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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### spate

*n.* a sudden or short-lived outburst, increase, or surge of something, often used to describe a sudden flood of water or a burst of activity or events

*synonym*: flood, deluge, inundation

(1) a **spate** of business failures, (2) **spate** of attacks

After the heavy rain, a **spate** of accidents occurred on the flooded roads.

### contemplate

*v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

*synonym*: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

### cognition

*n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

*synonym*: awareness, understanding, comprehension

(1) social **cognition**, (2) **cognition** disorder

The professor focused on the research of infant **cognition**.

## guesswork

*n.* the act or process of making an estimate or speculation based on incomplete or uncertain information; conjecture or supposition

*synonym* : speculation, conjecture, estimation

(1) pure **guesswork**, (2) rely on **guesswork**

Making decisions based on **guesswork** can lead to costly mistakes.

## mast

*n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails

(1) **mast** height, (2) built-up **mast**

The main cabin is located in front of the **mast**.

## 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**.

## oblivion

*n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence

*synonym* : limbo, forgetfulness, unawareness

(1) vanish into **oblivion**, (2) drunken **oblivion**

The author's work was forgotten and fell into **oblivion** after his death.

## resent

*v.* to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something

*synonym* : dislike, begrudge, envy

(1) **resent** being called a fool, (2) **resent** their success

He couldn't help but **resent** his friend for always taking credit for his ideas.

## napkin

*n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions

*synonym* : serviette, handkerchief, cloth

(1) paper **napkin**, (2) linen **napkin**

I always keep a stack of **napkins** on my desk while I eat to prevent any messes.

## leash

*n.* a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions

*synonym* : tether, lead, restraint

(1) dog **leash**, (2) walk on a **leash**

Make sure to put the **leash** on your dog before walking.

## excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym* : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## jingle

*v.* to create or make a ringing sound, particularly one that is musical or catchy

*synonym* : tinkle, chime, ring

(1) **jingle** a little bell, (2) **jingle** money in my pocket

The keys on her keychain **jingled** loudly as she fumbled to unlock the door.

## howl

*v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

*synonym* : wail, scream, shriek

(1) **howl** at the moon, (2) **howl** of anger

The wolves began to **howl** in the distance as the sunset.

## monogram

*n.* a design formed by combining or overlapping two or more letters, typically the initials of a person or a company, often used as a logo or symbol to represent them

*synonym*: initials, emblem, cipher

(1) **monogrammed** stationery, (2) men's **monogrammed** dress shirts

The bride and groom had their initials intertwined in a **monogram** on their wedding invitations.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. re\_\_\_t being called a fool  
*v.* to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something
2. h\_\_l of anger  
*v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness
3. pure gu\_\_\_\_\_rk  
*n.* the act or process of making an estimate or speculation based on incomplete or uncertain information; conjecture or supposition
4. a sp\_\_e of business failures  
*n.* a sudden or short-lived outburst, increase, or surge of something, often used to describe a sudden flood of water or a burst of activity or events
5. paper na\_\_\_n  
*n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions
6. ex\_\_\_e the crowd  
*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 1. resent, 2. howl, 3. guesswork, 4. spate, 5. napkin, 6. excite

7. ji\_\_\_e money in my pocket      *v.* to create or make a ringing sound, particularly one that is musical or catchy
8. m\_\_t height      *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
9. social co\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
10. 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
11. built-up m\_\_t      *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
12. drunken ob\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence
13. walk on a le\_\_h      *n.* a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions
14. men's mo\_\_\_\_\_ammed dress shirts      *n.* a design formed by combining or overlapping two or more letters, typically the initials of a person or a company, often used as a logo or symbol to represent them

ANSWERS: 7. jingle, 8. mast, 9. cognition, 10. rev, 11. mast, 12. oblivion, 13. leash, 14. monogram

15. vanish into ob\_\_\_\_on *n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence
16. 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
17. h\_\_l at the moon *v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness
18. mo\_\_\_\_ammed stationery *n.* a design formed by combining or overlapping two or more letters, typically the initials of a person or a company, often used as a logo or symbol to represent them
19. ji\_\_\_\_e a little bell *v.* to create or make a ringing sound, particularly one that is musical or catchy
20. re\_\_\_\_t their success *v.* to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something

ANSWERS: 15. oblivion, 16. rev, 17. howl, 18. monogram, 19. jingle, 20. resent

21. con\_\_\_\_\_te a marriage      *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
22. sp\_\_e of attacks      *n.* a sudden or short-lived outburst, increase, or surge of something, often used to describe a sudden flood of water or a burst of activity or events
23. con\_\_\_\_\_ted leaving school      *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
24. linen na\_\_\_n      *n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions
25. ex\_\_\_e rebellion      *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
26. co\_\_\_\_\_on disorder      *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
27. dog le\_\_h      *n.* a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions
28. rely on gu\_\_\_\_\_rk      *n.* the act or process of making an estimate or speculation based on incomplete or uncertain information; conjecture or supposition

ANSWERS: 21. contemplate, 22. spate, 23. contemplate, 24. napkin, 25. excite, 26. cognition, 27. leash, 28. guesswork



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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The main cabin is located in front of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
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2. The keys on her keychain \_\_\_\_\_ loudly as she fumbled to unlock the door.  
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6. Make sure to put the \_\_\_\_\_ on your dog before walking.  
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ANSWERS: 1. mast, 2. jingled, 3. howl, 4. cognition, 5. excited, 6. leash, 7. guesswork

8. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_.
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ANSWERS: 8. rev, 9. monogram, 10. spate, 11. oblivion, 12. contemplated, 13. napkins, 14. resent

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