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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### rainforest

*n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

### cacophony

*n.* a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds; a jarring or unpleasant noise or combination of sounds

*synonym*: discord, noise, dissonance

(1) **cacophony** of sound, (2) emotional **cacophony**

The construction next door has created a constant **cacophony** of drilling and hammering.

### rhinoceros

*n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.

*synonym*: rhino, horned beast, pachyderm

(1) **rhinoceros** habitat, (2) white **rhinoceros**

The baby **rhinoceros** at the wildlife sanctuary was recently born and is very cute.

### hornbill

*n.* a large tropical bird with a bill that is usually curved and often brightly colored

(1) **hornbill** species, (2) Oriental **hornbill**

In the tropical rainforest, you might spot a colorful **hornbill** flying overhead.

### **cicada**

*n.* a large, loud insect with long wings that is known for the sound it makes

*synonym*: locust, grasshopper, cricket

(1) **cicada** lifecycle, (2) brown **cicada**

The **cicadas'** loud chirping can be heard throughout the forest in the summer.

### **gibbon**

*n.* a type of small to medium-sized ape found in the tropical forests of Southeast Asia, known for their long arms, agile movement, and distinct vocalizations

*synonym*: ape, primate, monkey

(1) **gibbon** conservation, (2) hoolock **gibbon**

The **gibbons'** loud calls echo through the forest, announcing their territories to rival groups.

### **rehabilitate**

*v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

*synonym*: reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

### **chainsaw**

*n.* a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects

*synonym*: handsaw, power saw, buzz saw

(1) use a **chainsaw**, (2) sharpen a **chainsaw**

The lumberjack used his **chainsaw** to chop through the tree's thick trunk.

### **stumble**

*v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

*synonym*: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

## tempting

*adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

*synonym* : alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

## 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.

## 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.

## deforest

*v.* to clear an area of forest or trees

*synonym* : clear-cut, strip, denude

(1) **deforest** a mountain, (2) **deforest** millions of acres

The company planned to **deforest** a large rainforest area to make way for a new plantation.

## unsolved

*adj.* not yet understood, explained, or resolved; remaining a mystery or enigma

*synonym* : unresolved, mysterious, perplexing

(1) **unsolved** mystery, (2) **unsolved** crime

The case remains **unsolved** after years of investigation.

## recycle

*v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

*synonym*: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

## byproduct

*n.* a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else

*synonym*: side effect, spinoff, outgrowth

(1) toxic **byproducts**, (2) **byproduct** of technology

The **byproduct** of the energy production process is a large amount of carbon dioxide emissions.

## unprotected

*adj.* not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense

*synonym*: uncovered, defenseless, vulnerable

(1) **unprotected** area, (2) **unprotected** Wi-Fi

It's important never to have **unprotected** sex to prevent the spread of STDs.

## deterrent

*n.* something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle

*synonym*: hindrance, obstacle, impediment

(1) criminal **deterrent**, (2) nuclear **deterrent**

The threat of punishment serves as a **deterrent** for many people who might consider committing a crime.

## periphery

*n.* the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people

*synonym*: edge, border, margin

(1) around the **periphery**, (2) **periphery** countries

The factory was located on the city's **periphery**, away from residential areas.

## afterlife

*n.* life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions

*synonym*: eternal life, immortality, hereafter

(1) **afterlife** name, (2) corporate **afterlife**

The belief in an **afterlife** comforted those mourning the loss of their loved ones.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. un\_\_\_\_\_ed crime *adj.* not yet understood, explained, or resolved; remaining a mystery or enigma
2. emotional ca\_\_\_\_\_ny *n.* a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds; a jarring or unpleasant noise or combination of sounds
3. 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
4. re\_\_\_\_\_e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
5. st\_\_\_\_\_e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
6. around the pe\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people
7. Oriental ho\_\_\_\_\_ll *n.* a large tropical bird with a bill that is usually curved and often brightly colored
8. brown ci\_\_\_\_\_a *n.* a large, loud insect with long wings that is known for the sound it makes
9. toxic by\_\_\_\_\_cts *n.* a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else

ANSWERS: 1. unsolved, 2. cacophony, 3. dedicate, 4. recycle, 5. stumble, 6. periphery, 7. hornbill, 8. cicada, 9. byproduct

10. un\_\_\_\_\_ed mystery *adj.* not yet understood, explained, or resolved; remaining a mystery or enigma
11. ho\_\_\_\_\_ll species *n.* a large tropical bird with a bill that is usually curved and often brightly colored
12. pe\_\_\_\_\_ry countries *n.* the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people
13. rai\_\_\_\_\_st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
14. de\_\_\_\_\_st a mountain *v.* to clear an area of forest or trees
15. sound very te\_\_\_\_\_ng *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
16. unp\_\_\_\_\_ed area *adj.* not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense
17. de\_\_\_\_\_te a few hours *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
18. st\_\_\_\_\_e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
19. white rhi\_\_\_\_\_os *n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
20. hoolock gi\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a type of small to medium-sized ape found in the tropical forests of Southeast Asia, known for their long arms, agile movement, and distinct vocalizations

ANSWERS: 10. unsolved, 11. hornbill, 12. periphery, 13. rainforest, 14. deforest, 15. tempting, 16. unprotected, 17. dedicate, 18. stumble, 19. rhinoceros, 20. gibbon

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| 21. de_____st millions of acres       | v. | to clear an area of forest or trees  |
| 22. re_____e the cardboard boxes      | v. | to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again   |
| 23. 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                             |
| 24. use a ch_____aw                   | n. | a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects   |
| 25. ci____a lifecycle                 | n. | a large, loud insect with long wings that is known for the sound it makes  |
| 26. ca_____ny of sound                | n. | a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds; a jarring or unpleasant noise or combination of sounds  |
| 27. reh_____ate prisoners             | v. | to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment |
| 28. corporate af_____fe               | n. | life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions  |
| 29. af_____fe name                    | n. | life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions  |
| 30. by_____ct of technology           | n. | a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else   |
| 31. nuclear de_____nt                 | n. | something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle                                 |

ANSWERS: 21. deforest, 22. recycle, 23. electrify, 24. chainsaw, 25. cicada, 26. cacophony, 27. rehabilitate, 28. afterlife, 29. afterlife, 30. byproduct, 31. deterrent



32. sharpen a ch\_\_\_\_aw *n.* a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects
33. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
34. te\_\_\_\_\_ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
35. unp\_\_\_\_\_ed Wi-Fi *adj.* not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense
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ANSWERS: 32. chainsaw, 33. electrify, 34. tempting, 35. unprotected, 36. deterrent, 37. rhinoceros, 38. rainforest, 39. gibbon, 40. rehabilitate

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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 15. recycle, 16. stumbled, 17. byproduct, 18. gibbons', 19. unprotected, 20. tempting