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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### retinoblastoma

*n.* a rare type of malignant tumor that develops in the retina of the eye, primarily affecting young children, characterized by abnormal cell growth and can lead to vision loss or other eye-related complications if left untreated

*synonym* : ocular cancer, eye tumor

(1) **retinoblastoma** tumor, (2) **retinoblastoma** gene

Early detection and treatment of **retinoblastoma** can save both vision and lives.

### retina

*n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball

(1) **retinal** cells, (2) **retina** scanner

Damage to the **retina** may play a role in the development of glaucoma.

### awaken

*v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

*synonym* : rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child

The friend's death **awakens** them.

### crib

*n.* a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers

*synonym* : bed, bassinet, cradle

(1) **crib** bed, (2) baby **crib**

She put the baby in the portable **crib** for a nap.

## **incomprehensible**

*adj.* impossible to understand or explain; not able to be grasped or comprehended

*synonym* : unintelligible, unfathomable, inexplicable

(1) **incomprehensible** jargon, (2) **incomprehensible** math problem

The mathematical formula was **incomprehensible** to most of the students.

## **epitome**

*n.* a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type

*synonym* : embodiment, apotheosis

(1) an **epitome** of history, (2) world's **epitome**

He was the **epitome** of courage, always standing up for his beliefs.

## **hapless**

*adj.* having no luck; unfortunate

*synonym* : unfortunate, unlucky, pitiable

(1) her **hapless** fate, (2) **hapless** situation

The **hapless** victim had no way to defend themselves.

## **ravage**

*v.* to cause damage to something badly

*synonym* : devastate, ruin, destroy

(1) **ravage** a country, (2) **ravage** the brain

A large fire **ravaged** the forest.

## **poetic**

*adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

*synonym* : literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

## pragmatic

*adj.* practical rather than idealistic

*synonym* : practical, realistic, down-to-earth

(1) **pragmatic** approach, (2) **pragmatic** politics

He was a **pragmatic** leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

## adaptable

*adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations

*synonym* : flexible, adjustable, elastic

(1) **adaptable** enough for the environment, (2) an **adaptable** person

We seek a candidate who possesses **adaptable** fighting potential.

## immobilize

*v.* to render someone or something unable to move or function normally; to restrain, inhibit, or stop

*synonym* : incapacitate, paralyze, disable

(1) **immobilize** the city, (2) **immobilize** our opponent

The paramedics had to **immobilize** the accident victim to prevent further injury during transport to the hospital.

## dignify

*v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant

*synonym* : elevate, ennoble, honor

(1) **dignify** the role, (2) **dignify** the occasion

It's important to **dignify** other people's opinions and not dismiss them without consideration.

## imaginable

*adj.* capable of being imagined

*synonym* : conceivable, plausible, possible

(1) easily **imaginable**, (2) worst **imaginable** case

This is the only **imaginable** strategy.

## mishap

*n.* an unfortunate or unlucky accident or incident, often resulting in injury or damage

*synonym* : accident, misfortune, incident

(1) avoidable **mishap**, (2) unfortunate **mishap**  
The small **mishap** caused a delay in the construction schedule.

## moniker

*n.* a name or nickname, especially one that is unconventional or adopted rather than given  
*synonym*: name, nickname, alias

(1) royal **moniker**, (2) commonly used **moniker**  
The **moniker** of The King of Pop will forever be associated with Michael Jackson.

## whoosh

*n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound  
*synonym*: swoosh, swish, whizz

(1) **whoosh** of a falling object, (2) hear a **whoosh**  
The **whoosh** of the wind through the trees was the only sound in the forest.

## endemic

*adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area  
*synonym*: prevalent, widespread, native

(1) **endemic** disease, (2) cholera- **endemic** area  
Malaria is **endemic** in many tropical countries.

## lectern

*n.* a tall stand or podium with a slanted top used to hold a book or notes from which a speaker can read or deliver a speech  
*synonym*: podium, stand, platform

(1) portable **lectern**, (2) **lectern** microphone  
The speaker stood confidently behind the wooden **lectern**, ready to deliver their important speech.

## centimeter

*n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter  
(1) **centimeter** measurement, (2) thirty **centimeters** tall

The room was only one **centimeter** wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.

## 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.

## terrify

*v.* to frighten someone very much

*synonym*: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

## exemplify

*v.* to serve as a typical example of something

*synonym*: illustrate, show, demonstrate

(1) **exemplify** the importance, (2) **exemplify** the solution

The example of a successful startup serves to **exemplify** the potential of the industry.

## ovation

*n.* a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected

*synonym*: applause, accolade, praise

(1) standing **ovation**, (2) spontaneous **ovation**

The singer received an **ovation** from the crowd after her performance.

## instruct

*v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

*synonym*: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

## loudspeaker

*n.* an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas

*synonym* : speaker, loudhailer, megaphone

(1) wireless **loudspeaker**, (2) **loudspeaker** system

The teacher spoke through the **loudspeaker** so that every student could hear the announcement.

## fidget

*v.* to make small, restless movements; to be unable to sit still

*synonym* : fiddle, jiggle, squirm

(1) **fidget** with hands, (2) **fidget** on my lap

He **fidgeted** with his pen while waiting for the interview to begin.

## curvature

*n.* the degree to which a line or surface deviates from being straight or flat; a measure of the amount of bending of a curve

*synonym* : bend, arch, bow

(1) the degree of **curvature**, (2) spinal **curvature**

The **curvature** of the earth can be seen from space.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. di\_\_\_\_y the role  
*v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
2. ret\_\_\_\_\_oma gene  
*n.* a rare type of malignant tumor that develops in the retina of the eye, primarily affecting young children, characterized by abnormal cell growth and can lead to vision loss or other eye-related complications if left untreated
3. worst ima\_\_\_\_\_le case  
*adj.* capable of being imagined
4. pr\_\_\_\_\_ic approach  
*adj.* practical rather than idealistic
5. imm\_\_\_\_\_ze the city  
*v.* to render someone or something unable to move or function normally; to restrain, inhibit, or stop
6. an ad\_\_\_\_\_le person  
*adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
7. te\_\_\_\_\_y people  
*v.* to frighten someone very much
8. re\_\_\_al cells  
*n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
9. royal mo\_\_\_\_\_r  
*n.* a name or nickname, especially one that is unconventional or adopted rather than given
10. standing ov\_\_\_\_\_n  
*n.* a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected

ANSWERS: 1. dignify, 2. retinoblastoma, 3. imaginable, 4. pragmatic, 5. immobilize, 6. adaptable, 7. terrify, 8. retina, 9. moniker, 10. ovation

11. an ep\_\_\_\_\_e of history *n.* a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type
12. imm\_\_\_\_\_ze our opponent *v.* to render someone or something unable to move or function normally; to restrain, inhibit, or stop
13. lou\_\_\_\_\_er system *n.* an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas
14. le\_\_\_\_\_n microphone *n.* a tall stand or podium with a slanted top used to hold a book or notes from which a speaker can read or deliver a speech
15. wireless lou\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas
16. wh\_\_\_h of a falling object *n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
17. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
18. cholera-en\_\_\_\_\_c area *adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
19. ha\_\_\_\_\_s situation *adj.* having no luck; unfortunate

ANSWERS: 11. epitome, 12. immobilize, 13. loudspeaker, 14. lectern, 15. loudspeaker, 16. whoosh, 17. opportune, 18. endemic, 19. hapless



20. cen\_\_\_\_\_er measurement *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
21. po\_\_\_c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
22. fi\_\_\_t on my lap *v.* to make small, restless movements; to be unable to sit still
23. the degree of cu\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the degree to which a line or surface deviates from being straight or flat; a measure of the amount of bending of a curve
24. avoidable mi\_\_\_p *n.* an unfortunate or unlucky accident or incident, often resulting in injury or damage
25. hear a wh\_\_\_h *n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
26. her ha\_\_\_\_\_s fate *adj.* having no luck; unfortunate
27. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
28. inc\_\_\_\_\_ble jargon *adj.* impossible to understand or explain; not able to be grasped or comprehended
29. thirty cen\_\_\_\_\_ers tall *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

ANSWERS: 20. centimeter, 21. poetic, 22. fidget, 23. curvature, 24. mishap, 25. whoosh, 26. hapless, 27. opportune, 28. incomprehensible, 29. centimeter

30. baby c\_\_b *n.* a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers
31. ret\_\_\_\_\_oma tumor *n.* a rare type of malignant tumor that develops in the retina of the eye, primarily affecting young children, characterized by abnormal cell growth and can lead to vision loss or other eye-related complications if left untreated
32. ex\_\_\_\_\_fy the importance *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
33. spinal cu\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the degree to which a line or surface deviates from being straight or flat; a measure of the amount of bending of a curve
34. in\_\_\_\_\_ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
35. ra\_\_\_e the brain *v.* to cause damage to something badly
36. pr\_\_\_\_\_ic politics *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
37. world's ep\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type
38. en\_\_\_\_\_c disease *adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
39. inc\_\_\_\_\_ble math problem *adj.* impossible to understand or explain; not able to be grasped or comprehended

ANSWERS: 30. crib, 31. retinoblastoma, 32. exemplify, 33. curvature, 34. instruct, 35. ravage, 36. pragmatic, 37. epitome, 38. endemic, 39. incomprehensible

40. in\_\_\_\_\_ct a computer      *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
41. c\_\_b bed      *n.* a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers
42. portable le\_\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a tall stand or podium with a slanted top used to hold a book or notes from which a speaker can read or deliver a speech
43. easily ima\_\_\_\_\_le      *adj.* capable of being imagined
44. fi\_\_\_t with hands      *v.* to make small, restless movements; to be unable to sit still
45. commonly used mo\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a name or nickname, especially one that is unconventional or adopted rather than given
46. ex\_\_\_\_\_fy the solution      *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
47. di\_\_\_\_\_y the occasion      *v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
48. ad\_\_\_\_\_le enough for the environment      *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
49. unfortunate mi\_\_\_p      *n.* an unfortunate or unlucky accident or incident, often resulting in injury or damage
50. re\_\_\_a scanner      *n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
51. the threats te\_\_\_\_\_y him      *v.* to frighten someone very much

ANSWERS: 40. instruct, 41. crib, 42. lectern, 43. imaginable, 44. fidget, 45. moniker, 46. exemplify, 47. dignify, 48. adaptable, 49. mishap, 50. retina, 51. terrify

52. aw\_\_\_n at daybreak  
*v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
53. spontaneous ov\_\_\_\_n  
*n.* a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected
54. po\_\_\_c genius  
*adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
55. ra\_\_\_e a country  
*v.* to cause damage to something badly
56. aw\_\_\_n a child  
*v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

ANSWERS: 52. awaken, 53. ovation, 54. poetic, 55. ravage, 56. awaken

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Early detection and treatment of \_\_\_\_\_ can save both vision and lives.
  - n.* a rare type of malignant tumor that develops in the retina of the eye, primarily affecting young children, characterized by abnormal cell growth and can lead to vision loss or other eye-related complications if left untreated
  
2. Malaria is \_\_\_\_\_ in many tropical countries.
  - adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
  
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5. The paramedics had to \_\_\_\_\_ the accident victim to prevent further injury during transport to the hospital.
  - v.* to render someone or something unable to move or function normally; to restrain, inhibit, or stop
  
6. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.
  - adj.* practical rather than idealistic
  
7. Damage to the \_\_\_\_\_ may play a role in the development of glaucoma.
  - n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball

ANSWERS: 1. retinoblastoma, 2. endemic, 3. awakens, 4. instructed, 5. immobilize, 6. pragmatic, 7. retina

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*adj.* capable of being imagined

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