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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### indistinct

*adj.* not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood

*synonym* : faint, blurred, hazy

(1) **indistinct** memory, (2) **indistinct** pronunciation

The **indistinct** shape in the fog made it difficult to determine what it was.

### 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.

### refute

*v.* to say or prove that something is wrong or false

*synonym* : disavow, rebut, counter

(1) **refute** an opponent, (2) **refute** the foolish idea

The latest experimental results have **refuted** the previous speculation.

### hedonist

*n.* a person who believes that pleasure and happiness are the most important goals in life

*synonym* : pleasure-seeker, sensualist, sybarite

(1) **hedonist** lifestyle, (2) aesthetic **hedonist**

The **hedonist's** extravagant spending and indulgent lifestyle eventually caught up with him, and he was forced to make major changes.

## limitless

*adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

*synonym*: boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential

The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

## dissuade

*v.* to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action

*synonym*: discourage, deter, convince

(1) **dissuade** a person, (2) **dissuade** him from committing the crime

He tried to **dissuade** her from quitting her job.

## unbeknownst

*adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation

*synonym*: secretly, covertly

(1) **unbeknownst** to me, (2) **unbeknownst** to any of us

**Unbeknownst** to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.

## rendezvous

*n.* a meeting or appointment that has been arranged beforehand; a gathering of people in a pre-arranged location

*synonym*: meeting, appointment, encounter

(1) romantic **rendezvous**, (2) business **rendezvous**

Our **rendezvous** point was the coffee shop on the corner.

## bliss

*n.* extreme happiness or joy

*synonym*: delight, euphoria, happiness

(1) ignorance is **bliss**, (2) ultimate **bliss**

The first two years of her marriage were sheer **bliss**.

## infidelity

*n.* the quality or state of being unfaithful, especially having sex with someone who is not your partner

*synonym*: disloyalty, adultery, affair

(1) alleged **infidelity**, (2) act of **infidelity**

She forgave him for his **infidelity**.

## pleasurable

*adj.* giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable

*synonym*: comforting, enjoyable, gratifying

(1) a **pleasurable** experience, (2) have a very **pleasurable** time

Our marital life was full of happiness and **pleasurable** excitement.

## imperfectly

*adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way

*synonym*: amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. have a very ple_____le time | <i>adj.</i> giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable   |
| 2. unb_____st to any of us     | <i>adv.</i> without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation                |
| 3. ultimate bl__s              | <i>n.</i> extreme happiness or joy   |
| 4. li_____ss potential         | <i>adj.</i> without end, limit, or boundary; infinite  |
| 5. act of inf_____ty           | <i>n.</i> the quality or state of being unfaithful, especially having sex with someone who is not your partner         |
| 6. sound very te_____ng        | <i>adj.</i> likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe   |
| 7. for a li_____ss time        | <i>adj.</i> without end, limit, or boundary; infinite  |
| 8. imp_____ly developed        | <i>adv.</i> in a faulty or incomplete way  |
| 9. ignorance is bl__s          | <i>n.</i> extreme happiness or joy   |
| 10. romantic ren_____us        | <i>n.</i> a meeting or appointment that has been arranged beforehand; a gathering of people in a pre-arranged location |
| 11. business ren_____us        | <i>n.</i> a meeting or appointment that has been arranged beforehand; a gathering of people in a pre-arranged location |
| 12. ind_____ct memory          | <i>adj.</i> not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood   |

ANSWERS: 1. pleasurable, 2. unbeknownst, 3. bliss, 4. limitless, 5. infidelity, 6. tempting, 7. limitless, 8. imperfectly, 9. bliss, 10. rendezvous, 11. rendezvous, 12. indistinct

13. re\_\_\_e an opponent *v.* to say or prove that something is wrong or false
14. di\_\_\_\_de him from committing the crime *v.* to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action
15. a ple\_\_\_\_\_le experience *adj.* giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable
16. te\_\_\_\_\_ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
17. he\_\_\_\_\_st lifestyle *n.* a person who believes that pleasure and happiness are the most important goals in life
18. unb\_\_\_\_\_st to me *adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
19. ind\_\_\_\_\_ct pronunciation *adj.* not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood
20. aesthetic he\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who believes that pleasure and happiness are the most important goals in life
21. re\_\_\_e the foolish idea *v.* to say or prove that something is wrong or false
22. di\_\_\_\_de a person *v.* to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action
23. alleged inf\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or state of being unfaithful, especially having sex with someone who is not your partner

ANSWERS: 13. refute, 14. dissuade, 15. pleasurable, 16. tempting, 17. hedonist, 18. unbeknownst, 19. indistinct, 20. hedonist, 21. refute, 22. dissuade, 23. infidelity

24. imp\_\_\_\_\_ly known disease

*adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way

ANSWERS: 24. imperfectly

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She forgave him for his \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the quality or state of being unfaithful, especially having sex with someone who is not your partner
2. The possibilities for scientific discovery are \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
3. He created an \_\_\_\_\_ shaped torso.  
*adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
4. Our \_\_\_\_\_ point was the coffee shop on the corner.  
*n.* a meeting or appointment that has been arranged beforehand; a gathering of people in a pre-arranged location
5. Our marital life was full of happiness and \_\_\_\_\_ excitement.  
*adj.* giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable
6. The chocolate cake was too \_\_\_\_\_ for me to resist.  
*adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
7. The first two years of her marriage were sheer \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* extreme happiness or joy
8. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her from quitting her job.  
*v.* to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action

ANSWERS: 1. infidelity, 2. limitless, 3. imperfectly, 4. rendezvous, 5. pleasurable, 6. tempting, 7. bliss, 8. dissuade

9. \_\_\_\_\_ to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.  
*adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
10. The latest experimental results have \_\_\_\_\_ the previous speculation.  
*v.* to say or prove that something is wrong or false
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ extravagant spending and indulgent lifestyle eventually caught up with him, and he was forced to make major changes.  
*n.* a person who believes that pleasure and happiness are the most important goals in life
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ shape in the fog made it difficult to determine what it was.  
*adj.* not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood

ANSWERS: 9. Unbeknownst, 10. refuted, 11. hedonist's, 12. indistinct