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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### squadron

*n.* a military unit consisting of a headquarters and several units or subunits, typically composed of two or more flights of aircraft

*synonym*: flight, air wing, air group

(1) **squadron** leader, (2) bomber **squadron**

The combined **squadron** was responsible for protecting the airspace of the country.

### airman

*n.* a man who serves in the air force

*synonym*: aviator, flyer, air-force member

(1) **airman** training, (2) notice to **airman**

The civilian **airman** was passionate about flying and had been a pilot for over 20 years.

### excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

### needless

*adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

*synonym*: unnecessary, pointless, superfluous

(1) **needless** argument, (2) **needless** waste  
This **needless** paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

## resonate

*v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

*synonym*: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

## exhaustive

*adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned

*synonym*: thorough, complete, comprehensive

(1) **exhaustive** study, (2) **exhaustive** review

The team conducted an **exhaustive** search for the missing hiker, but unfortunately, she was never found.

## Negro

*n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States

*synonym*: African American

(1) **Negro** literature, (2) American **Negro**

They developed **Negro** blues with a lively rhythm.

## chuckle

*n.* a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way

*synonym*: laugh, giggle, snicker

(1) **chuckle** at my cat's silly antics, (2) stifled **chuckle**

I couldn't help but let out a little **chuckle** when I saw the silly photo my friend had sent me.

## discotheque

*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

*synonym*: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night

away.

## pave

*v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

*synonym* : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

## slab

*n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure

*synonym* : slate, tile, paving stone

(1) a **slab** of chocolate, (2) marble **slab**

The construction workers poured a large **slab** of concrete for the foundation of the building.

## fencing

*n.* the art or practice of fighting with swords, especially with foils, épées, or sabers, according to certain rules

*synonym* : swordplay, duelling, sabreplay

(1) **fencing** equipment, (2) **fencing** club

He practiced his **fencing** techniques with a partner.

## grandchild

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

*synonym* : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

## hullabaloo

*n.* a loud and confused noise or uproar; a scene of commotion or excitement; a state of tumultuous or chaotic activity

*synonym* : uproar, commotion, fuss

(1) financial **hullabaloo**, (2) media **hullabaloo**

There was much **hullabaloo** at the concert when the band

finally took the stage.

## unarmed

*adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons

*synonym* : defenseless, vulnerable, helpless

(1) **unarmed** combat, (2) **unarmed** robbery

The **unarmed** protesters marched peacefully through the streets.

## confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym* : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## 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.

## grandparent

*n.* a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

## enrage

*v.* to make someone extremely angry

*synonym* : anger, incense, infuriate

(1) **enrage** the international community, (2) **enrage** critics

The news of the betrayal **enraged** him.

## intellect

*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

*synonym* : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

## dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

*synonym*: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

## unveil

v. to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time

*synonym*: reveal, uncover, expose

(1) **unveil** a monument, (2) **unveil** a comprehensive plan

The company plans to **unveil** its new product at the trade show next week.

## eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

*synonym*: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

## heinous

*adj.* extremely wicked or cruel; evil

*synonym*: evil, wicked, cruel

(1) **heinous** firm, (2) **heinous** act

The **heinous** crime shocked the whole community.

## elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

*synonym*: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

**societal**

*adj.* relating to society or social relationships

*synonym* : social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

**insanity**

*n.* the state of being seriously mentally ill; madness

*synonym* : madness, psychosis, lunacy

(1) sheer **insanity**, (2) alcoholic **insanity**

His behavior became increasingly erratic, leading many to believe he was experiencing a bout of **insanity**.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Ne__o literature                   | <i>n.</i> ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States |
| 2. de_____te a chapter to the subject | <i>v.</i> to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use                             |
| 3. exh_____ve study                   | <i>adj.</i> comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned   |
| 4. ne_____ss argument                 | <i>adj.</i> describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences   |
| 5. he_____s act                       | <i>adj.</i> extremely wicked or cruel; evil   |
| 6. fe_____g equipment                 | <i>n.</i> the art or practice of fighting with swords, especially with foils, épées, or sabers, according to certain rules  |
| 7. enrich my in_____ct                | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level  |
| 8. financial hul_____oo               | <i>n.</i> a loud and confused noise or uproar; a scene of commotion or excitement; a state of tumultuous or chaotic activity  |
| 9. alcoholic in_____ty                | <i>n.</i> the state of being seriously mentally ill; madness  |

ANSWERS: 1. Negro, 2. dedicate, 3. exhaustive, 4. needless, 5. heinous, 6. fencing, 7. intellect, 8. hullabaloo, 9. insanity

10. co\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
11. dis\_\_\_\_ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
12. 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
13. marble s\_\_b *n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure
14. a s\_\_b of chocolate *n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure
15. gra\_\_\_\_ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
16. en\_\_\_\_e critics *v.* to make someone extremely angry
17. er\_\_\_\_te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
18. exh\_\_\_\_ve review *adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
19. de\_\_\_\_te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
20. ne\_\_\_\_ss waste *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

ANSWERS: 10. confuse, 11. discotheque, 12. steer, 13. slab, 14. slab, 15. grandchild, 16. enrage, 17. eradicate, 18. exhaustive, 19. dedicate, 20. needless



21. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld-grandparent relationship     *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
22. un\_\_\_l a monument     *v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
23. ch\_\_\_\_\_e at my cat's silly antics     *n.* a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way
24. stifled ch\_\_\_\_\_e     *n.* a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way
25. un\_\_\_\_\_d combat     *adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons
26. bomber sq\_\_\_\_\_on     *n.* a military unit consisting of a headquarters and several units or subunits, typically composed of two or more flights of aircraft
27. person of gra\_\_\_\_\_nt age     *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
28. he\_\_\_\_\_s firm     *adj.* extremely wicked or cruel; evil
29. ai\_\_\_n training     *n.* a man who serves in the air force
30. un\_\_\_l a comprehensive plan     *v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
31. ex\_\_\_e rebellion     *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
32. media hul\_\_\_\_\_oo     *n.* a loud and confused noise or uproar; a scene of commotion or excitement; a state of tumultuous or chaotic activity

ANSWERS: 21. grandchild, 22. unveil, 23. chuckle, 24. chuckle, 25. unarmed, 26. squadron, 27. grandparent, 28. heinous, 29. airman, 30. unveil, 31. excite, 32. hullabaloo

33. so\_\_\_\_al norms *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
34. el\_\_\_\_e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
35. co\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
36. p\_\_e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
37. American Ne\_\_o *n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States
38. 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
39. great-gra\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
40. en\_\_\_e the international community *v.* to make someone extremely angry
41. p\_\_e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
42. fe\_\_\_\_\_g club *n.* the art or practice of fighting with swords, especially with foils, épées, or sabers, according to certain rules
43. notice to ai\_\_\_n *n.* a man who serves in the air force

ANSWERS: 33. societal, 34. elevate, 35. confuse, 36. pave, 37. Negro, 38. steer, 39. grandparent, 40. enrage, 41. pave, 42. fencing, 43. airman

44. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
45. sheer in\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being seriously mentally ill; madness
46. sq\_\_\_\_\_on leader *n.* a military unit consisting of a headquarters and several units or subunits, typically composed of two or more flights of aircraft
47. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
48. un\_\_\_\_\_d robbery *adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons
49. deeply re\_\_\_\_\_te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
50. er\_\_\_\_\_te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
51. re\_\_\_\_\_te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
52. so\_\_\_\_\_al expectations *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
53. ex\_\_\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
54. el\_\_\_\_\_e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

ANSWERS: 44. intellect, 45. insanity, 46. squadron, 47. discotheque, 48. unarmed, 49. resonate, 50. eradicate, 51. resonate, 52. societal, 53. excite, 54. elevate

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. There was much \_\_\_\_\_ at the concert when the band finally took the stage.
  - n.* a loud and confused noise or uproar; a scene of commotion or excitement; a state of tumultuous or chaotic activity
  
2. His behavior became increasingly erratic, leading many to believe he was experiencing a bout of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* the state of being seriously mentally ill; madness
  
3. They developed \_\_\_\_\_ blues with a lively rhythm.
  - n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States
  
4. This \_\_\_\_\_ paperwork is wasting our time and resources.
  - adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
  
5. The sound \_\_\_\_\_ well in this theater.
  - v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
  
6. Eating food in a hurry \_\_\_\_\_ blood glucose levels.
  - v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
  
7. We are trying to \_\_\_\_\_ this disease from the world.
  - v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

ANSWERS: 1. hullabaloo, 2. insanity, 3. Negro, 4. needless, 5. resonates, 6. elevates, 7. eradicate

8. The combined \_\_\_\_\_ was responsible for protecting the airspace of the country.
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9. He practiced his \_\_\_\_\_ techniques with a partner.
- n.* the art or practice of fighting with swords, especially with foils, épées, or sabers, according to certain rules
10. The captain told him to \_\_\_\_\_ the ship north.
- v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
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- v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
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- adj.* extremely wicked or cruel; evil
15. The grandparents take care of their \_\_\_\_\_ while the parents are at work.
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ANSWERS: 8. squadron, 9. fencing, 10. steer, 11. dedicated, 12. slab, 13. unarmed, 14. heinous, 15. grandchild

16. He couldn't wait to hit the \_\_\_\_\_ and dance the night away.  
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*v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
18. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.  
*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
19. The civilian \_\_\_\_\_ was passionate about flying and had been a pilot for over 20 years.  
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20. I couldn't help but let out a little \_\_\_\_\_ when I saw the silly photo my friend had sent me.  
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21. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ pressure to conform is strong in this community.  
*adj.* relating to society or social relationships
23. The news of the betrayal \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
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ANSWERS: 16. discotheque, 17. unveil, 18. confused, 19. airman, 20. chuckle, 21. excited, 22. societal, 23. enraged, 24. grandparents

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