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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### hallway

*n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

*synonym*: foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor

He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

### biobank

*n.* a repository or storage facility for biological samples, such as blood, tissue, or DNA, used for research or medical purposes

*synonym*: biorepository, genome bank, DNA bank

(1) **biobank** samples, (2) national **biobank**

The researchers are working to create a **biobank** of genetic material for scientific study.

### proponent

*n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause

*synonym*: advocate, devotee, follower

(1) enthusiastic **proponent**, (2) **proponent** of world peace

Einstein was a **proponent** of the theory of relativity.

## untreated

*adj.* not given medical care or treatment; not subjected to chemical or physical treatment

*synonym* : raw, unprocessed, coarse

(1) an **untreated** disease, (2) dispose of **untreated** formalin solution

Heat stroke is the result of **untreated** heat exhaustion.

## bankrupt

*adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

*synonym* : insolvent, broke, ruined

(1) **bankrupt** business, (2) financially **bankrupt**

Unfortunately, the company went **bankrupt** and had to close its doors permanently.

## infringe

*v.* to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property

*synonym* : violate, trespass, breach

(1) **infringe** a copyright, (2) **infringe** on our property

The company promised not to **infringe** on any of its competitor's patents.

## delve

*v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner

*synonym* : dig, excavate, uncover

(1) **delve** deeper, (2) **delve** into documents

Researchers must **delve** into the intricacies of the human brain to understand mental illness.

## entrenched

*adj.* established firmly and securely

*synonym* : deep-rooted, confirmed, ingrained

(1) **entrenched** ideas, (2) **entrenched** positions

The monarch exploited the peasants using its **entrenched**

power.

**quo** *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue  
*synonym*: status, condition, state  
(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto  
The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

**industrious** *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort  
*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous  
(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student  
He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

**overturn** *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset  
*synonym*: flip over, upset, topple  
(1) **overturn** a decision, (2) **overturn** a table  
The court **overturned** the original verdict.

**vigorously** *adv.* in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic  
*synonym*: energetically, forcefully, strongly  
(1) **vigorously** shake, (2) mix **vigorously** by hand  
He **vigorously** scrubbed the stains on the shirt.

**ovary** *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower  
(1) **ovary** atrophy, (2) salted **ovary** of walleye pollack  
They found **ovary** cancer in an early stage.

**illuminate** *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity  
*synonym*: brighten, light, adorn  
(1) **illuminate** a dark hall, (2) **illuminate** my understanding

That biologist **illuminated** the mechanism of heredity.

## desist

v. to stop or abstain from doing something, often in response to a request or order

*synonym*: cease, stop, discontinue

(1) **desist** from smoking, (2) **desist** from political support

The neighbors asked the construction crew to **desist** from working during the night.

## eloquent

*adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively

*synonym*: persuasive, fluent, well-spoken

(1) an **eloquent** speaker, (2) **eloquent** writing

She gave an **eloquent** speech at the graduation ceremony.

## comprehend

v. to understand the nature or meaning of something fully

*synonym*: understand, grasp, apprehend

(1) **comprehend** English, (2) **comprehend** instructions

She struggled to **comprehend** complex math problems.

## pivotal

*adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something

*synonym*: crucial, essential, important

(1) **pivotal** moment, (2) **pivotal** role

The CEO's decision was **pivotal** in the success of the company's expansion plans.

## reconsider

v. to think about a decision or opinion again to

*synonym*: rethink, review, revisit

(1) **reconsider** the determination, (2) **reconsider** my transfer

He humbly **reconsidered** his conduct.

## wherein

*adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that

(1) progress to a level **wherein**, (2) **wherein** he is mistaken

The court ruled in favor of the plaintiff, **wherein** they were awarded damages for the defendant's negligence.

## **courthouse**

*n.* a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located

*synonym* : court, tribunal, judicature

(1) **courthouse** security, (2) municipal **courthouse**

The verdict was announced at the **courthouse** after a long trial.

## **subside**

*v.* to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level

*synonym* : decrease, decline, diminish

(1) **subside** an argument, (2) **subside** after a short time

The storm **subsided**, leaving the town in peace.

## **courtroom**

*n.* a room in which a court of law is held

*synonym* : law court, tribunal

(1) **courtroom** drama, (2) **courtroom** trial

The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave testimony crucial to the case.

## **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.

## **lunacy**

*n.* a state of mental illness marked by extreme enthusiasm, excitement, or agitation; wild or insane behavior; foolish or irrational behavior or thinking

*synonym* : insanity, madness, craziness

(1) sheer **lunacy**, (2) moment of **lunacy**

It is pure **lunacy** to jump out of a plane without a parachute.

## **riveting**

*adj.* deeply engaging or captivating; capable of keeping one's attention focused or fixed

*synonym* : absorbing, captivating, engrossing

(1) **riveting** story, (2) **riveting** performance

The movie was so **riveting** that I couldn't take my eyes off the screen.

## brilliantly

*adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

*synonym*: brightly, radiantly, excellently

(1) **brilliantly** executed, (2) **brilliantly** lit

He played the piano **brilliantly** at the concert.

## grapple

*v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

*synonym*: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

## feisty

*adj.* full of energy or courage, often in the face of opposition or challenge; lively or spunky in temperament

*synonym*: spunky, plucky, spirited

(1) **feisty** attitude, (2) **feisty** debate

The **feisty** little terrier refused to back down from the larger dog.

## liken

*v.* to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way

*synonym*: compare, equate, analogize

(1) **liken** to a flower, (2) **liken** to a bird

Some people **liken** meditation to a mental shower, refreshing and rejuvenating the mind.

## medicinal

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

*synonym*: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

## carving

*n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design

*synonym*: sculpture, engraving, sculpture

(1) a wood **carving**, (2) **carving** instrument

The intricate **carving** on the wooden box was the work of a master craftsman.

## proclaim

*v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

*synonym*: announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

## biomedical

*adj.* relating to the application of the natural sciences, especially biology, and physiology, to clinical medicine and healthcare

*synonym*: medical, clinical, health-related

(1) **biomedical** assay, (2) cutting-edge **biomedical**

**Biomedical** engineering focuses on developing new medical technologies and innovations to improve patient health outcomes.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. pr\_\_\_\_\_im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
2. mix vig\_\_\_\_\_ly by hand *adv.* in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic
3. in\_\_\_\_\_ge a copyright *v.* to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property
4. el\_\_\_\_\_nt writing *adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively
5. pr\_\_\_\_\_im victory *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
6. de\_\_\_\_t from smoking *v.* to stop or abstain from doing something, often in response to a request or order
7. de\_\_\_\_\_te a chapter to the subject *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
8. gr\_\_\_\_\_e with each other *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
9. bri\_\_\_\_\_ly lit *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
10. moment of lu\_\_\_\_y *n.* a state of mental illness marked by extreme enthusiasm, excitement, or agitation; wild or insane behavior; foolish or irrational behavior or thinking

ANSWERS: 1. proclaim, 2. vigorously, 3. infringe, 4. eloquent, 5. proclaim, 6. desist, 7. dedicate, 8. grapple, 9. brilliantly, 10. lunacy



11. ill\_\_\_\_\_te a dark hall  
*v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
12. fe\_\_\_\_y attitude  
*adj.* full of energy or courage, often in the face of opposition or challenge; lively or spunky in temperament
13. ba\_\_\_\_\_pt business  
*adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
14. q\_o warranto  
*n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
15. pi\_\_\_\_\_l moment  
*adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
16. status q\_o politician  
*n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
17. ca\_\_\_\_\_g instrument  
*n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design
18. co\_\_\_\_\_om trial  
*n.* a room in which a court of law is held
19. ov\_\_\_\_\_rn a table  
*v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
20. wax a ha\_\_\_\_\_y floor  
*n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
21. bio\_\_\_\_\_al assay  
*adj.* relating to the application of the natural sciences, especially biology, and physiology, to clinical medicine and healthcare

ANSWERS: 11. illuminate, 12. feisty, 13. bankrupt, 14. quo, 15. pivotal, 16. quo, 17. carving, 18. courtroom, 19. overturn, 20. hallway, 21. biomedical

22. de\_\_e deeper *v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
23. bi\_\_\_\_k samples *n.* a repository or storage facility for biological samples, such as blood, tissue, or DNA, used for research or medical purposes
24. gr\_\_\_\_e with problem *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
25. ent\_\_\_\_ed ideas *adj.* established firmly and securely
26. me\_\_\_\_al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
27. the head of a ha\_\_\_\_y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
28. pi\_\_\_\_l role *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
29. su\_\_\_\_e after a short time *v.* to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level
30. 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
31. cutting-edge bio\_\_\_\_al *adj.* relating to the application of the natural sciences, especially biology, and physiology, to clinical medicine and healthcare
32. su\_\_\_\_e an argument *v.* to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level

ANSWERS: 22. delve, 23. biobank, 24. grapple, 25. entrenched, 26. medicinal, 27. hallway, 28. pivotal, 29. subside, 30. dedicate, 31. biomedical, 32. subside

33. bri\_\_\_\_\_ly executed *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
34. wh\_\_\_\_\_n he is mistaken *adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that
35. municipal cou\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located
36. de\_\_\_\_t from political support *v.* to stop or abstain from doing something, often in response to a request or order
37. vig\_\_\_\_\_ly shake *adv.* in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic
38. com\_\_\_\_\_nd English *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
39. ent\_\_\_\_\_ed positions *adj.* established firmly and securely
40. co\_\_\_\_\_om drama *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
41. com\_\_\_\_\_nd instructions *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
42. sheer lu\_\_\_\_y *n.* a state of mental illness marked by extreme enthusiasm, excitement, or agitation; wild or insane behavior; foolish or irrational behavior or thinking
43. dispose of un\_\_\_\_\_ed formalin solution *adj.* not given medical care or treatment; not subjected to chemical or physical treatment
44. cou\_\_\_\_\_se security *n.* a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located

ANSWERS: 33. brilliantly, 34. wherein, 35. courthouse, 36. desist, 37. vigorously, 38. comprehend, 39. entrenched, 40. courtroom, 41. comprehend, 42. lunacy, 43. untreated, 44. courthouse

45. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
46. de\_\_e into documents *v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
47. ri\_\_\_\_\_ng story *adj.* deeply engaging or captivating; capable of keeping one's attention focused or fixed
48. rec\_\_\_\_\_er my transfer *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
49. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
50. pr\_\_\_\_\_nt of world peace *n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
51. national bi\_\_\_\_\_k *n.* a repository or storage facility for biological samples, such as blood, tissue, or DNA, used for research or medical purposes
52. ill\_\_\_\_\_te my understanding *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
53. ov\_\_y atrophy *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
54. progress to a level wh\_\_\_\_\_n *adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that
55. li\_\_n to a bird *v.* to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way

ANSWERS: 45. discotheque, 46. delve, 47. riveting, 48. reconsider, 49. medicinal, 50. proponent, 51. biobank, 52. illuminate, 53. ovary, 54. wherein, 55. liken

56. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
57. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
58. rec\_\_\_\_\_er the determination *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
59. ri\_\_\_\_\_ng performance *adj.* deeply engaging or captivating; capable of keeping one's attention focused or fixed
60. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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64. financially ba\_\_\_\_\_pt *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
65. an el\_\_\_\_\_nt speaker *adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively
66. ov\_\_\_\_\_rn a decision *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset

ANSWERS: 56. discotheque, 57. industrious, 58. reconsider, 59. riveting, 60. industrious, 61. feisty, 62. untreated, 63. carving, 64. bankrupt, 65. eloquent, 66. overturn

67. li\_\_n to a flower                    *v.*    to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way
68. salted ov\_\_y of walleye pollack                    *n.*    either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
69. in\_\_\_\_ge on our property                    *v.*    to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property
70. enthusiastic pr\_\_\_\_nt                    *n.*    a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause

ANSWERS: 67. liken, 68. ovary, 69. infringe, 70. proponent

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The researchers are working to create a \_\_\_\_\_ of genetic material for scientific study.
  - n.* a repository or storage facility for biological samples, such as blood, tissue, or DNA, used for research or medical purposes
  
2. He played the piano \_\_\_\_\_ at the concert.
  - adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
  
3. That biologist \_\_\_\_\_ the mechanism of heredity.
  - v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
  
4. The verdict was announced at the \_\_\_\_\_ after a long trial.
  - n.* a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located
  
5. Einstein was a \_\_\_\_\_ of the theory of relativity.
  - n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
  
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  - v.* to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level
  
7. He couldn't wait to hit the \_\_\_\_\_ and dance the night away.
  - n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
  
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  - n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

ANSWERS: 1. biobank, 2. brilliantly, 3. illuminated, 4. courthouse, 5. proponent, 6. subsided, 7. discotheque, 8. hallway

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ANSWERS: 9. overturned, 10. industrious, 11. delve, 12. entrenched, 13. wherein, 14. comprehend, 15. feisty, 16. eloquent, 17. riveting



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25. Unfortunately, the company went \_\_\_\_\_ and had to close its doors permanently.  
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ANSWERS: 18. reconsidered, 19. infringe, 20. quo, 21. Biomedical, 22. grapple, 23. vigorously, 24. medicinal, 25. bankrupt

26. The CEO's decision was \_\_\_\_\_ in the success of the company's expansion plans.  
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