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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### symbolism

*n.* the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images

*synonym* : iconography, allegory, metaphor

(1) the **symbolism** of the event, (2) political **symbolism**

The **symbolism** in the painting was rich and complex, with many layers of meaning.

### app

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

*synonym* : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

### meaningless

*adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose

*synonym* : pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task

This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical.

## converse

v. to talk informally

*synonym*: discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

## 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.

## tease

v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

*synonym*: bully, annoy, provoke

(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool

This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.

## 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.

## negation

n. the act of denying or contradicting something; the absence or opposite of something

*synonym*: denial, contradiction, refusal

(1) logical **negation**, (2) complete **negation**

The **negation** of the proposal was a blow to the team's morale.

## flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

*synonym*: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide  
The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

## nuance

*n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

*synonym* : shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**

The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

## carpenter

*n.* a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects

*synonym* : woodworker, artisan

(1) a short **carpenter** nail, (2) an apprentice **carpenter**

**Carpenter** bees are boring holes into the wall.

## invariably

*adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception

*synonym* : consistently, always, uniformly

(1) **invariably** polite, (2) **invariably** correct

She **invariably** arrived at the office early each day.

## jigsaw

*n.* a tool with a fine-toothed blade used for cutting intricate curves and patterns in thin material such as wood or metal, typically with the blade being reciprocating; a type of puzzle that consists of irregularly shaped pieces that must be fitted together to form a complete picture

*synonym* : fretsaw, puzzle

(1) **jigsaw** puzzle, (2) **jigsaw** woodworking

The **jigsaw** blade needs to be changed before we can continue the project.

## trawl

*v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information

*synonym* : fish, dredge, drag

(1) **trawl** the Internet for free music, (2) **trawl** for fish

The fisherman used a net to **trawl** the bottom of the river for his catch.

## provocative

*adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately

*synonym* : instigating, provoking, inciting

(1) **provocative** questions, (2) a **provocative** smile

His **provocative** style frequently sparked controversies.

## germ

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym* : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## Sanskrit

*n.* an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years

(1) **Sanskrit** language, (2) **Sanskrit** literature

Some Indian classical dances and music are based on **Sanskrit** scriptures and texts.

## enlighten

*v.* to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense

*synonym* : inform, educate, illuminate

(1) **enlighten** legions of people, (2) **enlighten** other countries

The teacher sought to **enlighten** her students by introducing them to new ideas and perspectives.

## empower

*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

*synonym* : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the

same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## quadriplegia

*n.* paralysis of all four limbs and the torso, usually resulting from injury to the spinal cord in the neck region

(1) **quadriplegia** patients, (2) **quadriplegia** care

After the accident, he had **quadriplegia** and could not move his arms or legs.

## palsy

*n.* a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness

*synonym*: paralysis, tremor, twitch

(1) muscle **palsy**, (2) cerebral **palsy**

Some people with Parkinson's disease may experience tremors and **palsy** in their limbs.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. rich in nu\_\_\_e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
2. em\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
3. ji\_\_\_w puzzle *n.* a tool with a fine-toothed blade used for cutting intricate curves and patterns in thin material such as wood or metal, typically with the blade being reciprocating; a type of puzzle that consists of irregularly shaped pieces that must be fitted together to form a complete picture
4. a pro\_\_\_\_ve smile *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
5. tr\_\_l for fish *v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information
6. pro\_\_\_\_ve questions *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
7. subtle cultural nu\_\_\_e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
8. inv\_\_\_\_ly correct *adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception

ANSWERS: 1. nuance, 2. empower, 3. jigsaw, 4. provocative, 5. trawl, 6. provocative, 7. nuance, 8. invariably

9. killer a\_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
10. do a mea\_\_\_\_\_ss task *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
11. a mea\_\_\_\_\_ss endeavor *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
12. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
13. qua\_\_\_\_\_gia patients *n.* paralysis of all four limbs and the torso, usually resulting from injury to the spinal cord in the neck region
14. the sy\_\_\_\_\_sm of the event *n.* the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images
15. muscle pa\_\_y *n.* a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness
16. inv\_\_\_\_\_ly polite *adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception
17. te\_\_e wool *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

ANSWERS: 9. app, 10. meaningless, 11. meaningless, 12. empower, 13. quadriplegia, 14. symbolism, 15. palsy, 16. invariably, 17. tease

18. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
19. qua\_\_\_\_\_gia care *n.* paralysis of all four limbs and the torso, usually resulting from injury to the spinal cord in the neck region
20. a g\_\_m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
21. recover spo\_\_\_\_\_sly after five days *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
22. en\_\_\_\_\_en legions of people *v.* to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense
23. political sy\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images
24. en\_\_\_\_\_en other countries *v.* to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense
25. logical ne\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of denying or contradicting something; the absence or opposite of something

ANSWERS: 18. germ, 19. quadriplegia, 20. germ, 21. spontaneously, 22. enlighten, 23. symbolism, 24. enlighten, 25. negation



26. fl\_\_\_\_sh worldwide      *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
27. complete ne\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act of denying or contradicting something; the absence or opposite of something
28. tr\_\_l the Internet for free music      *v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information
29. ex\_\_\_\_e the crowd      *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
30. te\_\_e the children      *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
31. co\_\_\_\_se with an acquaintance      *v.* to talk informally
32. ji\_\_\_\_w woodworking      *n.* a tool with a fine-toothed blade used for cutting intricate curves and patterns in thin material such as wood or metal, typically with the blade being reciprocating; a type of puzzle that consists of irregularly shaped pieces that must be fitted together to form a complete picture
33. this shift occurs spo\_\_\_\_\_sly      *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
34. ask a co\_\_\_\_se question      *v.* to talk informally

ANSWERS: 26. flourish, 27. negation, 28. trawl, 29. excite, 30. tease, 31. converse, 32. jigsaw, 33. spontaneously, 34. converse

35. cannot log in to the a\_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
36. fl\_\_\_\_\_sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
37. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
38. cerebral pa\_\_y *n.* a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness
39. Sa\_\_\_\_\_it literature *n.* an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years
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41. an apprentice ca\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects
42. a short ca\_\_\_\_\_er nail *n.* a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects

ANSWERS: 35. app, 36. flourish, 37. excite, 38. palsy, 39. Sanskrit, 40. Sanskrit, 41. carpenter, 42. carpenter

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the painting was rich and complex, with many layers of meaning.
  - n. the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images
  
2. This experiment's results are \_\_\_\_\_ because the other conditions are not identical.
  - adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose
  
3. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.
  - v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
  
4. His \_\_\_\_\_ style frequently sparked controversies.
  - adj. arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
  
5. The fisherman used a net to \_\_\_\_\_ the bottom of the river for his catch.
  - v. to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information
  
6. The Ottoman Empire \_\_\_\_\_ for over five centuries.
  - v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
  
7. She enjoyed the opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ with a person who spoke her language.
  - v. to talk informally

ANSWERS: 1. symbolism, 2. meaningless, 3. excited, 4. provocative, 5. trawl, 6. flourished, 7. converse

8. The electrical cord \_\_\_\_\_ combusted.  
*adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
9. The painter has tried to express every \_\_\_\_\_ of the woman's expression in his work.  
*n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
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ANSWERS: 8. spontaneously, 9. nuance, 10. negation, 11. tease, 12. quadriplegia, 13. jigsaw, 14. germ

15. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the \_\_\_\_\_ release.  
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21. The teacher sought to \_\_\_\_\_ her students by introducing them to new ideas and perspectives.  
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ANSWERS: 15. app's, 16. palsy, 17. invariably, 18. Carpenter, 19. empowered, 20. Sanskrit, 21. enlighten

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