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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### airwave

*n.* a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves

*synonym*: broadcast, transmission, radio signal

(1) walkie-talkie **airwave**, (2) commercial **airwave**

The radio station broadcasts my favorite song over the **airwaves**.

### ballroom

*n.* a large room for dancing

*synonym*: dance hall, assembly hall

(1) **ballroom** dance, (2) **ballroom** floor

The grand **ballroom** was filled with twirling couples and the sound of music.

### 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.

### trot

*v.* to run or jog at a moderate pace; to walk with long, quick strides

*synonym* : jog, run, race

(1) **trot** across the street, (2) **trot** off happily

She **trotted** to keep up with him.

## salsa

*n.* a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions

*synonym* : sauce, dip, condiment

(1) **salsa** music, (2) homemade **salsa** dip

We brought chips and **salsa** to the party as a tasty appetizer.

## rumba

*n.* a lively, rhythmic dance of Cuban origin, typically performed to music with a syncopated beat; a subgenre of Latin American music associated with this dance style

(1) the rhythm of the **rumba**, (2) lively **rumba** music

The couple danced the **rumba** at their wedding reception, impressing all the guests with their moves.

## tango

*n.* a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music

(1) passionate **tango**, (2) sensual **tango**

We took a **tango** lesson to prepare for our upcoming dance competition.

## waltz

*n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

*synonym* : ballroom dance, tango, foxtrot

(1) **waltz** music, (2) elegant **waltz**

The dancers practiced the steps of the **waltz** meticulously to perfect their performance.

## dramatist

*n.* (also "dramaturge") a writer of plays, dramas, or theatrical pieces

*synonym* : playwright, author, scriptwriter

(1) the **dramatist's** latest production, (2) modern **dramatist**  
The famous **dramatist** wrote many successful plays during his career.

## playwright

*n.* a person who writes plays

*synonym* : dramatist, scribe, librettist

(1) acclaimed **playwright**, (2) a **playwright** attached to the theatre

The **playwright's** work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

## relic

*n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

*synonym* : whiff, vestige, antique

(1) historical **relic**, (2) holy **relics**

This bronze sword is a **relic** of ancient times.

## revive

*v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore

*synonym* : reanimate, rejuvenate, renew

(1) **revive** my energy, (2) **revive** an old friendship

They **revived** the tradition of holding a parade on the main street every year.

## nonconformist

*n.* a person who refuses to conform to established customs, norms, or beliefs, often characterized by independent thinking and behavior; members of Protestant groups in England during the 16th to 19th centuries who dissented from the Church of England

*synonym* : maverick, individualist, rebel

(1) artistic **nonconformist**, (2) rebellious **nonconformist**

The school's **nonconformist** curriculum emphasized creative thinking and self-expression.

## Latina

*n.* a female person of Latin American origin or descent; a term used to refer to women from Latin American

countries or with Latin American heritage

*synonym* : Hispanic woman

(1) **Latina** community, (2) **Latina** actress

She is the first **Latina** senator in the country's history.

## **mahogany**

*n.* a reddish-brown hardwood that is prized for its strength, durability, and beauty, often used in furniture-making and other decorative applications

*synonym* : rosewood, cherry, teak

(1) **mahogany** furniture, (2) **mahogany** finish

The antique desk was made of rich **mahogany** wood, adding to its timeless beauty.

## **dictate**

*v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

*synonym* : read out, prescribe, order

(1) **dictate** a letter to secretary, (2) **dictate** to the associate

The allies **dictated** the terms of surrender to the country.

## **slap**

*v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

*synonym* : smack, hit, whack

(1) **slap** on the back, (2) **slap** a heavy fine

The politician tried to **slap** down the rumors about his personal life.

## **glitter**

*v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

*synonym* : sparkle, glisten, shine

(1) **glitter** against her skin, (2) **glitter** in her eyes

Her dress **glittered** in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

## **clap**

*v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

*synonym* :

applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut  
We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

## applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

*synonym*: clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra  
I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

## avid

*adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity

*synonym*: enthusiastic, eager, fervent

(1) **avid** baseball fan, (2) have **avid** eyes

She was an **avid** reader and spent hours every day lost in a book.

## attest

v. to provide evidence or proof of something; to confirm or certify the authenticity of something; to bear witness to the truth of something

*synonym*: verify, confirm, certify

(1) **attest** to the truth, (2) **attest** to the facts

I can **attest** to his honesty and integrity, as I have known him for many years.

## masculine

*adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

*synonym*: male, mannish, manly

(1) wear **masculine** attire, (2) **masculine** beauty

Her allure lies in her **masculine** rather than feminine beauty.

## stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

*synonym*: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

## punctuate

v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically

*synonym*: emphasize, accent, mark

(1) **punctuate** a sentence, (2) **punctuate** his talk

Strikes had also **punctuated** the preceding weeks.

## improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym*: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## tweak

v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

*synonym*: nip, pinch, fine-tune

(1) **tweak** his cheek, (2) **tweak** the economy

He didn't **tweak** the plan, even though he had time.

## evoke

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

*synonym*: arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

## 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.

## invigorate

v. to give energy, enthusiasm, or vitality to something or someone; to revitalize or refresh

*synonym*: energize, stimulate, revitalize

(1) **invigorate** the economy, (2) **invigorate** the team

Exercising in the morning helps to **invigorate** my mind and

body.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. at\_\_t to the truth  
v. to provide evidence or proof of something; to confirm or certify the authenticity of something; to bear witness to the truth of something
2. pu\_\_\_\_\_te a sentence  
v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
3. holy re\_\_cs  
n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
4. st\_\_\_\_\_e financially  
v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
5. inv\_\_\_\_\_te the economy  
v. to give energy, enthusiasm, or vitality to something or someone; to revitalize or refresh
6. ev\_\_e sympathy  
v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
7. homemade sa\_\_a dip  
n. a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions
8. the rhythm of the ru\_\_a  
n. a lively, rhythmic dance of Cuban origin, typically performed to music with a syncopated beat; a subgenre of Latin American music associated with this dance style

ANSWERS: 1. attest, 2. punctuate, 3. relic, 4. stumble, 5. invigorate, 6. evoke, 7. salsa, 8. rumba



9. elegant wa\_\_z *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
10. di\_\_\_\_\_e a letter to secretary *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
11. t\_\_t off happily *v.* to run or jog at a moderate pace; to walk with long, quick strides
12. c\_\_p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
13. in\_\_\_\_\_ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
14. wear ma\_\_\_\_\_ne attire *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
15. ap\_\_\_\_\_d his courage *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
16. gl\_\_\_\_\_r in her eyes *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
17. di\_\_\_\_\_e to the associate *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
18. ma\_\_\_\_\_ny finish *n.* a reddish-brown hardwood that is prized for its strength, durability, and beauty, often used in furniture-making and other decorative applications

ANSWERS: 9. waltz, 10. dictate, 11. trot, 12. clap, 13. instruct, 14. masculine, 15. applaud, 16. glitter, 17. dictate, 18. mahogany

19. have a\_\_d eyes *adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity
20. tw\_\_k the economy *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
21. re\_\_\_e an old friendship *v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
22. passionate ta\_\_o *n.* a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music
23. acclaimed pla\_\_\_\_\_ht *n.* a person who writes plays
24. walkie-talkie ai\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves
25. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
26. ba\_\_\_\_\_om floor *n.* a large room for dancing
27. tw\_\_k his cheek *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
28. inv\_\_\_\_\_te the team *v.* to give energy, enthusiasm, or vitality to something or someone; to revitalize or refresh
29. c\_\_p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

ANSWERS: 19. avid, 20. tweak, 21. revive, 22. tango, 23. playwright, 24. airwave, 25. opportune, 26. ballroom, 27. tweak, 28. invigorate, 29. clap

30. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
31. ma\_\_\_\_\_ny furniture *n.* a reddish-brown hardwood that is prized for its strength, durability, and beauty, often used in furniture-making and other decorative applications
32. st\_\_\_\_\_e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
33. ap\_\_\_\_\_d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
34. La\_\_\_\_a community *n.* a female person of Latin American origin or descent; a term used to refer to women from Latin American countries or with Latin American heritage
35. commercial ai\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves
36. sa\_\_a music *n.* a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions
37. t\_\_t across the street *v.* to run or jog at a moderate pace; to walk with long, quick strides
38. rebellious non\_\_\_\_\_ist *n.* a person who refuses to conform to established customs, norms, or beliefs, often characterized by independent thinking and behavior; members of Protestant groups in England during the 16th to 19th centuries who dissented from the Church of England

ANSWERS: 30. opportune, 31. mahogany, 32. stumble, 33. applaud, 34. Latina, 35. airwave, 36. salsa, 37. trot, 38. nonconformist

39. a\_\_d baseball fan *adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity
40. wa\_\_z music *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
41. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
42. a pla\_\_\_\_\_ht attached to the theatre *n.* a person who writes plays
43. La\_\_\_a actress *n.* a female person of Latin American origin or descent; a term used to refer to women from Latin American countries or with Latin American heritage
44. historical re\_\_c *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
45. s\_\_p a heavy fine *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
46. s\_\_p on the back *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 39. avid, 40. waltz, 41. improvisation, 42. playwright, 43. Latina, 44. relic, 45. slap, 46. slap

47. lively ru\_\_a music *n.* a lively, rhythmic dance of Cuban origin, typically performed to music with a syncopated beat; a subgenre of Latin American music associated with this dance style
48. the dr\_\_\_\_\_st's latest production *n.* (also "dramaturge") a writer of plays, dramas, or theatrical pieces
49. artistic non\_\_\_\_\_ist *n.* a person who refuses to conform to established customs, norms, or beliefs, often characterized by independent thinking and behavior; members of Protestant groups in England during the 16th to 19th centuries who dissented from the Church of England
50. modern dr\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* (also "dramaturge") a writer of plays, dramas, or theatrical pieces
51. ma\_\_\_\_\_ne beauty *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
52. re\_\_\_e my energy *v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
53. gl\_\_\_\_\_r against her skin *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
54. in\_\_\_\_\_ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
55. sensual ta\_\_o *n.* a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music

ANSWERS: 47. rumba, 48. dramatist, 49. nonconformist, 50. dramatist, 51. masculine, 52. revive, 53. glitter, 54. instruct, 55. tango

56. ev\_\_e a sense of awe                      *v.*    to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
57. at\_\_\_t to the facts                      *v.*    to provide evidence or proof of something; to confirm or certify the authenticity of something; to bear witness to the truth of something
58. ba\_\_\_\_om dance                      *n.*    a large room for dancing
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60. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion                      *n.*    the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 56. evoke, 57. attest, 58. ballroom, 59. punctuate, 60. improvisation

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The allies \_\_\_\_\_ the terms of surrender to the country.
  - v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
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  - v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
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  - v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
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11. The famous \_\_\_\_\_ wrote many successful plays during his career.  
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ANSWERS: 8. avid, 9. applaud, 10. stumbled, 11. dramatist, 12. nonconformist, 13. revived, 14. attest, 15. rumba



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ANSWERS: 16. slap, 17. tango, 18. trotted, 19. improvisation, 20. salsa, 21. invigorate, 22. evoke, 23. glittered

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*v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
30. The grand \_\_\_\_\_ was filled with twirling couples and the sound of music.  
*n.* a large room for dancing

ANSWERS: 24. playwright's, 25. Latina, 26. mahogany, 27. waltz, 28. relic, 29. tweak, 30. ballroom