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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

*synonym* : stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

### lingering

*adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave

*synonym* : prolonged, persistent, enduring

(1) **lingering** illness, (2) **lingering** doubts

The **lingering** smell of smoke clung to his clothes even after he left the campfire.

### descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

*synonym* : dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator  
She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

### ensue

v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something

*synonym*: follow, occur, result

(1) **ensue** within a few years, (2) predict what will **ensue**  
A power outage **ensued** after the storm knocked out the electricity.

### depose

v. to compel to depart; to remove from office

*synonym*: displace, oust, expel

(1) **depose** a prime minister, (2) **deposed** dictator  
The citizens **deposed** the monarch.

### sporadic

*adj.* occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered

*synonym*: occasional, irregular, unpredictable

(1) **sporadic** outbreaks, (2) **sporadic** attempts  
The rain was falling in **sporadic** bursts.

### unrest

*n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace

*synonym*: disturbance, agitation, turmoil

(1) **unrest** in the city, (2) cause **unrest**  
The recent political **unrest** in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.

### ruthless

*adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

*synonym*: heartless, pitiless, merciless

(1) show **ruthless** behavior, (2) **ruthless** brutality  
The dictator was known for his **ruthless** tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.

## persecute

*v.* to subject someone to hostility, ill-treatment, or harassment, especially because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; to oppress or mistreat someone because of their identity

*synonym*: victimize, harass, oppress

(1) **persecute** minorities, (2) **persecute** for small debts

The government's crackdown on free speech was seen as an attempt to **persecute** journalists and media outlets.

## distrust

*n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something

*synonym*: suspicion, doubt, misgiving

(1) **distrust** in politics, (2) growing **distrust**

The employee's consistent tardiness and lack of accountability made her coworkers develop **distrust** in her abilities.

## sideline

*n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

*synonym*: sidestep, periphery, (verb) ignore

(1) **sideline** reporter, (2) lucrative **sideline**

The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the **sideline** for the entire game.

## inept

*adj.* lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy

*synonym*: incompetent, unskilled, clumsy

(1) **inept** government, (2) socially **inept**

He was **inept** at handling the situation.

## corruptible

*adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

*synonym*: bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

## discontent

*n.* dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval

*synonym* : dissatisfaction, unrest, displeasure

(1) political **discontent**, (2) widespread **discontent**

The worker's **discontent** with their wages led to a strike.

## protector

*n.* a person or thing that provides protection, support, or defense; a guardian or defender

*synonym* : guardian, defender, custodian

(1) environmental **protector**, (2) wildlife **protector**

The bodyguard acted as a **protector** for the celebrity.

## seize

*v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

*synonym* : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

## reinstate

*v.* to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held

*synonym* : restore, bring back, revive

(1) **reinstate** a policy, (2) **reinstate** a team member

The boss decided to **reinstate** the recently fired employee after realizing their mistake.

## heir

*n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies

*synonym* : successor, inheritor, beneficiary

(1) an imperial **heir**, (2) **heir** at law

She recognized me as her lawful **heir**.

## pike

*n.* a long weapon with a pointed metal head on a wooden shaft, typically used by foot soldiers in the past; a fish with a long body, sharp teeth, and a flattened snout; a

toll road

*synonym* : spear, lance, thruway

(1) war **pikes**, (2) **pike** fishing

The **pike-wielding** soldier stood at the castle gate, prepared to defend against the invading forces.

**exile**

*n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

*synonym* : banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

**alienated**

*adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging

*synonym* : isolated, estranged, disconnected

(1) **alienated** from my parents, (2) become **alienated**

The new employee felt **alienated** from the rest of the team, as they didn't try to include him in their conversations.

**jealousy**

*n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

*synonym* : envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

**recapture**

*v.* to take back control or possession of something

*synonym* : retake, reoccupy, regain

(1) **recapture** prisoner, (2) **recapture** territory

The company launched a campaign to **recapture** lost market share.

**captivity**

*n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

*synonym* : confinement, detention, imprisonment

(1) escape from **captivity**, (2) animals in **captivity** in the zoo

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

## bloodshed

*n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict

*synonym* : carnage, violence, killing

(1) bloody **bloodshed**, (2) massive **bloodshed**

The negotiations failed, leading to threats of **bloodshed** between the two countries.

## nephew

*n.* a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**

My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

## illegitimate

*adj.* not legally valid or recognized

*synonym* : unlawful, misbegotten, felonious

(1) an **illegitimate** occupation, (2) **illegitimate** claim

He had an **illegitimate** child that he never acknowledged.

## downfall

*n.* a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure

*synonym* : demise, collapse, ruin

(1) a **downfall** earthquake, (2) **downfall** government

The company's financial mismanagement was the **downfall** of the once-successful business.

## descendant

*n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

*synonym* : child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation **descendant**

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

## rebellion

*n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

*synonym* : insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

## **fleeting**

*adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time

*synonym* : temporary, brief, transitory

(1) for a **fleeting** moment, (2) **fleeting** opportunity

She savored the **fleeting** happiness she felt during the vacation.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. environmental pr_____or         | <i>n.</i> a person or thing that provides protection, support, or defense; a guardian or defender   |
| 2. animals in ca_____ty in the zoo | <i>n.</i> the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from   |
| 3. pe_____te minorities            | <i>v.</i> to subject someone to hostility, ill-treatment, or harassment, especially because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; to oppress or mistreat someone because of their identity |
| 4. se__e the day                   | <i>v.</i> to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something   |
| 5. p__e fishing                    | <i>n.</i> a long weapon with a pointed metal head on a wooden shaft, typically used by foot soldiers in the past; a fish with a long body, sharp teeth, and a flattened snout; a toll road          |
| 6. a do_____ll earthquake          | <i>n.</i> a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure   |
| 7. do_____ll government            | <i>n.</i> a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure   |
| 8. become al_____ed                | <i>adj.</i> feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging   |

ANSWERS: 1. protector, 2. captivity, 3. persecute, 4. seize, 5. pike, 6. downfall, 7. downfall, 8. alienated



9. s\_w with thread      *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
10. in\_\_t government      *adj.* lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy
11. li\_\_\_\_\_ng doubts      *adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
12. re\_\_\_\_\_te a policy      *v.* to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held
13. de\_\_\_ed dictator      *v.* to compel to depart; to remove from office
14. growing di\_\_\_\_\_st      *n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
15. fl\_\_\_\_\_ng opportunity      *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
16. third-generation des\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
17. socially in\_\_t      *adj.* lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy
18. wildlife pr\_\_\_\_\_or      *n.* a person or thing that provides protection, support, or defense; a guardian or defender
19. de\_\_\_\_\_d a steep hill      *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
20. excite re\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

ANSWERS: 9. sew, 10. inept, 11. lingering, 12. reinstate, 13. depose, 14. distrust, 15. fleeting, 16. descendant, 17. inept, 18. protector, 19. descend, 20. rebellion

21. for a fl\_\_\_\_ng moment *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
22. al\_\_\_\_\_ed from my parents *adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging
23. pe\_\_\_\_\_te for small debts *v.* to subject someone to hostility, ill-treatment, or harassment, especially because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; to oppress or mistreat someone because of their identity
24. an imperial h\_\_r *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
25. burn with je\_\_\_\_\_sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
26. an ill\_\_\_\_\_ate occupation *adj.* not legally valid or recognized
27. predict what will en\_\_e *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
28. three-year-old ne\_\_\_w *n.* a son of your brother or sister
29. escape from ca\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
30. re\_\_\_\_\_on leader *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
31. de\_\_\_\_\_d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

ANSWERS: 21. fleeting, 22. alienated, 23. persecute, 24. heir, 25. jealousy, 26. illegitimate, 27. ensue, 28. nephew, 29. captivity, 30. rebellion, 31. descend

32. in\_\_\_e other tissues      *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
33. ru\_\_\_\_\_ss brutality      *adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
34. sp\_\_\_\_\_ic attempts      *adj.* occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered
35. political dis\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval
36. en\_\_e within a few years      *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
37. se\_\_e a person's property      *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
38. ill\_\_\_\_\_ate claim      *adj.* not legally valid or recognized
39. cor\_\_\_\_\_le officials      *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
40. lucrative si\_\_\_\_\_ne      *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
41. show ru\_\_\_\_\_ss behavior      *adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

ANSWERS: 32. invade, 33. ruthless, 34. sporadic, 35. discontent, 36. ensue, 37. seize, 38. illegitimate, 39. corruptible, 40. sideline, 41. ruthless

42. bloody bl\_\_\_\_\_ed *n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict
43. de\_\_\_e a prime minister *v.* to compel to depart; to remove from office
44. je\_\_\_\_\_sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
45. political ex\_\_\_e *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
46. un\_\_\_t in the city *n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
47. re\_\_\_\_\_re territory *v.* to take back control or possession of something
48. ex\_\_\_e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
49. massive bl\_\_\_\_\_ed *n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict
50. re\_\_\_\_\_te a team member *v.* to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held
51. nieces and ne\_\_\_ws *n.* a son of your brother or sister
52. si\_\_\_\_\_ne reporter *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

ANSWERS: 42. bloodshed, 43. depose, 44. jealousy, 45. exile, 46. unrest, 47. recapture, 48. exile, 49. bloodshed, 50. reinstate, 51. nephew, 52. sideline

53. li\_\_\_\_\_ng illness *adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
54. s\_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
55. des\_\_\_\_\_nt of a pioneer *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
56. cor\_\_\_\_\_le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
57. war p\_\_es *n.* a long weapon with a pointed metal head on a wooden shaft, typically used by foot soldiers in the past; a fish with a long body, sharp teeth, and a flattened snout; a toll road
58. widespread dis\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval
59. sp\_\_\_\_\_ic outbreaks *adj.* occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered
60. cause un\_\_\_\_t *n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
61. in\_\_\_e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
62. h\_\_r at law *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies

ANSWERS: 53. lingering, 54. sew, 55. descendant, 56. corruptible, 57. pike, 58. discontent, 59. sporadic, 60. unrest, 61. invade, 62. heir

63. re\_\_\_\_\_re prisoner

*v.* to take back control or possession of something

64. di\_\_\_\_\_st in politics

*n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something

ANSWERS: 63. recapture, 64. distrust

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He had an \_\_\_\_\_ child that he never acknowledged.  
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ANSWERS: 1. illegitimate, 2. heir, 3. ruthless, 4. nephew, 5. persecute, 6. corruptible, 7. pike-wielding

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ANSWERS: 8. fleeting, 9. alienated, 10. downfall, 11. ensued, 12. deposed, 13. jealousy, 14. discontent, 15. unrest



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*adj.* lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy

ANSWERS: 16. lingering, 17. descendants, 18. protector, 19. sew, 20. sideline, 21. distrust, 22. recapture, 23. inept

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ANSWERS: 24. exiled, 25. reinstate, 26. captivity, 27. sporadic, 28. invade, 29. seize, 30. rebellion, 31. bloodshed

32. She was \_\_\_\_\_ from an old Italian noble family.

- v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

ANSWERS: 32. descended