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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### congest

*v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

*synonym*: clog, choke, crowd

(1) **congest** in a vein, (2) **congest** a highway

The roads to the airport were heavily **congested**.

### smartphone

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

### jitney

*n.* a small bus or van used for transportation, often operating on a fixed route and charging a low fare

*synonym*: shuttle, minibus, van

(1) **jitney** service, (2) hail a **jitney**

I took a **jitney** to get across town since it was quicker than waiting for a bus.

### salesperson

*n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

*synonym*: dealer, seller, vendor

(1) a **salesperson** in a store, (2) a drapery **salesperson**

He received the title of the best **salesperson** in all our branches worldwide.

## trolley

*n.* a wheeled cart or platform used for transporting items or goods; (in British English) a device for collecting electrical power from an overhead line to power an electric vehicle; (in American English) a shopping cart used in supermarkets

*synonym* : cart, tram, tramcar

(1) **trolley** cart, (2) shopping **trolley**

The tourists enjoyed taking a ride on the historic **trolley** in the city.

## slang

*n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context

*synonym* : lingo, jargon, vernacular

(1) **slang** phrases, (2) Internet **slang**

A lot of **slang** words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.

## juggernaut

*n.* a large, unstoppable force or machine that crushes everything in its path; a powerful and overwhelming force or institution

*synonym* : powerhouse, behemoth, giant

(1) **juggernaut** growth, (2) marketing **juggernaut**

The tech giant has become a **juggernaut** in the industry with no sign of slowing down.

## pricy

*adj.* expensive or costly; having a high price or worth

*synonym* : expensive, costly, dear

(1) **pricy** hotel, (2) **pricy** gift

The restaurant had **pricy** menu items, but the food was worth it.

## pernicious

*adj.* causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way

*synonym*: harmful, malicious, destructive

(1) **pernicious** effect, (2) **pernicious** disease

The **pernicious** influence of the corrupt officials had a detrimental effect on the town.

## skyrocket

*v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;

*synonym*: rocket, soar, shoot up

(1) **skyrocket** the cost, (2) price **skyrocketed**

Production has decreased, but costs and unemployment have **skyrocketed** dramatically.

## footprint

*n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

*synonym*: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

## spew

*v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts

*synonym*: vomit, spout, discharge

(1) **spew** carbon dioxide, (2) **spew** insults

The volcano started to **spew** lava and ash, causing panic among residents.

## skyscraper

*n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city

*synonym*: high-rise, tower

(1) **skyscraper** apartment house, (2) steel-framed **skyscraper**

The 50-floor **skyscraper** loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.

## resound

*v.* to make a loud, deep sound that echoes

*synonym*: echo, reverberate, ring

(1) **resound** with his fame, (2) **resound** in an enclosure

The sound of the drums **resounded** through the concert hall.

## carpool

*n.* a group of people who regularly travel together in one vehicle, typically to commute to work or school

*synonym*: ride-share, car-sharing, lift-share

(1) **carpool** lane, (2) **carpool** program

I'm looking for a **carpool** buddy to share the drive to the conference.

## commuter

*n.* a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car

*synonym*: traveler, passenger

(1) **commuter** shuttle, (2) daily **commuter**

The **commuter** train was delayed due to a signal failure on the line.

## commute

*v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

*synonym*: travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

## app

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

*synonym*: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

## hitch

*v.* to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle

*synonym*: fasten, jerk, tether

(1) **hitch** a ride, (2) **hitch** up my trousers

The mechanics **hitched** the trailer to the broken-down car.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym*: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## 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.

## excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## reclaim

*v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

*synonym*: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

## astound

*v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

*synonym*: amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

## rickshaw

*n.* a light two- or three-wheeled passenger carriage, typically pulled by a human runner or cyclist, commonly used in some Asian cities as a mode of transportation

*synonym* : pedicab, jinrikisha

(1) ride a **rickshaw**, (2) traditional **rickshaw**

In some cities, you can ride a **rickshaw** for a unique experience.

## Sanskrit

*n.* an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years

(1) **Sanskrit** language, (2) **Sanskrit** literature

Some Indian classical dances and music are based on **Sanskrit** scriptures and texts.

## mandarin

*n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China

*synonym* : Chinese, Beijing dialect

(1) ancient **mandarin** house, (2) **Mandarin** Chinese  
**Mandarin** dialects typically have relatively few vowels.

## enigma

*n.* a puzzling or mysterious person, place, or thing; something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain; a riddle or mysterious puzzle that requires a solution

*synonym* : mystery, puzzle, riddle

(1) mysterious **enigma**, (2) artistic **enigma**

The ancient text remains an **enigma**, challenging scholars to unravel its meaning.

## 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.

## 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.

## relentless

*adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

*synonym*: unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure  
The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

## summon

*v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

*synonym*: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council  
The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

## visionary

*adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

*synonym*: prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas  
The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

## diver

*n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey

*synonym*: plunger, frogman, loon

(1) professional **diver**, (2) deep-sea **diver**  
The search and rescue team sent a team of **divers** to search for the missing plane wreckage.

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym*: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## **optimist**

*n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

*synonym*: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. hail a ji\_\_\_y *n.* a small bus or van used for transportation, often operating on a fixed route and charging a low fare
2. hi\_\_h up my trousers *v.* to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle
3. mysterious en\_\_\_a *n.* a puzzling or mysterious person, place, or thing; something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain; a riddle or mysterious puzzle that requires a solution
4. as\_\_\_\_\_d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
5. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
6. cannot log in to the a\_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
7. su\_\_\_n a city council *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
8. shopping tr\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a wheeled cart or platform used for transporting items or goods; (in British English) a device for collecting electrical power from an overhead line to power an electric vehicle; (in American English) a shopping cart used in supermarkets

ANSWERS: 1. jitney, 2. hitch, 3. enigma, 4. astound, 5. improvisation, 6. app, 7. summon, 8. trolley

9. s\_\_w carbon dioxide      *v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
10. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
11. sl\_\_g phrases      *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
12. sk\_\_\_\_\_et the cost      *v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
13. daily co\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car
14. killer a\_p      *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
15. artistic en\_\_\_a      *n.* a puzzling or mysterious person, place, or thing; something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain; a riddle or mysterious puzzle that requires a solution
16. pr\_\_y gift      *adj.* expensive or costly; having a high price or worth
17. s\_\_w insults      *v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts

ANSWERS: 9. spew, 10. opportune, 11. slang, 12. skyrocket, 13. commuter, 14. app, 15. enigma, 16. pricy, 17. spew

18. hi\_\_h a ride *v.* to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle
19. ent\_\_\_\_\_ed positions *adj.* established firmly and securely
20. jug\_\_\_\_\_ut growth *n.* a large, unstoppable force or machine that crushes everything in its path; a powerful and overwhelming force or institution
21. steel-framed sky\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
22. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
23. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
24. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
25. professional di\_\_r *n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
26. re\_\_\_\_\_d in an enclosure *v.* to make a loud, deep sound that echoes
27. co\_\_\_\_\_t in a vein *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
28. per\_\_\_\_\_us disease *adj.* causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way
29. daily co\_\_\_\_\_e *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

ANSWERS: 18. hitch, 19. entrenched, 20. juggernaut, 21. skyscraper, 22. industrious, 23. smartphone, 24. excite, 25. diver, 26. resound, 27. congest, 28. pernicious, 29. commute

30. face rel\_\_\_\_\_ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
31. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
32. re\_\_\_\_\_m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
33. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
34. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
35. re\_\_\_\_\_m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
36. ji\_\_\_\_y service *n.* a small bus or van used for transportation, often operating on a fixed route and charging a low fare
37. ca\_\_\_\_\_l program *n.* a group of people who regularly travel together in one vehicle, typically to commute to work or school
38. ancient ma\_\_\_\_\_in house *n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China
39. rel\_\_\_\_\_ss attack *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
40. a sal\_\_\_\_\_on in a store *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
41. co\_\_\_\_\_t a highway *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

ANSWERS: 30. relentless, 31. smartphone, 32. reclaim, 33. improvisation, 34. opportune, 35. reclaim, 36. jitney, 37. carpool, 38. mandarin, 39. relentless, 40. salesperson, 41. congest

42. fo\_\_\_\_\_nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
43. ca\_\_\_\_\_l lane *n.* a group of people who regularly travel together in one vehicle, typically to commute to work or school
44. Ma\_\_\_\_\_in Chinese *n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China
45. ent\_\_\_\_\_ed ideas *adj.* established firmly and securely
46. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
47. marketing jug\_\_\_\_\_ut *n.* a large, unstoppable force or machine that crushes everything in its path; a powerful and overwhelming force or institution
48. sky\_\_\_\_\_er apartment house *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
49. ex\_\_\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
50. co\_\_\_\_\_er shuttle *n.* a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car
51. a drapery sal\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
52. Sa\_\_\_\_\_it language *n.* an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years

ANSWERS: 42. footprint, 43. carpool, 44. mandarin, 45. entrenched, 46. determinant, 47. juggernaut, 48. skyscraper, 49. excite, 50. commuter, 51. salesperson, 52. Sanskrit

53. ride a ri\_\_\_\_aw *n.* a light two- or three-wheeled passenger carriage, typically pulled by a human runner or cyclist, commonly used in some Asian cities as a mode of transportation
54. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
55. per\_\_\_\_\_us effect *adj.* causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way
56. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
57. re\_\_\_\_\_d with his fame *v.* to make a loud, deep sound that echoes
58. Internet sl\_\_g *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
59. co\_\_\_\_\_e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
60. price sk\_\_\_\_\_eted *v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
61. deep-sea di\_\_r *n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey

ANSWERS: 53. rickshaw, 54. industrious, 55. pernicious, 56. determinant, 57. resound, 58. slang, 59. commute, 60. skyrocket, 61. diver

62. op\_\_\_\_st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
63. pr\_\_y hotel *adj.* expensive or costly; having a high price or worth
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69. su\_\_\_n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
70. Sa\_\_\_\_\_it literature *n.* an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years

ANSWERS: 62. optimist, 63. pricy, 64. visionary, 65. rickshaw, 66. visionary, 67. optimist, 68. footprint, 69. summon, 70. Sanskrit

71. tr\_\_\_\_y cart

*n.* a wheeled cart or platform used for transporting items or goods; (in British English) a device for collecting electrical power from an overhead line to power an electric vehicle; (in American English) a shopping cart used in supermarkets

72. as\_\_\_\_d the viewer

*v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

ANSWERS: 71. trolley, 72. astound



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The final result was nothing short of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
2. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.  
*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
3. You may be entitled to \_\_\_\_\_ some tax.  
*v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
4. The sound of the drums \_\_\_\_\_ through the concert hall.  
*v.* to make a loud, deep sound that echoes
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ANSWERS: 1. astounding, 2. determinant, 3. reclaim, 4. resounded, 5. entrenched, 6. commute, 7. app's, 8. enigma,

9. I'm looking for a \_\_\_\_\_ buddy to share the drive to the conference.  
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10. The roads to the airport were heavily \_\_\_\_\_.  
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20. Production has decreased, but costs and unemployment have \_\_\_\_\_ dramatically.  
*v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
21. Some Indian classical dances and music are based on \_\_\_\_\_ scriptures and texts.  
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22. The \_\_\_\_\_ influence of the corrupt officials had a detrimental effect on the town.  
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ANSWERS: 17. commuter, 18. visionary, 19. improvisation, 20. skyrocketed, 21. Sanskrit, 22. pernicious, 23. opportune

24. He received the title of the best \_\_\_\_\_ in all our branches worldwide.  
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ANSWERS: 24. salesperson, 25. Mandarin, 26. skyscraper, 27. divers, 28. trolley, 29. slang, 30. excited, 31. smartphones

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