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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### Arabic

*n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

### gracious

*adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way  
*synonym*: cordial, affable, courteous

(1) in a **gracious** manner, (2) **gracious** hospitality

The staff is always helpful and **gracious**.

### merciful

*adj.* having or showing compassion, kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or harm; characterized by leniency or clemency

*synonym*: compassionate, kind, lenient

(1) **merciful** gesture, (2) **merciful** punishment

The **merciful** judge decided to give the defendant a lighter sentence.

### graveyard

*n.* a cemetery, especially one in a churchyard

*synonym*: cemetery, burial ground, churchyard

(1) **graveyard** of life, (2) bodies in a **graveyard**

The ancestral **graveyard** was peaceful, with rows of

headstones and tall trees.

## dormitory

*n.* a large room or building that provides sleeping quarters for multiple people, typically students or workers, often in separate beds or cubicles

*synonym* : dorm, residence hall, hostel

(1) college **dormitory**, (2) shared **dormitory**

The girls' **dormitory** had a strict curfew of 11 p.m.

## invade

*v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

*synonym* : intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

## weep

*v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

*synonym* : cry, sob, mourn

(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy

I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

## mullah

*n.* an Islamic religious leader or teacher

*synonym* : cleric, priest, imam

(1) the wife of a **mullah**, (2) **mullah** leader

The **mullahs** in the country have been accused of using their religious authority to justify acts of terrorism.

## turban

*n.* a headdress consisting of a long piece of cloth wound around the head and sometimes the face

*synonym* : headwrap, headscarf, headcloth

(1) **turban** on head, (2) **turban** shell

The man wore a **turban** as part of his traditional cultural attire.

## hijab

*n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck

*synonym* : veil, headscarf, cover

(1) woman's **hijab**, (2) **hijab** garment

Many Muslim women wear a **hijab** as a symbol of their religious beliefs.

**sip** v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

*synonym*: taste, sample, drink

(1) **sip** a drink, (2) take a **sip** of beer

He **sipped** his tea slowly, savoring the taste.

**bodyguard** n. a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack

*synonym*: protector, guard, defender

(1) VIP **bodyguard**, (2) elite **bodyguard** unit

The celebrity hired a personal **bodyguard** to protect them from the paparazzi.

**yell** v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

*synonym*: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

**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.

**mosque** n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

## conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

*synonym*: defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. gr\_\_\_\_\_us hospitality *adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way
3. me\_\_\_\_\_ul gesture *adj.* having or showing compassion, kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or harm; characterized by leniency or clemency
4. the wife of a mu\_\_\_\_h *n.* an Islamic religious leader or teacher
5. hi\_\_b garment *n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
6. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
7. Ar\_\_\_\_c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
8. in\_\_\_\_e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
9. co\_\_\_\_\_r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. gracious, 3. merciful, 4. mullah, 5. hijab, 6. opportune, 7. Arabic, 8. invade, 9. conquer

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| 10. in___e other tissues   | <i>v.</i> to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation   |
| 11. co_____r the world     | <i>v.</i> to bring under control by force or authority   |
| 12. in a gr_____us manner  | <i>adj.</i> behaving in a kind, polite and generous way  |
| 13. college do_____ry      | <i>n.</i> a large room or building that provides sleeping quarters for multiple people, typically students or workers, often in separate beds or cubicles          |
| 14. mu___h leader          | <i>n.</i> an Islamic religious leader or teacher   |
| 15. me_____ul punishment   | <i>adj.</i> having or showing compassion, kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or harm; characterized by leniency or clemency |
| 16. Ar___c cuisine         | <i>n.</i> the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language |
| 17. domed mo___e           | <i>n.</i> a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)  |
| 18. take a s_p of beer     | <i>v.</i> to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink  |
| 19. y__l as loud as we can | <i>v.</i> to shout in a sudden and loud way  |

ANSWERS: 10. invade, 11. conquer, 12. gracious, 13. dormitory, 14. mullah, 15. merciful, 16. Arabic, 17. mosque, 18. sip, 19. yell

20. w\_\_p bitter tears *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
21. shared do\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a large room or building that provides sleeping quarters for multiple people, typically students or workers, often in separate beds or cubicles
22. elite bo\_\_\_\_\_rd unit *n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
23. y\_\_l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
24. woman's hi\_\_b *n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
25. tu\_\_\_n shell *n.* a headdress consisting of a long piece of cloth wound around the head and sometimes the face
26. w\_\_p for joy *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
27. gr\_\_\_\_\_rd of life *n.* a cemetery, especially one in a churchyard
28. VIP bo\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
29. s\_p a drink *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
30. bodies in a gr\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a cemetery, especially one in a churchyard

ANSWERS: 20. weep, 21. dormitory, 22. bodyguard, 23. yell, 24. hijab, 25. turban, 26. weep, 27. graveyard, 28. bodyguard, 29. sip, 30. graveyard

31. tu\_\_\_n on head

*n.* a headdress consisting of a long piece of cloth wound around the head and sometimes the face

32. the sacred mo\_\_\_e

*n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

ANSWERS: 31. turban, 32. mosque



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the country have been accused of using their religious authority to justify acts of terrorism.  
*n.* an Islamic religious leader or teacher
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ judge decided to give the defendant a lighter sentence.  
*adj.* having or showing compassion, kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or harm; characterized by leniency or clemency
3. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. The man wore a \_\_\_\_\_ as part of his traditional cultural attire.  
*n.* a headdress consisting of a long piece of cloth wound around the head and sometimes the face
5. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and \_\_\_\_\_ at me.  
*v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
6. I'm easily moved to tears, so I would \_\_\_\_\_ in sympathy if I saw that movie.  
*v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
7. I'm studying \_\_\_\_\_ calligraphy as part of my art class.  
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ANSWERS: 1. mullahs, 2. merciful, 3. opportune, 4. turban, 5. yelled, 6. weep, 7. Arabic

8. The ancestral \_\_\_\_\_ was peaceful, with rows of headstones and tall trees.  
*n.* a cemetery, especially one in a churchyard
9. The celebrity hired a personal \_\_\_\_\_ to protect them from the paparazzi.  
*n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
10. The girls' \_\_\_\_\_ had a strict curfew of 11 p.m.  
*n.* a large room or building that provides sleeping quarters for multiple people, typically students or workers, often in separate beds or cubicles
11. You must \_\_\_\_\_ your anxiety about driving.  
*v.* to bring under control by force or authority
12. He \_\_\_\_\_ his tea slowly, savoring the taste.  
*v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
13. Jumeirah \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.  
*n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
14. I have no intention to \_\_\_\_\_ your privacy.  
*v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
15. Many Muslim women wear a \_\_\_\_\_ as a symbol of their religious beliefs.  
*n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck

ANSWERS: 8. graveyard, 9. bodyguard, 10. dormitory, 11. conquer, 12. sipped, 13. Mosque, 14. invade, 15. hijab

16. The staff is always helpful and \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way

ANSWERS: 16. gracious