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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### minaret

*n.* a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer

*synonym* : tower, belfry

(1) **minaret** tower, (2) **minaret** call

The **minaret** of the mosque soared high above the city.

### mosque

*n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

### graffiti

*n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

*synonym* : street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

### imam

*n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community

*synonym* : leader, cleric, spiritual guide

(1) **imam** of mosque, (2) spiritual **imam**

In some Muslim countries, the **imam's** position is appointed by the government.

## calligraphy

*n.* the art of writing letters, especially an elegant or decorative one

*synonym*: penmanship, handwriting, script

(1) **calligraphy** art, (2) **calligraphy** script

The **calligraphy** on the scroll was intricate and beautiful.

## portray

*v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

*synonym*: depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

## amaze

*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

*synonym*: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

## insignificant

*adj.* of little importance, influence, or power

*synonym*: unimportant, trivial, irrelevant

(1) **insignificant** amount, (2) an **insignificant** mistake

He made me feel small and **insignificant**.

## reunite

*v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

*synonym*: reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

## Arabic

*n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

**writ** *n.* a written legal order or command  
*synonym*: legal document, order, legal process  
(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**  
He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

**decipher** *v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way  
*synonym*: interpret, decode, translate  
(1) **decipher** code, (2) **decipher** message  
He spent hours trying to **decipher** the ancient text.

**homage** *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute  
*synonym*: respect, deference, reverence  
(1) paying **homage** to tradition, (2) vassal **homage**  
The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of **homage** to the retiring athlete.

**favela** *n.* a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security  
*synonym*: shantytown, slum, ghetto  
(1) **favela** neighborhood, (2) people in the **favelas**  
Many **favela** residents struggle to access basic amenities like running water and electricity.

**rooftop** *n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes  
*synonym*: roof, terrace, deck  
(1) **rooftop** live, (2) **rooftop** deck  
They held the dinner party on the **rooftop** terrace, enjoying the beautiful view of the city.

## intrigue

*v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

*synonym* : attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

## cape

*n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

*synonym* : shawl, cloak, mantle

(1) **cape** cod, (2) red **cape**

The superhero wore a flowing **cape** as part of their costume.

## slum

*n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

*synonym* : shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

## hysterical

*adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion

*synonym* : agitated, frantic, crazy

(1) **hysterical** laughter, (2) get **hysterical** easily

The frustration that had accumulated for a long time made her **hysterical**.

## disappoint

*v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

*synonym* : sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

## stereotype

*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. avoid ste\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
  
2. ro\_\_\_\_\_p live *n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
  
3. ins\_\_\_\_\_ant amount *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
  
4. the sacred mo\_\_\_\_e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
  
5. dis\_\_\_\_\_nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
  
6. gr\_\_\_\_\_ti art *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
  
7. in\_\_\_\_\_ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
  
8. in\_\_\_\_\_ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

ANSWERS: 1. stereotype, 2. rooftop, 3. insignificant, 4. mosque, 5. disappoint, 6. graffiti, 7. intrigue, 8. intrigue

9. s\_\_m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
10. i\_\_m of mosque *n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
11. spiritual i\_\_m *n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
12. paying ho\_\_\_e to tradition *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
13. po\_\_\_\_y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
14. mi\_\_\_\_t call *n.* a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer
15. ro\_\_\_\_p deck *n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
16. am\_\_e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
17. s\_\_m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

ANSWERS: 9. slum, 10. imam, 11. imam, 12. homage, 13. portray, 14. minaret, 15. rooftop, 16. amaze, 17. slum

18. de\_\_\_\_er message *v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
19. am\_\_e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
20. hys\_\_\_\_\_al laughter *adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion
21. de\_\_\_\_er code *v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
22. cal\_\_\_\_\_hy art *n.* the art of writing letters, especially an elegant or decorative one
23. re\_\_\_\_e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
24. mi\_\_\_\_t tower *n.* a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer
25. Ar\_\_\_c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
26. cal\_\_\_\_\_hy script *n.* the art of writing letters, especially an elegant or decorative one
27. a w\_\_t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
28. gr\_\_\_\_\_ti tag *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

ANSWERS: 18. decipher, 19. amaze, 20. hysterical, 21. decipher, 22. calligraphy, 23. reunite, 24. minaret, 25. Arabic, 26. calligraphy, 27. writ, 28. graffiti

29. get hys\_\_\_\_\_al easily *adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion
30. don't dis\_\_\_\_\_nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
31. Ar\_\_\_\_c cuisine *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
32. negative ste\_\_\_\_\_pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
33. fa\_\_\_\_a neighborhood *n.* a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security
34. re\_\_\_\_\_e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
35. accurately po\_\_\_\_\_y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
36. domed mo\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
37. red c\_\_\_e *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

ANSWERS: 29. hysterical, 30. disappoint, 31. Arabic, 32. stereotype, 33. favela, 34. reunite, 35. portray, 36. mosque, 37. cape

38. issue a w\_\_t *n.* a written legal order or command
39. people in the fa\_\_\_as *n.* a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security
40. vassal ho\_\_\_e *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
41. c\_\_e cod *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
42. an ins\_\_\_\_\_ant mistake *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power

ANSWERS: 38. writ, 39. favela, 40. homage, 41. cape, 42. insignificant

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The superhero wore a flowing \_\_\_\_\_ as part of their costume.  
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ANSWERS: 8. intrigues, 9. homage, 10. reunite, 11. amazed, 12. Mosque, 13. imam's, 14. minaret, 15. graffiti

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ANSWERS: 16. calligraphy, 17. stereotypes, 18. slums, 19. insignificant, 20. writ, 21. decipher