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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### insurgent

*adj.* rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency

*synonym* : subversive, rebellious, mutinous

(1) **insurgent** attack, (2) **insurgent** group

The government forces fought brutally against the **insurgent** rebels in the remote region.

### descendant

*n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

*synonym* : child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation

#### **descendant**

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

### inhabitant

*n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

*synonym* : dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

### exhume

*v.* to dig up or remove something, especially a corpse, from a grave or other burial place; to uncover or bring something hidden or forgotten to light

*synonym* : unearth, disinter

(1) **exhume** remains, (2) **exhume** the past  
The authorities had to **exhume** the body for further investigation into the cause of death.

## gunshot

*n.* the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target

*synonym*: shot, blast, gunfire

(1) **gunshot** wound, (2) **gunshot** residue  
The loud **gunshot** startled the wildlife in the nearby forest.

## machete

*n.* a large, heavy knife with a broad blade used for cutting vegetation or, in some cultures, as a weapon

*synonym*: panga, chopper, sword

(1) sharp **machete**, (2) rusty **machete**  
The farmer used a steel **machete** to clear away the dense underbrush in the field.

## smuggle

*v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country  
He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

## jot

*v.* to write quickly or briefly

*synonym*: note, scribble, write down

(1) **jot** off a letter, (2) **jot** down ideas  
I'll **jot** down the address, so I don't forget it.

## rectangle

*n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length

*synonym*: oblong, square, quadrangle

(1) orthogonal **rectangle**, (2) **rectangle** box  
The living room had a **rectangle-shaped** coffee table in the center of it.

## 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.

## peacekeeping

*n.* the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives

*synonym*: peacebuilding, peacemaking, reconciliation

(1) **peacekeeping** efforts, (2) **peacekeeping** force

The **peacekeeping** mission in the war-torn country was challenging but necessary.

## ironic

*adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

*synonym*: sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

## blindfold

*n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

(1) **blindfold** game, (2) **blindfold** challenge

The doctor administered a **blindfold** test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.

## massacre

*n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

*synonym* : slaughter, bloodbath, butchery

(1) **massacre** in the village, (2) animal **massacre**

The **massacre** of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

## archaeology

*n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

## anthropology

*n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

## voiceless

*adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak

*synonym* : mute, silent, speechless

(1) **voiceless** consonant, (2) **voiceless** minority

The **voiceless** screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. sm_____e drugs                    | <i>v.</i> to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally   |
| 2. sm_____e herself out of a country | <i>v.</i> to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally   |
| 3. social ant_____ogy                | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species |
| 4. rusty ma_____e                    | <i>n.</i> a large, heavy knife with a broad blade used for cutting vegetation or, in some cultures, as a weapon   |
| 5. vo_____ss minority                | <i>adj.</i> without a voice or the ability to speak   |
| 6. ant_____ogy of religion           | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species |
| 7. j_t off a letter                  | <i>v.</i> to write quickly or briefly   |
| 8. gu_____t wound                    | <i>n.</i> the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target                                 |
| 9. inh_____nt tax                    | <i>n.</i> a person or an animal that lives in a particular place  |

ANSWERS: 1. smuggle, 2. smuggle, 3. anthropology, 4. machete, 5. voiceless, 6. anthropology, 7. jot, 8. gunshot, 9. inhabitant

10. an ir\_\_\_c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
11. ma\_\_\_\_\_re in the village *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
12. vo\_\_\_\_\_ss consonant *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
13. prehistoric arc\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
14. ir\_\_\_c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
15. re\_\_\_\_\_le box *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
16. ex\_\_\_e the past *v.* to dig up or remove something, especially a corpse, from a grave or other burial place; to uncover or bring something hidden or forgotten to light
17. sharp ma\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a large, heavy knife with a broad blade used for cutting vegetation or, in some cultures, as a weapon
18. pea\_\_\_\_\_ing force *n.* the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives

ANSWERS: 10. ironic, 11. massacre, 12. voiceless, 13. archaeology, 14. ironic, 15. rectangle, 16. exhume, 17. machete, 18. peacekeeping

19. bl\_\_\_\_\_ld game *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
20. in\_\_\_\_\_nt group *adj.* rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency
21. in\_\_\_\_\_nt attack *adj.* rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency
22. j\_t down ideas *v.* to write quickly or briefly
23. bl\_\_\_\_\_ld challenge *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
24. des\_\_\_\_\_nt of a pioneer *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
25. animal ma\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

ANSWERS: 19. blindfold, 20. insurgent, 21. insurgent, 22. jot, 23. blindfold, 24. descendant, 25. massacre

26. the institute of arc\_\_\_\_\_gy      *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
27. 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)
28. orthogonal re\_\_\_\_\_le      *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
29. the early inh\_\_\_\_\_nts of Europe      *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
30. ex\_\_\_\_\_e remains      *v.* to dig up or remove something, especially a corpse, from a grave or other burial place; to uncover or bring something hidden or forgotten to light
31. gu\_\_\_\_\_t residue      *n.* the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target
32. pea\_\_\_\_\_ing efforts      *n.* the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives
33. third-generation des\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
34. 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)

ANSWERS: 26. archaeology, 27. acronym, 28. rectangle, 29. inhabitant, 30. exhume, 31. gunshot, 32. peacekeeping, 33. descendant, 34. acronym



ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The authorities had to \_\_\_\_\_ the body for further investigation into the cause of death.  
*v.* to dig up or remove something, especially a corpse, from a grave or other burial place; to uncover or bring something hidden or forgotten to light
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.  
*adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
3. She teaches \_\_\_\_\_ at the local university.  
*n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
4. The doctor administered a \_\_\_\_\_ test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.  
*n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
5. Those warriors' \_\_\_\_\_ are still skilled archers.  
*n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
6. He was able to \_\_\_\_\_ a gun inside the prison.  
*v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
7. His family is the oldest \_\_\_\_\_ of the island.  
*n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

ANSWERS: 1. exhume, 2. voiceless, 3. archaeology, 4. blindfold, 5. descendants, 6. smuggle, 7. inhabitant

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.
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9. The \_\_\_\_\_ mission in the war-torn country was challenging but necessary.
- n.* the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives
10. The farmer used a steel \_\_\_\_\_ to clear away the dense underbrush in the field.
- n.* a large, heavy knife with a broad blade used for cutting vegetation or, in some cultures, as a weapon
11. The loud \_\_\_\_\_ startled the wildlife in the nearby forest.
- n.* the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target
12. The government forces fought brutally against the \_\_\_\_\_ rebels in the remote region.
- adj.* rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency
13. It was \_\_\_\_\_ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.
- adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
14. I'll \_\_\_\_ down the address, so I don't forget it.
- v.* to write quickly or briefly

ANSWERS: 8. massacre, 9. peacekeeping, 10. machete, 11. gunshot, 12. insurgent, 13. ironic, 14. jot

15. The areas of \_\_\_\_\_ and psychology are significantly related to one another.

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16. The living room had a \_\_\_\_\_ coffee table in the center of it.

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ANSWERS: 15. anthropology, 16. rectangle-shaped, 17. acronym