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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### gladiator

*n.* a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences

*synonym*: fighter, warrior, combatant

(1) act like a **gladiator**, (2) the Christian **gladiator**

The **gladiator's** training regimen included physical conditioning, weapons training, and strategy.

### mania

*n.* a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something

*synonym*: obsession, craze, frenzy

(1) start-up **mania**, (2) dance **mania**

The **mania** for collecting rare books led him to spend his savings on a first edition.

## disastrous

*adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

*synonym*: catastrophic, destructive, fatal

(1) have **disastrous** consequences, (2) absolutely **disastrous** effect

The emission of hazardous substances has **disastrous** effects on the ecology of a region.

## takeaway

*n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

*synonym*: conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

## monomania

*n.* an obsessive preoccupation or excessive enthusiasm for a single subject or idea; an abnormal level of interest or focus on a specific topic

*synonym*: obsession, fixation, possession

(1) **monomania** with her diet, (2) fashion **monomania**

The writer's **monomania** in crafting the perfect sentence often led to writer's block.

## creditor

*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

## underpin

*v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something

*synonym*: support, foundation, base

(1) **underpin** a structure, (2) **underpin** democratization

The research findings **underpin** the theory that human activities cause global warming.

## societal

*adj.* relating to society or social relationships

*synonym*: social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

### exacerbate

*v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

*synonym* : worsen, aggravate, escalate

(1) **exacerbate** the situation, (2) **exacerbate** symptoms

The heat wave **exacerbated** the drought conditions.

### addict

*n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

*synonym* : devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

### entrenched

*adj.* established firmly and securely

*synonym* : deep-rooted, confirmed, ingrained

(1) **entrenched** ideas, (2) **entrenched** positions

The monarch exploited the peasants using its **entrenched** power.

### 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.

### juxtapose

*v.* to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity

*synonym* : place side by side, compare, contrast

(1) **juxtapose** images, (2) **juxtapose** two ideas

The artist likes to **juxtapose** different styles and colors in her paintings.

### philanthropy

*n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

*synonym* : altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**  
Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

## quadruple

v. to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many

(1) **quadruple** the amount, (2) **quadruple** the price of gold  
His stock earnings **quadrupled**.

## prosperous

*adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

*synonym*: successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

## displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

*synonym*: evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

## plead

v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

*synonym*: beg, implore, supplicate

(1) **plead** for mercy, (2) **plead** a political cause

He **pleaded** with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

## blacksmith

*n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

## crumble

v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

*synonym* : disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. so\_\_\_\_al expectations *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
2. bla\_\_\_\_\_th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
3. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. exa\_\_\_\_\_te the situation *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
5. bla\_\_\_\_\_th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
6. st\_\_\_\_\_ng discovery *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
7. exa\_\_\_\_\_te symptoms *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
8. ju\_\_\_\_\_se images *v.* to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity
9. di\_\_\_\_\_ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
10. qu\_\_\_\_\_le the amount *v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
11. a drug ad\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

ANSWERS: 1. societal, 2. blacksmith, 3. opportune, 4. exacerbate, 5. blacksmith, 6. startling, 7. exacerbate, 8. juxtapose, 9. displace, 10. quadruple, 11. addict

12. dance ma\_\_a *n.* a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something
13. so\_\_\_\_al norms *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
14. mo\_\_\_\_\_ia with her diet *n.* an obsessive preoccupation or excessive enthusiasm for a single subject or idea; an abnormal level of interest or focus on a specific topic
15. fashion mo\_\_\_\_\_ia *n.* an obsessive preoccupation or excessive enthusiasm for a single subject or idea; an abnormal level of interest or focus on a specific topic
16. phi\_\_\_\_\_opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
17. ent\_\_\_\_\_ed ideas *adj.* established firmly and securely
18. bankrupt cr\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
19. qu\_\_\_\_\_le the price of gold *v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
20. ta\_\_\_\_\_ay pizza *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
21. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
22. act like a gl\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences

ANSWERS: 12. mania, 13. societal, 14. monomania, 15. monomania, 16. philanthropy, 17. entrenched, 18. creditor, 19. quadruple, 20. takeaway, 21. opportune, 22. gladiator

23. began to cr\_\_\_\_\_e under financial pressure  
*v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
24. have dis\_\_\_\_\_us consequences  
*adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
25. Internet ad\_\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
26. ta\_\_\_\_\_ay message  
*n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
27. pl\_\_d a political cause  
*v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
28. un\_\_\_\_\_in a structure  
*v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
29. pro\_\_\_\_\_us weather  
*adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
30. private phi\_\_\_\_\_opy  
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ANSWERS: 23. crumble, 24. disastrous, 25. addict, 26. takeaway, 27. plead, 28. underpin, 29. prosperous, 30. philanthropy, 31. prosperous, 32. crumble, 33. displace, 34. juxtapose



35. st\_\_\_\_\_ng earthquake shocks *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
36. the Christian gl\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences
37. the cr\_\_\_\_\_or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
38. un\_\_\_\_\_in democratization *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
39. ent\_\_\_\_\_ed positions *adj.* established firmly and securely
40. absolutely dis\_\_\_\_\_us effect *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
41. pl\_\_d for mercy *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
42. start-up ma\_\_a *n.* a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something

ANSWERS: 35. startling, 36. gladiator, 37. creditor, 38. underpin, 39. entrenched, 40. disastrous, 41. plead, 42. mania

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His stock earnings \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
2. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on \_\_\_\_\_.  
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3. The writer's \_\_\_\_\_ in crafting the perfect sentence often led to writer's block.  
*n.* an obsessive preoccupation or excessive enthusiasm for a single subject or idea; an abnormal level of interest or focus on a specific topic
4. The artist likes to \_\_\_\_\_ different styles and colors in her paintings.  
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5. I asked the lawyer to initiate \_\_\_\_\_ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.  
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*adj.* relating to society or social relationships
7. The company decided to invest in a \_\_\_\_\_ industry.  
*adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
8. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
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ANSWERS: 1. quadrupled, 2. philanthropy, 3. monomania, 4. juxtapose, 5. creditor, 6. societal, 7. prosperous, 8. opportune

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10. We have become TV \_\_\_\_\_ due to video streaming services.
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11. The research findings \_\_\_\_\_ the theory that human activities cause global warming.
- v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
12. The emission of hazardous substances has \_\_\_\_\_ effects on the ecology of a region.
- adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ training regimen included physical conditioning, weapons training, and strategy.
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ANSWERS: 16. mania, 17. entrenched, 18. startling, 19. displace, 20. exacerbated, 21. blacksmith