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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### misconception

*n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

*synonym*: fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held **misconception**

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

### discredit

*v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

*synonym*: disprove, undermine, disgrace

(1) **discredit** a theory, (2) **discredit** a witness

The company's unethical practices have **discredited** its brand image in the eyes of consumers.

### trait

*n.* a particular feature of your nature

*synonym*: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

### giraffe

*n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife

preserves

*synonym* : gazelle, okapi, camelopard

(1) **giraffe** pattern, (2) **giraffe** exhibit

The **giraffe's** long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.

## secondly

*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

*synonym* : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

## anglerfish

*n.* a type of deep-sea fish that possesses a long, stalk-like appendage on its head with a glowing tip that it uses to attract prey; known for their unusual and often menacing appearance

(1) **anglerfish** habitat, (2) bioluminescent **anglerfish**

The deep-sea **anglerfish** is one of the ocean's most fascinating creatures, living in harsh and extreme conditions.

## altruist

*n.* a person who has an unselfish or selfless concern for the welfare of others; a person who values the well-being of others over their interests or desires

*synonym* : benefactor, philanthropist, donor

(1) charitable **altruist**, (2) an **altruistic** act

The wealthy philanthropist was known as an **altruistic** individual who donated generously to many charities.

## 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**.

## predetermine

*v.* to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand

*synonym*: determine in advance, predestine, decide beforehand

(1) **predetermine** effectiveness, (2) **predetermine** result  
I can't **predetermine** the game's outcome, and anything can happen.

## retina

*n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball

(1) **retinal** cells, (2) **retina** scanner

Damage to the **retina** may play a role in the development of glaucoma.

## photoreceptor

*n.* a specialized cell in the retina of the eye that responds to light and enables vision; there are two types of photoreceptor cells - rods and cones - that are responsible for different aspects of vision

*synonym*: rod, cone, light-sensitive cell

(1) **photoreceptor** cells, (2) damaged **photoreceptor**

Cone **photoreceptors** are responsible for color vision.

## retrospect

*n.* a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished

*synonym*: review, hindsight, contemplation

(1) **retrospect** review, (2) with hindsight **retrospect**

In **retrospect**, I wish I had made a different decision.

## advantageous

*adj.* providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial

*synonym*: beneficial, favorable, profitable

(1) **advantageous** conditions, (2) **advantageous** interest rate

The new job opportunity offered by the company is highly **advantageous**.

## crave

*v.* to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely

*synonym* : desire, yearn, long for

(1) **crave** chocolate, (2) **crave** advice from others

She **craves** success and is always pushing herself to do better.

## **ancestor**

*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

*synonym* : forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------|---|
| 1. personality tr__ts        | <i>n.</i> a particular feature of your nature   |
| 2. di_____it a witness       | <i>v.</i> to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable  |
| 3. earliest human an_____or  | <i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather   |
| 4. pho_____tor cells         | <i>n.</i> a specialized cell in the retina of the eye that responds to light and enables vision; there are two types of photoreceptor cells - rods and cones - that are responsible for different aspects of vision |
| 5. bioluminescent ang_____sh | <i>n.</i> a type of deep-sea fish that possesses a long, stalk-like appendage on its head with a glowing tip that it uses to attract prey; known for their unusual and often menacing appearance                    |
| 6. ret_____ct review         | <i>n.</i> a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished   |
| 7. cr__e chocolate           | <i>v.</i> to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely  |
| 8. cr__e advice from others  | <i>v.</i> to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely  |

ANSWERS: 1. trait, 2. discredit, 3. ancestor, 4. photoreceptor, 5. anglerfish, 6. retrospect, 7. crave, 8. crave

9. dispel the mis\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
10. ang\_\_\_\_\_sh habitat *n.* a type of deep-sea fish that possesses a long, stalk-like appendage on its head with a glowing tip that it uses to attract prey; known for their unusual and often menacing appearance
11. chemical tr\_\_t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
12. an al\_\_\_\_\_stic act *n.* a person who has an unselfish or selfless concern for the welfare of others; a person who values the well-being of others over their interests or desires
13. adv\_\_\_\_\_ous conditions *adj.* providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
14. re\_\_\_al cells *n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
15. pre\_\_\_\_\_ine effectiveness *v.* to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand
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17. damaged pho\_\_\_\_\_tor *n.* a specialized cell in the retina of the eye that responds to light and enables vision; there are two types of photoreceptor cells - rods and cones - that are responsible for different aspects of vision
18. play with my si\_\_\_\_\_gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

ANSWERS: 9. misconception, 10. anglerfish, 11. trait, 12. altruist, 13. advantageous, 14. retina, 15. predetermine, 16. retina, 17. photoreceptor, 18. sibling

19. commonly held mis\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
20. gi\_\_\_\_\_e exhibit      *n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
21. charitable al\_\_\_\_\_st      *n.* a person who has an unselfish or selfless concern for the welfare of others; a person who values the well-being of others over their interests or desires
22. se\_\_\_\_\_ly connected      *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
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24. pre\_\_\_\_\_ine result      *v.* to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand
25. an\_\_\_\_\_or language      *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
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27. di\_\_\_\_\_it a theory      *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

ANSWERS: 19. misconception, 20. giraffe, 21. altruist, 22. secondly, 23. sibling, 24. predetermine, 25. ancestor, 26. giraffe, 27. discredit

28. se\_\_\_\_ly, it is important                      *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
29. adv\_\_\_\_ous interest rate                      *adj.* providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
30. with hindsight ret\_\_\_\_ct                      *n.* a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished

ANSWERS: 28. secondly, 29. advantageous, 30. retrospect



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Multiple genes may influence behavioral \_\_\_\_\_ concurrently.  
*n.* a particular feature of your nature
2. Damage to the \_\_\_\_\_ may play a role in the development of glaucoma.  
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3. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; \_\_\_\_\_ we will go over the schedule.  
*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.  
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5. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ the game's outcome, and anything can happen.  
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6. Children often copy their parents or elder \_\_\_\_\_.  
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8. She \_\_\_\_\_ success and is always pushing herself to do better.  
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ANSWERS: 1. traits, 2. retina, 3. secondly, 4. giraffe's, 5. predetermine, 6. siblings, 7. ancestor, 8. craves

9. The company's unethical practices have \_\_\_\_\_ its brand image in the eyes of consumers.
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10. There are numerous \_\_\_\_\_ about food and health.
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12. Cone \_\_\_\_\_ are responsible for color vision.
- n.* a specialized cell in the retina of the eye that responds to light and enables vision; there are two types of photoreceptor cells - rods and cones - that are responsible for different aspects of vision
13. In \_\_\_\_\_ I wish I had made a different decision.
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14. The deep-sea \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the ocean's most fascinating creatures, living in harsh and extreme conditions.
- n.* a type of deep-sea fish that possesses a long, stalk-like appendage on its head with a glowing tip that it uses to attract prey; known for their unusual and often menacing appearance
15. The new job opportunity offered by the company is highly \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial

ANSWERS: 9. discredited, 10. misconceptions, 11. altruistic, 12. photoreceptors, 13. retrospect, 14. anglerfish, 15. advantageous

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