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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### stumble

*v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily  
*synonym*: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

### rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym*: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

### loaf

*n.* a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle

*synonym*: bread, boule, brioche

(1) crusty **loaf**, (2) **loaf** around during the day

On my way home from work, I picked up a **loaf** of bread from the bakery.

## teleport

v. to transport or transmit instantly from one location to another, typically using advanced technology or imagined supernatural powers

*synonym*: beam, transport, transmit

(1) **teleport** objects through space, (2) **teleport** to any location in the world

The magician seemed to **teleport** instantly from one side of the stage to the other.

## nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

*synonym*: respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

## rearrange

v. to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned

*synonym*: readjust, reorganize, reconstruct

(1) **rearrange** the furniture, (2) **rearrange** his schedule

Please **rearrange** these files as we start a new project tomorrow.

## correlate

v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

*synonym*: associate, liken, connect

(1) **correlate** closely with the quality, (2) **correlate** to the size

We may frequently **correlate** age with the frequency of disease.

## spontaneously

*adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden

*synonym*: impromptu, automatically, immediately

(1) recover **spontaneously** after five days, (2) this shift occurs **spontaneously**

The electrical cord **spontaneously** combusted.

## synthesize

v. to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound

*synonym*: incorporate, amalgamate

(1) **synthesize** molecules, (2) **synthesize** information

The spider can **synthesize** multiple different silk proteins.

## reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

*synonym*: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

## visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

*synonym*: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

## unpack

v. to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

*synonym*: dissect, unwrap, unbox

(1) **unpack** a crate, (2) **unpack** a concept

I need to **unpack** my suitcase and put my clothes away.

## thorny

*adj.* full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with

*synonym*: prickly, spiky, bristly

(1) the **thorny** path of life, (2) **thorny** problem

The rose bush had **thorny** branches.

## consequent

*adj.* resulting or following as a result of something else;  
(noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from

something else

*synonym* : resulting, following, logical

(1) **consequent** increase, (2) the fallacy of affirming the  
**consequent**

The increase in demand for the product led to a **consequent**  
rise in its price.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------------|------|---|
| 1. re_____m a competitive position | v.   | to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back  |
| 2. un___k a concept                | v.   | to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better                  |
| 3. te_____rt objects through space | v.   | to transport or transmit instantly from one location to another, typically using advanced technology or imagined supernatural powers                              |
| 4. vi_____ze data                  | v.   | to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible   |
| 5. st_____e financially            | v.   | to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily  |
| 6. vi_____ze flying through space  | v.   | to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible   |
| 7. low-r_v engine                  | n.   | a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute |
| 8. the th___y path of life         | adj. | full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with  |
| 9. re_____ge the furniture         | v.   | to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned  |

ANSWERS: 1. reclaim, 2. unpack, 3. teleport, 4. visualize, 5. stumble, 6. visualize, 7. rev, 8. thorny, 9. rearrange

10. recover spo\_\_\_\_\_sly after five days *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
11. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze information *v.* to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
12. th\_\_\_y problem *adj.* full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with
13. te\_\_\_\_\_rt to any location in the world *v.* to transport or transmit instantly from one location to another, typically using advanced technology or imagined supernatural powers
14. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze molecules *v.* to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
15. co\_\_\_\_\_te to the size *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
16. re\_\_\_\_\_ge his schedule *v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
17. r\_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
18. crusty l\_\_f *n.* a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle
19. the fallacy of affirming the con\_\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* resulting or following as a result of something else; (noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else

ANSWERS: 10. spontaneously, 11. synthesize, 12. thorny, 13. teleport, 14. synthesize, 15. correlate, 16. rearrange, 17. rev, 18. loaf, 19. consequent

20. un\_\_\_k a crate      *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
21. n\_d at each other      *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
22. n\_d courteously      *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
23. st\_\_\_\_e through life      *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
24. con\_\_\_\_\_nt increase      *adj.* resulting or following as a result of something else; (noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else
25. this shift occurs spo\_\_\_\_\_sly      *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
26. l\_\_f around during the day      *n.* a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle
27. co\_\_\_\_\_te closely with the quality      *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
28. re\_\_\_\_\_m land from the sea      *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

ANSWERS: 20. unpack, 21. nod, 22. nod, 23. stumble, 24. consequent, 25. spontaneously, 26. loaf, 27. correlate, 28. reclaim

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The rose bush had \_\_\_\_\_ branches.  
*adj.* full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with
2. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my suitcase and put my clothes away.  
*v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
3. The magician seemed to \_\_\_\_\_ instantly from one side of the stage to the other.  
*v.* to transport or transmit instantly from one location to another, typically using advanced technology or imagined supernatural powers
4. Please \_\_\_\_\_ these files as we start a new project tomorrow.  
*v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
5. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
6. The increase in demand for the product led to a \_\_\_\_\_ rise in its price.  
*adj.* resulting or following as a result of something else; (noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else
7. We may frequently \_\_\_\_\_ age with the frequency of disease.  
*v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

ANSWERS: 1. thorny, 2. unpack, 3. teleport, 4. rearrange, 5. rev, 6. consequent, 7. correlate



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9. She \_\_\_\_\_ over the tree root.

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12. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the layout of the new house in her mind.

*v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

13. She \_\_\_\_\_ quietly in response to the question.

*v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

14. On my way home from work, I picked up a \_\_\_\_\_ of bread from the bakery.

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ANSWERS: 8. spontaneously, 9. stumbled, 10. synthesize, 11. reclaim, 12. visualize, 13. nodded, 14. loaf