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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### confession

*n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

*synonym*: admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

### detour

*n.* a route that deviates from the main or direct one, usually taken to avoid something such as traffic or construction; a diversion from the usual or expected course of action

*synonym*: diversion, deviation, bypass

(1) **detour** sign, (2) unnecessary **detour**

We had to take a **detour because** of the road construction ahead.

### drape

*v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material

*synonym*: cover, hang, arrange

(1) **drape** a coat, (2) **drape** a curtain

She **draped** a shawl over her shoulders to keep warm.

### sham

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who

pretends to be something they are not

*synonym* : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

## app

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

*synonym* : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

## commute

*v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

*synonym* : travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

## captivate

*v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of

*synonym* : enchant, charm, fascinate

(1) **captivate** public sentiment, (2) **captivate** the mind

The magician **captivated** the audience with his illusions.

## lynch

*v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

*synonym* : hang, execute, mob

(1) **lynch** law, (2) **lynch** him to death

The mob wanted to **lynch** the suspect before he could be tried in court.

## crowdsourcing

*n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

(1) **crowdsourcing** apps, (2) **crowdsourcing** in climate policy

The company used this **crowdsourcing** platform to gather ideas for its next product.

## cartographer

*v.* a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools

*synonym* : mapmaker

(1) expert **cartographer**, (2) **cartographer's** tool

A **cartographer's** job requires a strong eye for detail and a deep understanding of geographic principles.

## satire

*n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques

*synonym* : irony, mockery, ridicule

(1) **satire** magazine, (2) a pungent **satire**

The comedian's **satire** on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. de___r sign                   | <i>n.</i> a route that deviates from the main or direct one, usually taken to avoid something such as traffic or construction; a diversion from the usual or expected course of action                      |
| 2. sa___e magazine               | <i>n.</i> a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques |
| 3. cro_____ing in climate policy | <i>n.</i> the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet                             |
| 4. cannot log in to the a_p      | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC   |
| 5. car_____her's tool            | <i>v.</i> a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools  |
| 6. a s__m battle                 | <i>n.</i> something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not   |

ANSWERS: 1. detour, 2. satire, 3. crowdsourcing, 4. app, 5. cartographer, 6. sham



14. dr\_\_e a coat v. to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material
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20. ca\_\_\_\_\_te public sentiment v. to attract and hold the attention or interest of
21. turn out to be all s\_\_m n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 14. drape, 15. cartographer, 16. satire, 17. confession, 18. confession, 19. crowdsourcing, 20. captivate, 21. sham

22. ly\_\_h law

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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We had to take a \_\_\_\_\_ of the road construction ahead.
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- v. to attract and hold the attention or interest of
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9. The mob wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect before he could be tried in court.
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10. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the \_\_\_\_\_ release.
- n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
11. The prisoner made a full \_\_\_\_\_ and admitted to his crime.
- n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

ANSWERS: 7. captivated, 8. sham, 9. lynch, 10. app's, 11. confession