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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### archaeology

*n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

### artifact

*n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

*synonym*: antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

### fetus

*n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal

(1) development of the **fetus**, (2) an aborted **fetus**

The female vagina is elastic enough to allow the passage of a **fetus**.

### womb

*n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

*synonym*: uterus, matrice

(1) tumor of **womb**, (2) **womb** transplant

The fertilized egg implanted itself in the **womb**.

## inborn

*adj.* existing naturally from birth; innate or inherent; often used to refer to traits or characteristics that are genetically determined

*synonym* : innate, inherent, natural

(1) **inborn** talent, (2) **inborn** characteristics

The scientist's **inborn** sense of logic made her a rigorous and precise thinker.

## sibling

*n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

*synonym* : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym* : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## lefty

*n.* a left-handed person; a person with left-leaning political views or tendencies; a baseball pitcher who throws with their left hand

*synonym* : left-handed person, southpaw

(1) **lefty** guitarist, (2) **lefty** batter

The **lefty** pitcher had a unique style that made it difficult for batters to hit his pitches.

## imbalance

*n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated

*synonym* : inequality, asymmetry, instability

(1) trade **imbalance**, (2) symptoms of hormonal **imbalance**

An **imbalance** in certain substances causes problems with brain function.

**skew**

*v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

*synonym* : slant, tilt, distort

(1) **skew** the message, (2) **skew** social values

The results of the poll are **skewed** because it only surveyed a small group of people.

**paw**

*n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one

*synonym* : mitt, manus, talon

(1) **paw** print, (2) **paw** pad

The cat batted at the toy with its **paw**.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. trade im_____ce             | <i>n.</i> a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated   |
| 2. Peruvian ar_____cts         | <i>n.</i> a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest  |
| 3. environmental det_____nt    | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result  |
| 4. prehistoric arc_____gy      | <i>n.</i> the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures  |
| 5. w__b transplant             | <i>n.</i> the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth  |
| 6. p_w print                   | <i>n.</i> the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one |
| 7. the institute of arc_____gy | <i>n.</i> the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures  |
| 8. s__w social values          | <i>v.</i> to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.                |
| 9. an aborted fe__s            | <i>n.</i> an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal         |

ANSWERS: 1. imbalance, 2. artifact, 3. determinant, 4. archaeology, 5. womb, 6. paw, 7. archaeology, 8. skew, 9. fetus

10. le\_\_y batter *n.* a left-handed person; a person with left-leaning political views or tendencies; a baseball pitcher who throws with their left hand
11. symptoms of hormonal im\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
12. s\_\_w the message *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
13. paleolithic ar\_\_\_\_\_cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
14. le\_\_y guitarist *n.* a left-handed person; a person with left-leaning political views or tendencies; a baseball pitcher who throws with their left hand
15. have a si\_\_\_\_\_g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
16. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
17. in\_\_\_n talent *adj.* existing naturally from birth; innate or inherent; often used to refer to traits or characteristics that are genetically determined
18. tumor of w\_\_b *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
19. development of the fe\_\_s *n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal

ANSWERS: 10. lefty, 11. imbalance, 12. skew, 13. artifact, 14. lefty, 15. sibling, 16. determinant, 17. inborn, 18. womb, 19. fetus

20. in\_\_\_n characteristics

*adj.* existing naturally from birth; innate or inherent; often used to refer to traits or characteristics that are genetically determined

21. p\_w pad

*n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one

22. play with my si\_\_\_\_gs

*n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

ANSWERS: 20. inborn, 21. paw, 22. sibling

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The scientist's \_\_\_\_\_ sense of logic made her a rigorous and precise thinker.  
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2. The results of the poll are \_\_\_\_\_ because it only surveyed a small group of people.  
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*n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
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*n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
5. The fertilized egg implanted itself in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
6. Children often copy their parents or elder \_\_\_\_\_.  
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7. An \_\_\_\_\_ in certain substances causes problems with brain function.  
*n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
8. The museum has a vast collection of Greek \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

ANSWERS: 1. inborn, 2. skewed, 3. paw, 4. fetus, 5. womb, 6. siblings, 7. imbalance, 8. artifacts

9. She teaches \_\_\_\_\_ at the local university.
- n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
10. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ pitcher had a unique style that made it difficult for batters to hit his pitches.
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ANSWERS: 9. archaeology, 10. determinant, 11. lefty