suffering

(1) severe agony, (2) emotional agony

The athlete fell to the ground in **agony** after injuring their ankle.

#### toil

 to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time

synonym: struggle, labor, work hard

(1) **toil** to make a living, (2) **toil** up the mountain

The farmers **toiled** in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.

#### onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage** 

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

#### scribble

v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

synonym: scrabble, scrawl, jot

(1) **scribble** on paper, (2) **scribble** notes

The words were **scribbled** in pencil.

# improvise

v. to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something

synonym: ad-lib, extemporize

(1) **improvise** a joke, (2) **improvise** an escape plan

We had to **improvise** a tent using a tarp and sticks since we didn't have a proper one.

#### mover

 a person or company that specializes in moving goods or possessions from one location to another; a professional moving service or an individual who performs this task for friends, family members, or customers

*synonym*: removalist, proposer

(1) market **mover**, (2) the **movers** and shakers
The professional **mover** helped us pack and transport our furniture and belongings to our new home.

depict

- v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph synonym: illustrate, describe, express
- (1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

#### self-doubt

- n. lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneselfsynonym: insecurity, uncertainty, diffident
- overcome self-doubt, (2) spiral of self-doubt
   was filled with self-doubt.

# paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym: immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

# energize

v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

synonym: invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) **energize** the body, (2) **energize** a team

The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

#### motto

 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.

# outperform

v. to be or do something compared to others of a similar type

*synonym*: beat, exceed, surpass

(1) **outperform** other countries, (2) **outperform** the human brain

They consistently **outperformed** other teams in the league.

#### resourceful

adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems

synonym: inventive, imaginative, clever

(1) **resourceful** thinker, (2) **resourceful** cook in town
She was **resourceful** and found a solution to the problem on her own.

#### screenwriter

 a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media

synonym: scriptwriter, playwright

(1) aspiring **screenwriter**, (2) experienced **screenwriter**The movie's success was largely attributed to the **screenwriter's** cleverly written script.

#### reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

reinvent local dishes, (2) reinvent our life
 They have tried to reinvent their grocery stores.

#### villain

 a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

synonym: scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

(1) evil villain, (2) authoritarian villain

The **villain** in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

#### animate

- v. to make something full of interest and energysynonym: invigorate, energize, enliven
- (1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

# bankrupt

adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

synonym: insolvent, broke, ruined

(1) **bankrupt** business, (2) financially **bankrupt**Unfortunately, the company went **bankrupt** and had to close its doors permanently.

#### inaction

 the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed

synonym: idleness, passivity, inertia

(1) excuse for **inaction**, (2) consequences of **inaction Inaction** in response to climate change poses a dire threat to our future.

redo

v. to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable

synonym: revise, remake, rework

(1) **redo** a kitchen, (2) **redo** a project

I had to **redo** my entire presentation because the formatting was off.

# musky

adj. having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss

synonym: musty, earthy, pungent

(1) musky aroma, (2) musky perfume

The **musky** scent of the old book filled the air of the dusty library.

#### 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.

# creepy

adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease synonym: eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel creepy, (2) creepy atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the chills.

#### churn

v. to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover

synonym: stir, agitate, whirl

(1) **churn** out manufactured goods, (2) **churn** in my stomach

The cream needs to be **churned** for several minutes before it becomes butter.

#### stumble

- v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep
- (1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life She **stumbled** over the tree root.

# **Session 2: Spelling**

1.	a conon of faith	n.	a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
2.	tI to make a living	ν.	to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
3.	wound his select	n.	a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself
4.	experienced scrter	n.	a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
5.	ane his soul	<i>v</i> .	to make something full of interest and energy
6.	inte an idea	v.	to keep warm and protected, especially to hatch eggs; to develop and nurture
7.	enze the body	v.	to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
8.	wildly dint results	adj.	different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
9.	bapt business	adj.	unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
10.	the moo for safe traffic	n.	a phrase or slogan that expresses a

ANSWERS: 1. confession, 2. toil, 3. self-respect, 4. screenwriter, 5. animate, 6. incubate, 7. energize, 8. divergent, 9. bankrupt, 10. motto

guiding principle or goal

11.	company moo	n.	a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
12.	buying fry	n.	a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
13.	emotional agy	n.	extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
14.	scle notes	<i>v</i> .	to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
15.	det a scene	<i>v</i> .	to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
16.	lacks a sense of select	n.	a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself
17.	authoritarian vin	n.	a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
18.	enze a team	<i>v</i> .	to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
19.	proate on my homework	<i>v</i> .	to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring
20.	muy aroma	adj.	having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
21.	a dint person	adj.	showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
22.	rent local dishes	<i>v</i> .	to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
23.	emss political enemy	ν.	to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 11. motto, 12. frenzy, 13. agony, 14. scribble, 15. depict, 16. self-respect, 17. villain, 18. energize, 19. procrastinate, 20. musky, 21. diligent, 22. reinvent, 23. embarrass

24.	dae a carrot	ν.	to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
25.	dit a well-ordered condition	<i>v</i> .	to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
26.	evil vin	n.	a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
27.	a dint search of the files	adj.	showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
28.	ro a project	<i>v</i> .	to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
29.	imse a joke	ν.	to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something
30.	cry atmosphere	adj.	causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
31.	a conon of guilt	n.	a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
32.	outrm other countries	<i>v</i> .	to be or do something compared to others of a similar type

ANSWERS: 24. dangle, 25. disrupt, 26. villain, 27. diligent, 28. redo, 29. improvise, 30. creepy, 31. confession, 32. outperform

33.	follow a dint path	adj.	different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
34.	fry of activity	n.	a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
35.	proate about a big challenge	v.	to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring
36.	resul thinker	adj.	showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
37.	paze a person	<i>v</i> .	to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
38.	pretor mindset	n.	(antonym for "procrastinator") a person who tends to complete tasks as soon as possible, often excessively or prematurely; someone who inclines to finish or accomplish tasks far ahead of the deadline or required time
39.	ste financially	v.	to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
40.	pretor tendencies	n.	(antonym for "procrastinator") a person who tends to complete tasks as soon as possible, often excessively or prematurely; someone who inclines to finish or accomplish tasks far ahead of the deadline or required time
41.	inn civilians	ν.	to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 33. divergent, 34. frenzy, 35. procrastinate, 36. resourceful, 37. paralyze, 38. precrastinator, 39. stumble, 40. precrastinator, 41. intern

42.	dit sleep	v.	to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
43.	dae a pendant	v.	to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
44.	indus student	adj.	hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
45.	rent our life	<i>v</i> .	to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
46.	ane the body	<i>v</i> .	to make something full of interest and energy
47.	rebellious nonist	n.	a person who refuses to conform to established customs, norms, or beliefs, often characterized by independent thinking and behavior; members of Protestant groups in England during the 16th to 19th centuries who dissented from the Church of England
48.	excuse for inon	n.	the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed
49.	ware a goy hat	adj.	silly or foolish
50.	appeared one	adv.	onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
51.	scle on paper	<i>v</i> .	to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

ANSWERS: 42. disrupt, 43. dangle, 44. industrious, 45. reinvent, 46. animate, 47 nonconformist, 48. inaction, 49. goofy, 50. onstage, 51. scribble

52.	market mor	n.	a person or company that specializes in moving goods or possessions from one location to another; a professional moving service or an individual who performs this task for friends, family members, or customers
53.	tl up the mountain	v.	to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
54.	ro a kitchen	ν.	to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
55.	outrm the human brain	<i>v</i> .	to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
56.	imse an escape plan	<i>v</i> .	to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something
57.	walk one	adv.	onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
58.	consequences of inon	n.	the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed
59.	emss my project	<i>v</i> .	to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
60.	ste through life	<i>v</i> .	to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
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58. inaction, 59. embarrass, 60. stumble

61.	artistic nonist	n.	a person who refuses to conform to established customs, norms, or beliefs, often characterized by independent thinking and behavior; members of Protestant groups in England during the 16th to 19th centuries who dissented from the Church of England
62.	paze a city	<i>v</i> .	to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
63.	overcome selbt	n.	lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself
64.	inte terrorism in developing countries	<i>v</i> .	to keep warm and protected, especially to hatch eggs; to develop and nurture
65.	financially bapt	adj.	unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
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67.	with a goy expression	adj.	silly or foolish
68.	indus worker	adj.	hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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ANSWERS: 71. agony, 72. musky, 73. mover, 74. creepy, 75. resourceful, 76. depict, 77. churn, 78. screenwriter

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

1.	The detective investigated all clues.
adj	showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
2.	She over the tree root.
ν.	to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
3.	The shoppers were to get the best deals on Black Friday.
n.	a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
4.	She was and found a solution to the problem on her own.
adj	showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
5.	He the matter until it was almost too late.
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ANSWERS: 9. churned, 10. confession, 11. goofy, 12. precrastinator, 13. redo, 14. disrupt, 15. Inaction

ANSWERS: 16. musky, 17. interned, 18. villain, 19. screenwriter's, 20. paralyzed, 21 nonconformist, 22. self-respect

ANSWERS: 23. creepy, 24. industrious, 25. animated, 26. bankrupt, 27. self-doubt, 28. dangle, 29. energized, 30. mover

one location to another; a professional moving service or an individual who

performs this task for friends, family members, or customers

n.

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ad	v. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
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