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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- trait** *n.* a particular feature of your nature  
*synonym*: attribute, feature, quality  
(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**  
Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.
- generosity** *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely  
*synonym*: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness  
(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**  
He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.
- blackness** *n.* the quality or condition of being black or dark; an absence of light; a state or condition of darkness, bleakness, or depression; the fact of being part of a group of individuals with dark skin who originate from or whose ancestors originated from Africa  
*synonym*: darkness, obscurity, void  
(1) the **blackness** of the night, (2) anti- **blackness** racism  
The forest's darkness was complete, with a **blackness** that seemed to swallow everything.
- exaggeration** *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more

significant than it is

*synonym*: hyperbole, overstatement, embellishment

(1) sensational **exaggeration**, (2) minimal **exaggeration**

His story was filled with obvious **exaggerations**.

## **misunderstand**

*v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

*synonym*: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

## **colorblind**

*adj.* (of a person) unable to distinguish certain colors or used to describe a lack of racial or cultural bias

*synonym*: color-deficient, chromatic-impaired

(1) **colorblind** condition, (2) **colorblind** person

The company's HR policy advocates for a **colorblind** workplace where all employees are treated equally regardless of race.

## **kind-hearted**

*adj.* having a caring and sympathetic nature; characterized by concern for the well-being and happiness of others

*synonym*: compassionate, kind, sympathetic

(1) **kind-hearted** person, (2) **kind-hearted** gesture

The volunteer organization is full of **kind-hearted** people who donate their time to help others.

## **pretension**

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym*: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## **supremacy**

*n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

*synonym*: dominance, superiority, preeminence

(1) a race for **supremacy**, (2) **supremacy** of a country

The empire's military power ensured its **supremacy** over the neighboring states.

## disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

*synonym*: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

## blurb

n. a short description or promotional piece of writing that provides a summary or highlights of a book, film, or other product; often included on the cover or promotional materials

*synonym*: summary, synopsis, review

(1) a **blurb** on a book, (2) website **blurb**

The book jacket included a captivating **blurb** that instantly grabbing the reader's attention.

## oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

*synonym*: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

## provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

*synonym*: stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

## backlash

n. a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact

*synonym*: reaction, retaliation, counteraction

(1) political **backlash**, (2) the **backlash** from the community  
The company faced a **backlash** from customers after the recall.

## misrepresent

*v.* to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone

*synonym*: distort, misinterpret, falsify

(1) **misrepresent** a company's policies, (2) **misrepresent** the situation

The article **misrepresents** the true intentions of the author's argument.

## antislavery

*adj.* opposed to, or prohibiting the practice of, slavery (= the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work)

*synonym*: abolitionist, emancipatory, freedom-loving

(1) **antislavery** legislation, (2) **antislavery** activists

Her speech was filled with an **antislavery** message that resonated with the audience.

## abolition

*n.* the act of formally ending a system, practice, or institution, especially one that is considered unjust or harmful

*synonym*: termination, discontinuation, end

(1) complete **abolition**, (2) total **abolition** of a law

The **abolition** of slavery was a major milestone in the history of the United States.

## immutable

*adj.* unchanging; permanent or unalterable

*synonym*: unchanging, constant, permanent

(1) **immutable** love, (2) **immutable** characteristics

The laws of physics are **immutable**; they never change.

## creditor

*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

## disastrous

*adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

*synonym* : catastrophic, destructive, fatal

(1) have **disastrous** consequences, (2) absolutely **disastrous** effect

The emission of hazardous substances has **disastrous** effects on the ecology of a region.

## revitalization

*n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something

*synonym* : renewal, reactivation, rejuvenation

(1) **revitalization** project, (2) **revitalization** of humanity

The **revitalization** of the downtown area brought new life to the community.

## pandemic

*n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

*synonym* : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

## allege

*v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

*synonym* : claim, assert, state

(1) **allege** abuse, (2) **allege** wrongdoing

The prosecution **alleged** that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

## consciously

*adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner

*synonym* : intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

## 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.

## **multiracial**

*adj.* consisting of or involving people from multiple racial backgrounds

*synonym*: multiethnic, mixed, diverse

(1) **multiracial** society, (2) **multiracial** family

The **multiracial** community brought together people from different cultures and backgrounds.

## **audition**

*n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position

*synonym*: tryout, test

(1) music **audition**, (2) dance **audition**

I have an **audition** for a role in a play tomorrow.

## **veil**

*n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

*synonym*: cover, mask, (verb) conceal

(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face

He lifted her **veil** with both hands.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. con\_\_\_\_\_ly aware of a problem      *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
2. baseless pre\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
3. act of gen\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
4. global pa\_\_\_\_\_ic      *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
5. personality tr\_\_ts      *n.* a particular feature of your nature
6. mis\_\_\_\_\_ent the situation      *v.* to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone
7. complete ab\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act of formally ending a system, practice, or institution, especially one that is considered unjust or harmful
8. a bl\_\_b on a book      *n.* a short description or promotional piece of writing that provides a summary or highlights of a book, film, or other product; often included on the cover or promotional materials
9. the bl\_\_\_\_\_ss of the night      *n.* the quality or condition of being black or dark; an absence of light; a state or condition of darkness, bleakness, or depression; the fact of being part of a group of individuals with dark skin who originate from or whose ancestors originated from Africa

ANSWERS: 1. consciously, 2. pretension, 3. generosity, 4. pandemic, 5. trait, 6. misrepresent, 7. abolition, 8. blurb, 9. blackness

10. su\_\_\_\_\_cy of a country *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
11. minimal exa\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
12. mis\_\_\_\_\_ent a company's policies *v.* to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone
13. col\_\_\_\_\_nd condition *adj.* (of a person) unable to distinguish certain colors or used to describe a lack of racial or cultural bias
14. im\_\_\_\_\_le characteristics *adj.* unchanging; permanent or unalterable
15. flu pa\_\_\_\_\_ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
16. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
17. political ba\_\_\_\_\_sh *n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
18. pr\_\_\_\_\_e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
19. bankrupt cr\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
20. a race for su\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

ANSWERS: 10. supremacy, 11. exaggeration, 12. misrepresent, 13. colorblind, 14. immutable, 15. pandemic, 16. institutionalize, 17. backlash, 18. provoke, 19. creditor, 20. supremacy



21. the ba\_\_\_\_sh from the community      *n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
22. rev\_\_\_\_\_ion of humanity      *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
23. chemical tr\_\_t      *n.* a particular feature of your nature
24. have dis\_\_\_\_\_us consequences      *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
25. mis\_\_\_\_\_and entirely about her      *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
26. kin\_\_\_\_\_ted gesture      *adj.* having a caring and sympathetic nature; characterized by concern for the well-being and happiness of others
27. di\_\_\_\_\_se my feelings      *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
28. the cr\_\_\_\_\_or's claims      *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
29. absolutely dis\_\_\_\_\_us effect      *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
30. op\_\_\_\_\_s the people with force      *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
31. sensational exa\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
32. al\_\_\_e wrongdoing      *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
33. im\_\_\_\_\_le love      *adj.* unchanging; permanent or unalterable

ANSWERS: 21. backlash, 22. revitalization, 23. trait, 24. disastrous, 25. misunderstand, 26. kind-hearted, 27. disguise, 28. creditor, 29. disastrous, 30. oppress, 31. exaggeration, 32. allege, 33. immutable

34. col\_\_\_\_\_nd person *adj.* (of a person) unable to distinguish certain colors or used to describe a lack of racial or cultural bias
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. total ab\_\_\_\_\_on of a law *n.* the act of formally ending a system, practice, or institution, especially one that is considered unjust or harmful
37. di\_\_\_\_\_se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
38. music au\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
39. mis\_\_\_\_\_and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
40. act con\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
41. dance au\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
42. mul\_\_\_\_\_al family *adj.* consisting of or involving people from multiple racial backgrounds
43. website bl\_\_b *n.* a short description or promotional piece of writing that provides a summary or highlights of a book, film, or other product; often included on the cover or promotional materials

ANSWERS: 34. colorblind, 35. institutionalize, 36. abolition, 37. disguise, 38. audition, 39. misunderstand, 40. consciously, 41. audition, 42. multiracial, 43. blurb

44. al\_\_\_e abuse *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
45. ant\_\_\_\_\_ry activists *adj.* opposed to, or prohibiting the practice of, slavery (= the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work)
46. v\_\_l her face *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
47. pre\_\_\_\_\_on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
48. anti-bl\_\_\_\_\_ss racism *n.* the quality or condition of being black or dark; an absence of light; a state or condition of darkness, bleakness, or depression; the fact of being part of a group of individuals with dark skin who originate from or whose ancestors originated from Africa
49. pr\_\_\_\_\_e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
50. kin\_\_\_\_\_ted person *adj.* having a caring and sympathetic nature; characterized by concern for the well-being and happiness of others
51. mul\_\_\_\_\_al society *adj.* consisting of or involving people from multiple racial backgrounds
52. v\_\_l of mystery *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

ANSWERS: 44. allege, 45. antislavery, 46. veil, 47. pretension, 48. blackness, 49. provoke, 50. kind-hearted, 51. multiracial, 52. veil

53. ant\_\_\_\_\_ry legislation      *adj.* opposed to, or prohibiting the practice of, slavery (= the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work)
54. rev\_\_\_\_\_ion project      *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
55. boundless gen\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
56. op\_\_\_\_\_s the minority      *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

ANSWERS: 53. antislavery, 54. revitalization, 55. generosity, 56. oppress

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The forest's darkness was complete, with a \_\_\_\_\_ that seemed to swallow everything.
  - n.* the quality or condition of being black or dark; an absence of light; a state or condition of darkness, bleakness, or depression; the fact of being part of a group of individuals with dark skin who originate from or whose ancestors originated from Africa
  
2. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ the meaning of freedom.
  - v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
  
3. Historically, many countries have often \_\_\_\_\_ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
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ANSWERS: 1. blackness, 2. misunderstand, 3. oppressed, 4. alleged, 5. blurb, 6. pandemic, 7. colorblind

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ANSWERS: 16. misrepresents, 17. immutable;, 18. creditor, 19. backlash, 20. pretensions, 21. revitalization, 22. institutionalize, 23. antislavery

24. I have an \_\_\_\_\_ for a role in a play tomorrow.

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25. Later it turned out that the politician \_\_\_\_\_ the fact from the public.

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