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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### diplomat

*n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

*synonym* : envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

### bloc

*n.* a group of countries or political parties that have similar interests or goals and often act together

*synonym* : group, alliance, coalition

(1) **bloc** countries, (2) a **bloc** of developing nations

The country decided to join the economic **bloc** to benefit from the trade agreements.

### bury

*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

*synonym* : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

### shockwave

*n.* a wave or series of waves produced by a sudden disturbance, such as an explosion or a supersonic flow,

capable of producing significant changes in pressure, temperature, and density of the medium through which it travels

*synonym* : blast, shock, impact

(1) the propagation of **shockwaves**, (2) **shockwave** effect  
The **shockwave** from the explosion shattered windows for several blocks.

## outlast

*v.* to endure or last longer than something else; to overcome challenges or obstacles and remain in existence

*synonym* : endure, survive, persevere

(1) **outlast** competitors, (2) **outlast** the storm  
Some species of turtles can **outlast** human beings by centuries.

## Armageddon

*n.* a biblical term referring to a final battle or struggle, often associated with cataclysmic events or the end of the world; a great, decisive conflict or confrontation

*synonym* : doomsday, apocalypse, destruction

(1) economic **Armageddon**, (2) **Armageddon** scenario  
The military strategists were preparing for the possibility of a nuclear **Armageddon**.

## instantaneous

*adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment

*synonym* : immediate, prompt, rapid

(1) **instantaneous** reaction, (2) **instantaneous** message  
The new software provides **instantaneous** results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

## incessant

*adj.* continuing without interruption; constant, unceasing, or unremitting

*synonym* : constant, unending, ceaseless

(1) **incessant** chatter, (2) **incessant** rain  
The **incessant** barking of the dog next door kept me up all

night.

## fluent

*adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

*synonym*: eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

## confer

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym*: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## paraphrase

*v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

*synonym*: rephrase, reword, reinterpret

(1) **paraphrase** a poem into prose, (2) **paraphrase** the meaning

He **paraphrased** the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.

## stylistic

*adj.* relating to or concerned with style, especially literary or artistic style

*synonym*: aesthetic, artistic

(1) a rhetorically **stylistic** manner, (2) **stylistic** features

His cultural background influenced the **stylistic** choices of the artist.

## acronym

*n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

*synonym*: abbreviation, initialism, shortcut

(1) **acronym** definition, (2) use an **acronym**

RADAR is an **acronym** for radio detection and ranging.

## aplomb

*n.* self-confidence or assurance, especially in difficult or challenging situations; poise or composure in handling a situation with calmness and confidence

*synonym* : poise, composure, self-assurance

(1) exhibit great **aplomb**, (2) speak with **aplomb**

Despite the chaos, she handled the situation with **aplomb** and grace.

## curveball

*n.* a pitch in baseball that breaks unexpectedly; a surprising or unexpected twist or turn in a situation

*synonym* : surprise, twist, deviation

(1) life's little **curveball**, (2) **curveball** situation

The pitcher threw a sharp **curveball** that the batter was not expecting.

## intimidate

*v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

*synonym* : frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

## voracious

*adj.* having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something

*synonym* : ravenous, insatiable, greedy

(1) **voracious** thirst, (2) **voracious** reader

The **voracious** appetite of the teenager was legendary.

## nuanced

*adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

*synonym* : fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

## catastrophic

*adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

*synonym* : fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

## **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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. economic Arm\_\_\_\_\_on  
*n.* a biblical term referring to a final battle or struggle, often associated with cataclysmic events or the end of the world; a great, decisive conflict or confrontation
2. cat\_\_\_\_\_hic climate change  
*adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
3. a rhetorically st\_\_\_\_\_ic manner  
*adj.* relating to or concerned with style, especially literary or artistic style
4. allied di\_\_\_\_\_at  
*n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
5. b\_\_y in the earth  
*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
6. exhibit great ap\_\_\_b  
*n.* self-confidence or assurance, especially in difficult or challenging situations; poise or composure in handling a situation with calmness and confidence
7. speak with ap\_\_\_b  
*n.* self-confidence or assurance, especially in difficult or challenging situations; poise or composure in handling a situation with calmness and confidence
8. Arm\_\_\_\_\_on scenario  
*n.* a biblical term referring to a final battle or struggle, often associated with cataclysmic events or the end of the world; a great, decisive conflict or confrontation

ANSWERS: 1. Armageddon, 2. catastrophic, 3. stylistic, 4. diplomat, 5. bury, 6. aplomb, 7. aplomb, 8. Armageddon

9. ac\_\_\_\_m definition *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
10. ou\_\_\_\_t the storm *v.* to endure or last longer than something else; to overcome challenges or obstacles and remain in existence
11. par\_\_\_\_se the meaning *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
12. st\_\_\_\_ic features *adj.* relating to or concerned with style, especially literary or artistic style
13. nu\_\_\_\_d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
14. use an ac\_\_\_\_m *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
15. ou\_\_\_\_t competitors *v.* to endure or last longer than something else; to overcome challenges or obstacles and remain in existence
16. a di\_\_\_\_nt search of the files *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
17. a b\_\_c of developing nations *n.* a group of countries or political parties that have similar interests or goals and often act together
18. expel a di\_\_\_\_at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

ANSWERS: 9. acronym, 10. outlast, 11. paraphrase, 12. stylistic, 13. nuanced, 14. acronym, 15. outlast, 16. diligent, 17. bloc, 18. diplomat

19. effectively int\_\_\_\_\_te a thief      *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
20. in a fl\_\_\_\_t tone      *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
21. co\_\_\_\_r honor      *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
22. b\_\_y emotion      *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
23. b\_\_c countries      *n.* a group of countries or political parties that have similar interests or goals and often act together
24. in\_\_\_\_\_nt chatter      *adj.* continuing without interruption; constant, unceasing, or unremitting
25. ins\_\_\_\_\_ous reaction      *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
26. vo\_\_\_\_\_us thirst      *adj.* having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something
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28. vo\_\_\_\_\_us reader      *adj.* having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something

ANSWERS: 19. intimidate, 20. fluent, 21. confer, 22. bury, 23. bloc, 24. incessant, 25. instantaneous, 26. voracious, 27. confer, 28. voracious



29. ins\_\_\_\_\_ous message *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
30. the propagation of sh\_\_\_\_\_ves *n.* a wave or series of waves produced by a sudden disturbance, such as an explosion or a supersonic flow, capable of producing significant changes in pressure, temperature, and density of the medium through which it travels
31. a di\_\_\_\_\_nt person *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
32. in\_\_\_\_\_nt rain *adj.* continuing without interruption; constant, unceasing, or unremitting
33. fl\_\_\_\_t Chinese *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
34. int\_\_\_\_\_te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
35. cu\_\_\_\_\_ll situation *n.* a pitch in baseball that breaks unexpectedly; a surprising or unexpected twist or turn in a situation
36. the common but nu\_\_\_\_\_d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
37. victim of cat\_\_\_\_\_hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
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ANSWERS: 29. instantaneous, 30. shockwave, 31. diligent, 32. incessant, 33. fluent, 34. intimidate, 35. curveball, 36. nuanced, 37. catastrophic, 38. shockwave

39. life's little cu\_\_\_\_\_ll

*n.* a pitch in baseball that breaks unexpectedly; a surprising or unexpected twist or turn in a situation

40. par\_\_\_\_\_se a poem into prose

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ANSWERS: 39. curveball, 40. paraphrase

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.  
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2. She learned five languages but is only \_\_\_\_\_ in two of them.  
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