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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

*synonym*: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

### elude

v. to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning

*synonym*: evade, avoid, dodge

(1) **elude** the law, (2) **elude** responsibility for the failure

The suspect **eluded** capture for weeks before being caught by the police.

### repress

v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

*synonym*: suppress, control, curb

(1) cannot **repress** laughter, (2) **repress** gene expression

He **repressed** the memories of his traumatic childhood.

### emigrate

v. to leave one's country or region to settle in another

*synonym*: migrate, relocate, move

(1) **emigrate** to a new country, (2) **emigrate** for better opportunities

Many people **emigrated** from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.

## defy

*v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

*synonym*: challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

## finagle

*v.* to obtain something deceitfully or by trickery; to manipulate or finesse something to achieve a desired outcome

*synonym*: trick, manipulate, scheme

(1) **finagle** a deal, (2) **finagle** an invitation

She managed to **finagle** her way into the VIP section of the concert.

## bravery

*n.* courage in the face of danger

*synonym*: courage, valor, heroism

(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire

His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

## 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.

## impersonal

*adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person

*synonym*: detached, unemotional

(1) **impersonal** communication, (2) **impersonal** treatment  
The high-rise office building had an **impersonal** atmosphere, making it feel corporate and uninviting.

## **inundate**

*v.* to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something

*synonym*: flood, submerge, overwhelm

(1) **inundate** swaths of farmland, (2) **inundate** his entire body

The heavy rain **inundated** the low-lying areas and caused flooding.

## **turbulent**

*adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

*synonym*: chaotic, stormy, tumultuous

(1) **turbulent** waves, (2) **turbulent** age

The stock market has been **turbulent** lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.

## **steer**

*v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

*synonym*: guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

## **glazed**

*adj.* having a shiny surface or coating, as if covered in glass; having a dull, blank expression

*synonym*: shiny, glossy, glassy

(1) **glazed** roofing tile, (2) **glazed** finish

He looked at her with a **glazed** expression, not quite comprehending what she was saying.

## **fable**

*n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

*synonym*: fantasy, story, legend

(1) classic **fable**, (2) moralize a **fable**

In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known **fable**.

## porridge

*n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners

*synonym* : oatmeal, gruel, mush

(1) oat **porridge**, (2) sweet **porridge**

A bowl of hot **porridge** is a nutritious breakfast option in winter.

## awry

*adv.* in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss

*synonym* : amiss, askew, incorrect

(1) **awry** plan, (2) **awry** hair

The plans for the surprise party went **awry** when the cake was ruined.

## outperform

*v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type

*synonym* : beat, exceed, surpass

(1) **outperform** other countries, (2) **outperform** the human brain

They consistently **outperformed** other teams in the league.

## incentivize

*v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

*synonym* : encourage, motivate

(1) **incentivize** carpooling, (2) **incentivize** the right behavior

Governments **incentivize** their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

## gore

*v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death;  
(noun) coagulated blood from a wound

*synonym* : pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

## plead

*v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

*synonym*: beg, implore, supplicate

(1) **plead** for mercy, (2) **plead** a political cause

He **pleaded** with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

## skepticism

*n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

*synonym*: distrust, doubt, suspicion

(1) natural **skepticism**, (2) **skepticism** toward bureaucracy

This party expresses **skepticism** about the efficacy of the health insurance system.

## billionaire

*n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

*synonym*: mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

(1) Silicon Valley **billionaire**, (2) oil **billionaire**

The self-made **billionaire** donated millions to charity.

## bakery

*n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

*synonym*: bakeshop, bakehouse

(1) run a **bakery**, (2) **bakery** industry

He worked at the **bakery** as a baker.

## secondly

*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

*synonym*: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## **amply**

*adv.* plentifully or sufficiently; to a great extent; adequately or generously

*synonym*: handsomely, abundantly, generously

(1) **amply** demonstrated, (2) **amply** compensated

The project was **amply** funded, allowing us to complete it on schedule.

## **prophetic**

*adj.* containing or given to making predictions; presaging the future; of or relating to a prophet (= an authoritative person who divines the future)

*synonym*: foretelling, predictive, presaging

(1) **prophetic** powers, (2) **prophetic** book

The stock market analysts had a **prophetic** sense of the coming recession.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. gl\_\_\_\_d roofing tile *adj.* having a shiny surface or coating, as if covered in glass; having a dull, blank expression
3. re\_\_\_\_s gene expression *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
4. el\_\_e responsibility for the failure *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
5. fi\_\_\_\_\_e a deal *v.* to obtain something deceitfully or by trickery; to manipulate or finesse something to achieve a desired outcome
6. pr\_\_\_\_\_ic book *adj.* containing or given to making predictions; presaging the future; of or relating to a prophet (= an authoritative person who divines the future)
7. moralize a fa\_\_e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
8. tu\_\_\_\_\_nt age *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
9. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. glazed, 3. repress, 4. elude, 5. finagle, 6. prophetic, 7. fable, 8. turbulent, 9. industrious

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| 10. em_____te for better opportunities | <i>v.</i> to leave one's country or region to settle in another   |
| 11. br_____y under fire                | <i>n.</i> courage in the face of danger   |
| 12. se_____ly, it is important         | <i>adv.</i> used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.                          |
| 13. g__e scene                         | <i>v.</i> to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound                                  |
| 14. out_____rm the human brain         | <i>v.</i> to be or do something compared to others of a similar type  |
| 15. ins_____ize customary laws         | <i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)                      |
| 16. op_____ne occasion                 | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose                                     |
| 17. am__y demonstrated                 | <i>adv.</i> plentifully or sufficiently; to a great extent; adequately or generously  |
| 18. sweet po_____ge                    | <i>n.</i> a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners |
| 19. in_____te swaths of farmland       | <i>v.</i> to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something   |
| 20. in_____te his entire body          | <i>v.</i> to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something   |
| 21. gl____d finish                     | <i>adj.</i> having a shiny surface or coating, as if covered in glass; having a dull, blank expression                                  |

ANSWERS: 10. emigrate, 11. bravery, 12. secondly, 13. gore, 14. outperform, 15. institutionalize, 16. opportune, 17. amply, 18. porridge, 19. inundate, 20. inundate, 21. glazed



22. d\_\_y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
23. se\_\_\_\_\_ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
24. oat po\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
25. el\_\_e the law *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
26. classic fa\_\_e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
27. g\_\_e him with a weapon *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
28. inc\_\_\_\_\_ze the right behavior *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
29. inc\_\_\_\_\_ze carpooling *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
30. imp\_\_\_\_\_al treatment *adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person
31. natural ske\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

ANSWERS: 22. defy, 23. secondly, 24. porridge, 25. elude, 26. fable, 27. gore, 28. incentivize, 29. incentivize, 30. impersonal, 31. skepticism

32. pr\_\_\_\_\_ic powers *adj.* containing or given to making predictions; presaging the future; of or relating to a prophet (= an authoritative person who divines the future)
33. a\_\_y plan *adv.* in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss
34. fi\_\_\_\_\_e an invitation *v.* to obtain something deceitfully or by trickery; to manipulate or finesse something to achieve a desired outcome
35. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
36. pl\_\_d a political cause *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
37. a\_\_y hair *adv.* in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss
38. Silicon Valley bil\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
39. run a ba\_\_\_\_y *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
40. oil bil\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
41. pl\_\_d for mercy *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
42. br\_\_\_\_\_y against the enemy *n.* courage in the face of danger
43. cannot re\_\_\_\_\_s laughter *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

ANSWERS: 32. prophetic, 33. awry, 34. finagle, 35. institutionalize, 36. plead, 37. awry, 38. billionaire, 39. bakery, 40. billionaire, 41. plead, 42. bravery, 43. repress

44. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
45. em\_\_\_\_\_te to a new country *v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another
46. tu\_\_\_\_\_nt waves *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
47. ske\_\_\_\_\_sm toward bureaucracy *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
48. ba\_\_\_\_y industry *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
49. st\_\_r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
50. out\_\_\_\_\_rm other countries *v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
51. am\_\_y compensated *adv.* plentifully or sufficiently; to a great extent; adequately or generously
52. d\_\_y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
53. imp\_\_\_\_\_al communication *adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person

ANSWERS: 44. industrious, 45. emigrate, 46. turbulent, 47. skepticism, 48. bakery, 49. steer, 50. outperform, 51. amply, 52. defy, 53. impersonal

54. st\_\_r a steady course

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

ANSWERS: 54. steer

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
  
2. The stock market has been \_\_\_\_\_ lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.  
*adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
  
3. They consistently \_\_\_\_\_ other teams in the league.  
*v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
  
4. The plans for the surprise party went \_\_\_\_\_ when the cake was ruined.  
*adv.* in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss
  
5. The hunter \_\_\_\_\_ the deer with an arrow.  
*v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
  
6. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.  
*v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
  
7. The new policy aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the use of renewable energy sources.  
*v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 1. fable, 2. turbulent, 3. outperformed, 4. awry, 5. gored, 6. defy, 7. institutionalize

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*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

9. His \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

*n.* courage in the face of danger

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- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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ANSWERS: 24. emigrated, 25. incentivize, 26. pleaded, 27. billionaire