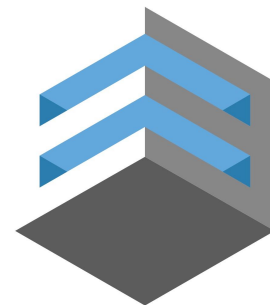


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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### defuse

v. to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved

*synonym*: calm, reduce, deactivate

(1) **defuse** a crisis, (2) **defuse** a bomb

The negotiator skillfully **defused** the tense situation with calm words and gestures.

### degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

*synonym*: demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

### 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.

## infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

*synonym*: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

## 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.

## inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

*synonym*: shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

## pluck

v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

*synonym*: grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

## interspace

n. the space between objects or parts, especially between two closely positioned objects; an interval or gap between two things

*synonym*: gap, interval, space

(1) **interspace** for natural light, (2) **interspace** between teeth

The surgeon made an incision in the **interspace** between two ribs to access the patient's lungs.

## palindrome

n. a word, phrase, or sequence of characters that reads the same backward as forward, such as "racecar" or

"level"; (of medicine and genetics) a sequence of DNA or RNA that is the same when read from 5' (five prime, denoting ends of DNA or RNA) to 3' on one strand and from 5' to 3' on the complementary strand

*synonym* : word palindrome, reversible, mirror-image word

(1) **palindrome** phrase, (2) **palindrome** number

The word "deified" is an example of a **palindrome**, where it reads the same backward as it does forward.

## 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.

## progeny

*n.* the descendants or offspring of a person, animal, or plant

*synonym* : offspring, children, descendants

(1) **progeny** viral DNA, (2) **progeny** of plants

The royal family has much **progeny** scattered across the globe.

## vaccinate

*v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

*synonym* : immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

## sentinel

*n.* a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security

*synonym* : guard, watchman, lookout

(1) **sentinel** duty, (2) **sentinel** lymph node

The security camera acted as a **sentinel**, monitoring the area

for suspicious activity.

## cleave

*v.* to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively

*synonym*: split, sever, cleave

(1) **cleave** meat, (2) **cleave** the party

He swung the axe with all his might to **cleave** the wood in half.

## helix

*n.* a three-dimensional spiral shape or structure, particularly like that of a spring or a DNA molecule

*synonym*: coil, spiral, twist

(1) **helix** structure, (2) alpha **helix**

The DNA molecule is shaped like a double **helix**.

## typo

*n.* a mistake made in typing or the reproduction of a text

*synonym*: error, mistake, misprint

(1) full of **typos**, (2) **typo-free** resume

I noticed a **typo** in the company's annual report, stating the wrong profit margin.

## envision

*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

*synonym*: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

## disrupt

*v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

*synonym*: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

## cyst

*n.* a sac, cavity, or abnormal growth in the body that is typically filled with fluid or semisolid material; usually

benign but can also be cancerous and require treatment  
*synonym* : abscess, sac, lump

(1) **cyst** removal, (2) ovarian **cyst**

The patient was sent for an X-ray to determine the cause of the **cyst** in her abdomen.

## fibrosis

*n.* the formation of excess fibrous connective tissue in an organ or tissue, often associated with inflammation, scarring, or injury; a pathological condition that can affect various organs and tissues of the body, leading to impaired function and potential organ failure

*synonym* : scarring, hardening, fibrotic disease

(1) **fibrosis** diagnosis, (2) pulmonary **fibrosis**

The doctor diagnosed him with cardiac **fibrosis**, which put him at risk for heart failure.

## inefficient

*adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

*synonym* : ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

## rewire

*v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

*synonym* : rewire, renovate, upgrade

(1) **rewire** a house, (2) **rewire** a program

I need to **rewire** the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.

## 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**.

## sickle

*n.* a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated

with harvest or death

*synonym* : scythe, crescent, cutter

(1) **sickle-shaped** moon, (2) harvest **sickle**

The blade of the **sickle** glinted in the sunlight as he swung it back and forth.

## **anemia**

*n.* a medical condition in which the body lacks enough red blood cells or hemoglobin, causing fatigue, weakness, or difficulty breathing; a lack of vitality or liveliness in something

*synonym* : bloodlessness, pallor, weakness

(1) **anemia** symptoms, (2) **anemia** disease

The doctor diagnosed the patient with **anemia** due to a lack of iron in their blood.

## **unintended**

*adj.* not planned or meant

*synonym* : accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

## **commercialize**

*v.* to make something available for sale or use on a large scale

*synonym* : monetize, capitalize, marketize

(1) **commercialize** my patents, (2) **commercialize** idea

The company is trying to **commercialize** its new product.

## **trait**

*n.* a particular feature of your nature

*synonym* : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

## **moratorium**

*n.* a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision

*synonym* : suspension, pause, halt

(1) a temporary **moratorium** on evictions, (2) impose **moratorium**

The council has decided to impose a **moratorium** on building new houses in the area.

## quarantine

*n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease

*synonym*: isolation, confinement, restriction

(1) out of **quarantine**, (2) mandatory **quarantine**

Due to the outbreak, the government imposed a two-week **quarantine** for all travelers.

## complication

*n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

*synonym*: confusion, complexity, difficulty

(1) **complication** of structure, (2) resolve without **complication**

He also continued to struggle with serious long-term **complications**.

## blueprint

*n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

*synonym*: draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**

A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

## genesis

*n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind

*synonym*: beginning, creation, provenance

(1) the **genesis** of civilization, (2) in the Book of **Genesis**

The politician's remarks became the **genesis** of the clash between the two countries.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. in the Book of Ge_____s         | <i>n.</i> the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind |
| 2. en_____on the project's success | <i>v.</i> to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future   |
| 3. di_____t sleep                  | <i>v.</i> to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance                        |
| 4. mandatory qua_____ne            | <i>n.</i> a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease   |
| 5. en_____on the future            | <i>v.</i> to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future   |
| 6. in____t other animal species    | <i>v.</i> to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism  |
| 7. the ge_____s of civilization    | <i>n.</i> the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind |
| 8. re_____e a program              | <i>v.</i> to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns                    |

ANSWERS: 1. genesis, 2. envision, 3. disrupt, 4. quarantine, 5. envision, 6. infect, 7. genesis, 8. rewire



9. pal\_\_\_\_\_me phrase *n.* a word, phrase, or sequence of characters that reads the same backward as forward, such as "racecar" or "level"; (of medicine and genetics) a sequence of DNA or RNA that is the same when read from 5' (five prime, denoting ends of DNA or RNA) to 3' on one strand and from 5' to 3' on the complementary strand
10. architect's bl\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
11. se\_\_\_\_\_el duty *n.* a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security
12. resolve without com\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
13. se\_\_\_\_\_el lymph node *n.* a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security
14. pal\_\_\_\_\_me number *n.* a word, phrase, or sequence of characters that reads the same backward as forward, such as "racecar" or "level"; (of medicine and genetics) a sequence of DNA or RNA that is the same when read from 5' (five prime, denoting ends of DNA or RNA) to 3' on one strand and from 5' to 3' on the complementary strand
15. cl\_\_\_e the party *v.* to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively

ANSWERS: 9. palindrome, 10. blueprint, 11. sentinel, 12. complication, 13. sentinel, 14. palindrome, 15. cleave

16. as\_\_\_\_d the viewer      *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
17. in\_\_\_t a computer with a virus      *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
18. he\_\_x structure      *n.* a three-dimensional spiral shape or structure, particularly like that of a spring or a DNA molecule
19. com\_\_\_\_\_ize my patents      *v.* to make something available for sale or use on a large scale
20. so\_\_\_\_al expectations      *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
21. re\_\_\_e a house      *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
22. t\_\_o-free resume      *n.* a mistake made in typing or the reproduction of a text
23. de\_\_\_\_\_e his public image      *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
24. ovarian c\_\_t      *n.* a sac, cavity, or abnormal growth in the body that is typically filled with fluid or semisolid material; usually benign but can also be cancerous and require treatment
25. ine\_\_\_\_\_nt use      *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

ANSWERS: 16. astound, 17. infect, 18. helix, 19. commercialize, 20. societal, 21. rewire, 22. typo, 23. degrade, 24. cyst, 25. inefficient

26. de\_\_\_e a crisis *v.* to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved
27. uni\_\_\_\_\_ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
28. c\_\_t removal *n.* a sac, cavity, or abnormal growth in the body that is typically filled with fluid or semisolid material; usually benign but can also be cancerous and require treatment
29. fi\_\_\_\_\_is diagnosis *n.* the formation of excess fibrous connective tissue in an organ or tissue, often associated with inflammation, scarring, or injury; a pathological condition that can affect various organs and tissues of the body, leading to impaired function and potential organ failure
30. uni\_\_\_\_\_ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
31. 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)
32. com\_\_\_\_\_ion of structure *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
33. in\_\_\_t a personal opinion into a debate *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

ANSWERS: 26. defuse, 27. unintended, 28. cyst, 29. fibrosis, 30. unintended, 31. acronym, 32. complication, 33. inject

34. cl\_\_\_e meat *v.* to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively
35. int\_\_\_\_\_ce for natural light *n.* the space between objects or parts, especially between two closely positioned objects; an interval or gap between two things
36. pr\_\_\_\_\_y of plants *n.* the descendants or offspring of a person, animal, or plant
37. alpha he\_\_x *n.* a three-dimensional spiral shape or structure, particularly like that of a spring or a DNA molecule
38. 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)
39. pr\_\_\_\_\_y viral DNA *n.* the descendants or offspring of a person, animal, or plant
40. chemical tr\_\_t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
41. ine\_\_\_\_\_nt management *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
42. full of t\_\_os *n.* a mistake made in typing or the reproduction of a text
43. an\_\_\_a symptoms *n.* a medical condition in which the body lacks enough red blood cells or hemoglobin, causing fatigue, weakness, or difficulty breathing; a lack of vitality or liveliness in something

ANSWERS: 34. cleave, 35. interspace, 36. progeny, 37. helix, 38. acronym, 39. progeny, 40. trait, 41. inefficient, 42. typo, 43. anemia

44. pl\_\_k out weeds *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
45. out of qua\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
46. va\_\_\_\_\_te against scarlet fever *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
47. so\_\_\_\_\_al norms *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
48. de\_\_\_\_\_e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
49. com\_\_\_\_\_ize idea *v.* to make something available for sale or use on a large scale
50. as\_\_\_\_\_d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
51. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
52. an\_\_\_\_a disease *n.* a medical condition in which the body lacks enough red blood cells or hemoglobin, causing fatigue, weakness, or difficulty breathing; a lack of vitality or liveliness in something
53. pl\_\_k a gray hair *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

ANSWERS: 44. pluck, 45. quarantine, 46. vaccinate, 47. societal, 48. degrade, 49. commercialize, 50. astound, 51. opportune, 52. anemia, 53. pluck

54. impose mor\_\_\_\_\_um *n.* a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision
55. si\_\_\_e-shaped moon *n.* a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death
56. va\_\_\_\_\_te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
57. a temporary mor\_\_\_\_\_um on evictions *n.* a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision
58. in\_\_\_t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
59. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
60. harvest si\_\_\_e *n.* a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death
61. di\_\_\_\_\_t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
62. bl\_\_\_\_\_nt for economic reform *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

ANSWERS: 54. moratorium, 55. sickle, 56. vaccinate, 57. moratorium, 58. inject, 59. opportune, 60. sickle, 61. disrupt, 62. blueprint

63. int\_\_\_\_\_ce between teeth *n.* the space between objects or parts, especially between two closely positioned objects; an interval or gap between two things
64. pulmonary fi\_\_\_\_\_is *n.* the formation of excess fibrous connective tissue in an organ or tissue, often associated with inflammation, scarring, or injury; a pathological condition that can affect various organs and tissues of the body, leading to impaired function and potential organ failure
65. personality tr\_\_ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
66. de\_\_\_e a bomb *v.* to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved

ANSWERS: 63. interspace, 64. fibrosis, 65. trait, 66. defuse

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The system is still so \_\_\_\_\_ that it is useless.  
*adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
  
2. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ yourself by allowing them to use you.  
*v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
  
3. Let's try to \_\_\_\_\_ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.  
*v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
  
4. The politician's remarks became the \_\_\_\_\_ of the clash between the two countries.  
*n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
  
5. Due to the outbreak, the government imposed a two-week \_\_\_\_\_ for all travelers.  
*n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
  
6. The patient was sent for an X-ray to determine the cause of the \_\_\_\_\_ in her abdomen.  
*n.* a sac, cavity, or abnormal growth in the body that is typically filled with fluid or semisolid material; usually benign but can also be cancerous and require treatment

ANSWERS: 1. inefficient, 2. degrade, 3. inject, 4. genesis, 5. quarantine, 6. cyst



7. The security camera acted as a \_\_\_\_\_ monitoring the area for suspicious activity.
- n.* a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security
8. The council has decided to impose a \_\_\_\_\_ on building new houses in the area.
- n.* a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision
9. The doctor diagnosed him with cardiac \_\_\_\_\_ which put him at risk for heart failure.
- n.* the formation of excess fibrous connective tissue in an organ or tissue, often associated with inflammation, scarring, or injury; a pathological condition that can affect various organs and tissues of the body, leading to impaired function and potential organ failure
10. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring \_\_\_\_\_ consequences.
- adj.* not planned or meant
11. He swung the axe with all his might to \_\_\_\_\_ the wood in half.
- v.* to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively
12. I noticed a \_\_\_\_\_ in the company's annual report, stating the wrong profit margin.
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ANSWERS: 7. sentinel, 8. moratorium, 9. fibrosis, 10. unintended, 11. cleave, 12. typo, 13. commercialize

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15. Children often \_\_\_\_\_ parents with this head cold.
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- n.* a particular feature of your nature
21. A business plan is a \_\_\_\_\_ for your success.
- n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

ANSWERS: 14. disrupt, 15. infect, 16. helix, 17. plucked, 18. progeny, 19. interspace, 20. traits, 21. blueprint

22. RADAR is an \_\_\_\_\_ for radio detection and ranging.
- 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)
23. The \_\_\_\_\_ pressure to conform is strong in this community.
- adj.* relating to society or social relationships
24. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.
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ANSWERS: 22. acronym, 23. societal, 24. rewire, 25. palindrome, 26. astounding, 27. opportune, 28. defused

29. The nurse \_\_\_\_\_ the children in the school.

- v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

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- v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

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ANSWERS: 29. vaccinated, 30. envision, 31. complications, 32. sickle, 33. anemia