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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### divulge

*v.* to reveal or make known something that was previously secret or confidential; to disclose information that was previously concealed or hidden

*synonym* : reveal, disclose, expose

(1) **divulge** whereabouts, (2) **divulge** information

He promised not to **divulge** confidential information to anyone.

### overused

*adj.* used too often or too much, to the point of becoming clichéd; lacking originality

*synonym* : overworked, overutilized, exhausted

(1) **overused** common, (2) **overused** cliché

The concept of time travel has become **overused** in science fiction and fantasy, with many movies and books exploring the idea.

### cliche

*n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

*synonym* : truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

## manipulative

*adj.* characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner

*synonym* : maneuvering, calculating, shrewd

(1) **manipulative** behavior, (2) **manipulative** language

He was accused of being **manipulative** when he lied to his friends to get what he wanted.

## 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.

## synchronize

*v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

*synonym* : coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

## brainwave

*n.* a sudden idea or inspiration; a moment of great insight or creativity

*synonym* : inspiration, brainstorm, revelation

(1) **brainwave** idea, (2) sudden **brainwave**

The engineer had a **brainwave** and redesigned the product to be more efficient.

## startling

*adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

*synonym* : alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

## interconnect

*v.* to connect similar things

*synonym* : interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human

activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

## neuron

*n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

*synonym* : nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

## tangle

*n.* a confused mass of something twisted together

*synonym* : knot, snarl, entanglement

(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires

The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

## recreate

*v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

*synonym* : renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

## teleport

*v.* to transport or transmit instantly from one location to another, typically using advanced technology or imagined supernatural powers

*synonym* : beam, transport, transmit

(1) **teleport** objects through space, (2) **teleport** to any location in the world

The magician seemed to **teleport** instantly from one side of the stage to the other.

## ken

*n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know

*synonym* : knowledge, understanding, familiarity

(1) within my **ken**, (2) **ken** of the person

He had a good **ken** of the city and could easily find his way around.

## hardy

*adj.* able to withstand harsh conditions or difficult circumstances; robust, sturdy, or resilient

*synonym*: tough, sturdy, resilient

(1) **hardy** plants, (2) **hardy** breed

The **hardy** construction workers worked tirelessly in the scorching heat to complete the project.

## stereotype

*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

## teem

*v.* to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily

*synonym*: brim, swarm, overflow

(1) **teem** with activity, (2) **teem** down

The city **teems** with traffic on holiday.

## worldview

*n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

*synonym*: perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

## kitten

*n.* a young cat

*synonym*: catling, kitling, puss

(1) **kitten** formula, (2) newborn **kitten**

The **kitten's** fur was so fluffy that it looked like it was always moving.

## leopard

*n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia

(1) snow **leopard**, (2) **leopard** print

**Leopards** lurked in the grass to catch their prey.

## oppress

*v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

*synonym*: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

## brainwash

*v.* to indoctrinate someone into a belief system or ideology by means of sustained persuasion or propaganda

*synonym*: indoctrinate, manipulate

(1) **brainwash** consumers into buying, (2) **brainwash** young people into joining

The cult leader tried to **brainwash** his followers into believing he was a god.

## provocative

*adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately

*synonym*: instigating, provoking, inciting

(1) **provocative** questions, (2) a **provocative** smile

His **provocative** style frequently sparked controversies.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym*: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

*synonym* : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

## confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym* : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---|---|
| 1. within my k_n                            | <i>n.</i> knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know  |
| 2. we__e on a loom                          | <i>v.</i> to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them |
| 3. ov____ed clich□                          | <i>adj.</i> used too often or too much, to the point of becoming cliched; lacking originality   |
| 4. ha__y plants                             | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand harsh conditions or difficult circumstances; robust, sturdy, or resilient   |
| 5. re____te a single country                | <i>v.</i> to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again   |
| 6. ta___e wires                             | <i>n.</i> a confused mass of something twisted together   |
| 7. the wo____ew of the ancient civilization | <i>n.</i> a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world   |
| 8. pro____ve questions                      | <i>adj.</i> arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately   |
| 9. in a ta___e                              | <i>n.</i> a confused mass of something twisted together   |
| 10. te____rt to any location in the world   | <i>v.</i> to transport or transmit instantly from one location to another, typically using advanced technology or imagined supernatural powers      |

ANSWERS: 1. ken, 2. weave, 3. overused, 4. hardy, 5. recreate, 6. tangle, 7. worldview, 8. provocative, 9. tangle, 10. teleport

11. te\_\_\_\_y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
12. human activities int\_\_\_\_\_ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
13. ne\_\_\_\_n cell body *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
14. ha\_\_y breed *adj.* able to withstand harsh conditions or difficult circumstances; robust, sturdy, or resilient
15. k\_n of the person *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
16. op\_\_\_\_s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
17. ki\_\_\_\_n formula *n.* a young cat
18. t\_\_m with activity *v.* to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily
19. avoid ste\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
20. ov\_\_\_\_ed common *adj.* used too often or too much, to the point of becoming cliched; lacking originality
21. op\_\_\_\_s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

ANSWERS: 11. terrify, 12. interconnect, 13. neuron, 14. hardy, 15. ken, 16. oppress, 17. kitten, 18. teem, 19. stereotype, 20. overused, 21. oppress



22. st\_\_\_\_\_ng discovery *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
23. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
24. le\_\_\_\_\_d print *n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
25. we\_\_e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
26. snow le\_\_\_\_\_d *n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
27. excite the ne\_\_\_\_ns *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
28. co\_\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
29. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
30. te\_\_\_\_\_rt objects through space *v.* to transport or transmit instantly from one location to another, typically using advanced technology or imagined supernatural powers
31. low-r\_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 22. startling, 23. synchronize, 24. leopard, 25. weave, 26. leopard, 27. neuron, 28. confuse, 29. synchronize, 30. teleport, 31. rev

32. mainstream wo\_\_\_\_\_ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
33. t\_\_m down *v.* to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily
34. br\_\_\_\_\_sh young people into joining *v.* to indoctrinate someone into a belief system or ideology by means of sustained persuasion or propaganda
35. a pro\_\_\_\_\_ve smile *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
36. r\_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
37. negative ste\_\_\_\_\_pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
38. newborn ki\_\_\_\_n *n.* a young cat
39. di\_\_\_\_\_e information *v.* to reveal or make known something that was previously secret or confidential; to disclose information that was previously concealed or hidden
40. directly int\_\_\_\_\_ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
41. cl\_\_\_\_e plot *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

ANSWERS: 32. worldview, 33. teem, 34. brainwash, 35. provocative, 36. rev, 37. stereotype, 38. kitten, 39. divulge, 40. interconnect, 41. cliché

42. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener      *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
43. di\_\_\_\_\_e whereabouts      *v.* to reveal or make known something that was previously secret or confidential; to disclose information that was previously concealed or hidden
44. st\_\_\_\_\_ng earthquake shocks      *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
45. br\_\_\_\_\_sh consumers into buying      *v.* to indoctrinate someone into a belief system or ideology by means of sustained persuasion or propaganda
46. re\_\_\_\_\_te the feeling of the 1920s      *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
47. br\_\_\_\_\_ve idea      *n.* a sudden idea or inspiration; a moment of great insight or creativity
48. man\_\_\_\_\_ive language      *adj.* characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner
49. sudden br\_\_\_\_\_ve      *n.* a sudden idea or inspiration; a moment of great insight or creativity
50. age-old cl\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
51. man\_\_\_\_\_ive behavior      *adj.* characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner

ANSWERS: 42. confuse, 43. divulge, 44. startling, 45. brainwash, 46. recreate, 47. brainwave, 48. manipulative, 49. brainwave, 50. cliché, 51. manipulative

52. the threats te\_\_\_\_y him

v. to frighten someone very much

ANSWERS: 52. terrify

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Changing \_\_\_\_\_ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.  
*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
2. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.  
*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
3. He promised not to \_\_\_\_\_ confidential information to anyone.  
*v.* to reveal or make known something that was previously secret or confidential; to disclose information that was previously concealed or hidden
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ construction workers worked tirelessly in the scorching heat to complete the project.  
*adj.* able to withstand harsh conditions or difficult circumstances; robust, sturdy, or resilient
5. The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
6. Using the same \_\_\_\_\_ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.  
*n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
7. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

ANSWERS: 1. stereotypes, 2. confused, 3. divulge, 4. hardy, 5. worldviews, 6. cliché, 7. synchronized

8. He describes the story with \_\_\_\_\_ reality.  
*adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
9. The cult leader tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his followers into believing he was a god.  
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ANSWERS: 8. startling, 9. brainwash, 10. ken, 11. tangled, 12. recreated, 13. interconnect, 14. provocative, 15. neuron, 16. rev

17. The concept of time travel has become \_\_\_\_\_ in science fiction and fantasy, with many movies and books exploring the idea.

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22. He was accused of being \_\_\_\_\_ when he lied to his friends to get what he wanted.

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ANSWERS: 17. overused, 18. oppressed, 19. brainwave, 20. kitten's, 21. weaves, 22. manipulative, 23. Leopards, 24. teems

25. The magician seemed to \_\_\_\_\_ instantly from one side of the stage to the other.

- v. to transport or transmit instantly from one location to another, typically using advanced technology or imagined supernatural powers

26. It would be best not to \_\_\_\_\_ your associates into doing complex tasks.

- v. to frighten someone very much

ANSWERS: 25. teleport, 26. terrify