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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### dedicate

*v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

*synonym*: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

### unimaginable

*adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

*synonym*: unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

### glacier

*n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole

*synonym*: iceberg, ice floe

(1) **glacier** retreat, (2) **glaciers** move tardily

The **glaciers** of the ice age have shaped Fjord.

### humility

*n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

*synonym* : humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

## pervasive

*adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

*synonym* : extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

## sow

*v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

*synonym* : plant, scatter, seed

(1) **sow** wheat in a field, (2) **sow** discord

She carefully **sowed** the seeds in the garden.

## livelihood

*n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

*synonym* : occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

## emit

*v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

*synonym* : give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

## disproportionately

*adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

*synonym* : excessively, unequally

(1) **disproportionately** affected, (2) **disproportionately** high

The rich can often **disproportionately** benefit from tax

breaks and other advantages.

## electrify

*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym*: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

## forcibly

*adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will

*synonym*: violently, roughly, aggressively

(1) **forcibly** remove, (2) **forcibly** taken into a car

The police officer **forcibly** removed the protesters from the public park.

## 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.

## unequal

*adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

*synonym*: unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

## kerosene

*n.* a flammable, colorless, or pale yellow liquid derived from the distillation of petroleum, used as a fuel for lamps, stoves, and heaters

*synonym*: fuel oil, lamp oil, coal oil

(1) **kerosene** stove, (2) burning **kerosene**

The lamp in the cabin burned **kerosene** for light.

## **dung**

*n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement

*synonym* : excrement, droppings, manure

(1) ball of **dung**, (2) **dung** the land

You can see the horse **dung** on the country road.

## **inhale**

*v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke

*synonym* : breathe in, take in, draw in

(1) **inhale** the smoke, (2) **inhale** the aroma

He **inhaled** deeply, trying to calm down.

## **underestimate**

*v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

*synonym* : underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

## **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.

## **imaginative**

*adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas

*synonym* : creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

## **commemorate**

*v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

*synonym* : honor, remember, celebrate

(1) **commemorate** her long life, (2) **commemorate** a deed  
The country **commemorated** the war heroes on Memorial Day.

## devastation

*n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

*synonym*: destruction, ruin, havoc

(1) financial **devastation**, (2) **devastation** to life

The economic recession caused **devastation** in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

## flinch

*v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily

*synonym*: shudder, recoil, wince

(1) **flinch** at the noise, (2) **flinch** from the truth

I couldn't help but **flinch** when the door slammed shut.

## marshal

*n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

*synonym*: marshal, commander, organizer

(1) **marshal** the books into their proper places, (2) deputy **marshal**

The event organizer appointed a professional **marshal** to manage the flow of traffic.

## devastate

*v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

*synonym*: demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

## reconstruct

*v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

*synonym* : rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text  
They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

## trajectory

*n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space

*synonym* : course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

## environmentalist

*n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

*synonym* : conservationist

(1) dedicated **environmentalist**, (2) an **environmentalist** political party

The **environmentalist** lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.

## papal

*adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

*synonym* : pontifical, papistic, apostolical

(1) **papal** authority, (2) **papal** visit

The **papal** palace was a grand and imposing structure.

## divest

*v.* to strip or rid oneself of something; to deprive or dispossess someone of a possession, title, or right

*synonym* : divestiture, strip, rid

(1) **divest** assets, (2) **divest** from fossil fuels

The company decided to **divest** its holdings in the fossil fuel industry.

## 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.

## placard

*n.* a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement

*synonym* : poster, sign, billboard

(1) **placard** campaign, (2) warning **placard**

The protesters held a **placard** with their political message.

## grandchild

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

*synonym* : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. fo_____ly remove               | <i>adv.</i> done by physical power or violence; against someone's will                               |
| 2. gra_____ld development         | <i>n.</i> a child of someone's son or daughter   |
| 3. an env_____ist political party | <i>n.</i> a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment |
| 4. de_____te an area              | <i>v.</i> to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage                                    |
| 5. career tra_____ry              | <i>n.</i> the curved path followed by an object moving through space                                 |
| 6. a means of liv_____od          | <i>n.</i> a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.      |
| 7. ind_____us worker              | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort  |
| 8. rec_____ct the original text   | <i>v.</i> to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed                        |
| 9. uni_____ble depths             | <i>adj.</i> beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision           |
| 10. dedicated env_____ist         | <i>n.</i> a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment |
| 11. in___e the smoke              | <i>v.</i> to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke                                  |

ANSWERS: 1. forcibly, 2. grandchild, 3. environmentalist, 4. devastate, 5. trajectory, 6. livelihood, 7. industrious, 8. reconstruct, 9. unimaginable, 10. environmentalist, 11. inhale



12. fl\_\_\_h from the truth      *v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily
13. pa\_\_l authority      *adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
14. de\_\_\_\_\_te a chapter to the subject      *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
15. co\_\_\_r degree      *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
16. dis\_\_\_\_\_ely affected      *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
17. warning pl\_\_\_\_d      *n.* a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement
18. ind\_\_\_\_\_ized textile production      *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
19. uni\_\_\_\_\_ble horror      *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
20. d\_\_g the land      *n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement

ANSWERS: 12. flinch, 13. papal, 14. dedicate, 15. confer, 16. disproportionately, 17. placard, 18. industrialize, 19. unimaginable, 20. dung

21. ind\_\_\_\_\_ize service      *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
22. pl\_\_\_\_\_d campaign      *n.* a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement
23. burning ke\_\_\_\_\_ne      *n.* a flammable, colorless, or pale yellow liquid derived from the distillation of petroleum, used as a fuel for lamps, stoves, and heaters
24. di\_\_\_\_t from fossil fuels      *v.* to strip or rid oneself of something; to deprive or dispossess someone of a possession, title, or right
25. di\_\_\_\_t assets      *v.* to strip or rid oneself of something; to deprive or dispossess someone of a possession, title, or right
26. dis\_\_\_\_\_ely high      *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
27. in\_\_\_\_e the aroma      *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
28. com\_\_\_\_\_te her long life      *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
29. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process      *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
30. un\_\_\_\_\_l distribution      *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

ANSWERS: 21. industrialize, 22. placard, 23. kerosene, 24. divest, 25. divest, 26. disproportionately, 27. inhale, 28. commemorate, 29. electrify, 30. unequal

31. s\_w wheat in a field *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
32. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
33. ke\_\_\_\_\_ne stove *n.* a flammable, colorless, or pale yellow liquid derived from the distillation of petroleum, used as a fuel for lamps, stoves, and heaters
34. e\_\_t air pollution *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
35. pa\_\_l visit *adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
36. deputy ma\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
37. fo\_\_\_\_\_ly taken into a car *adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
38. the pe\_\_\_\_\_ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
39. lack of hu\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
40. e\_\_t a gamma ray *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

ANSWERS: 31. sow, 32. grandchild, 33. kerosene, 34. emit, 35. papal, 36. marshal, 37. forcibly, 38. pervasive, 39. humility, 40. emit

41. gl\_\_\_\_\_rs move tardily *n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
42. ma\_\_\_\_\_l the books into their proper places *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
43. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
44. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
45. com\_\_\_\_\_te a deed *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
46. capable of ima\_\_\_\_\_ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
47. financial dev\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
48. s\_w discord *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
49. liv\_\_\_\_\_od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

ANSWERS: 41. glacier, 42. marshal, 43. opportune, 44. opportune, 45. commemorate, 46. imaginative, 47. devastation, 48. sow, 49. livelihood

50. a tra\_\_\_\_\_ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
51. co\_\_\_\_r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
52. ima\_\_\_\_\_ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
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58. de\_\_\_\_\_te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We were filled with \_\_\_\_\_ at the sight of the Queen.  
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*v.* to strip or rid oneself of something; to deprive or dispossess someone of a possession, title, or right
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