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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### heartbeat

*n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force

*synonym*: beat, pulse, force

(1) **heartbeat** abnormality, (2) a pounding **heartbeat**

New York is the commercial **heartbeat** of America.

### unstressed

*adj.* not feeling worried; not having stress placed upon it

*synonym*: relaxed, tranquil, easy-going

(1) **unstressed** vowel, (2) **unstressed** syllable

She remained **unstressed** even when the deadline was approaching.

### 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.

### concentric

*adj.* having a common center, with circles or spheres that share a common center point; having shapes or forms that are aligned or nested within one another

*synonym* : homocentric, nested, circular

(1) **concentric** design, (2) **concentric** shades of color  
**Concentric** circles surrounded the target on the shooting range.

## recognizable

*adj.* easy to become aware of or identify

*synonym* : noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark  
His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

## reggae

*n.* a genre of music that originated in Jamaica in the late 1960s, characterized by its rhythmic and syncopated style, prominent bass lines, and lyrics often addressing social or political themes

(1) **reggae** music, (2) **reggae** artist

The band played the perfect blend of **reggae** and jazz at the music festival.

## rot

*v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

*synonym* : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

## whirl

*v.* to spin or turn rapidly; to move or be moved quickly in a circular manner; (noun) a spinning or rotating movement, often rapid or chaotic in nature

*synonym* : spin, rotate, swirl

(1) **whirl** in the washing machine, (2) **whirl** around the dance floor

The leaves began to **whirl** around in the windy weather.

## outermost

*adj.* farthest from the center or the inside; located on or relating to the outer part or surface of something

*synonym* : outer, extreme, farthest

(1) **outermost** boundary, (2) **outermost** shell

The **outermost** layer of the planet's atmosphere is extremely thin.

## rhythmic

*adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

*synonym*: measured, metrical, cadenced

(1) a **rhythmic** stroking, (2) in a **rhythmic** pace

The **rhythmic** sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

## counterclockwise

*adv.* in a direction opposite to the rotation of a clock's hands or opposite to the usual direction of movement or flow

*synonym*: anticlockwise, reversely

(1) move **counterclockwise**, (2) swirl **counterclockwise**

The carousel rotates **counterclockwise** at a slow pace.

## tango

*n.* a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music

(1) passionate **tango**, (2) sensual **tango**

We took a **tango** lesson to prepare for our upcoming dance competition.

## nifty

*adj.* attractive and stylish; clever and ingenious; neat and handy

*synonym*: cool, clever, ingenious

(1) **nifty** gadget, (2) **nifty** idea

The car has a **nifty** feature that alerts you when you're about to veer off the road.

## tyranny

*n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

*synonym*: despotism, oppression, dictatorship

(1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority

The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. wh\_\_l in the washing machine  
*v.* to spin or turn rapidly; to move or be moved quickly in a circular manner; (noun) a spinning or rotating movement, often rapid or chaotic in nature
2. con\_\_\_\_\_ic shades of color  
*adj.* having a common center, with circles or spheres that share a common center point; having shapes or forms that are aligned or nested within one another
3. ty\_\_\_\_\_y of the majority  
*n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
4. in a rh\_\_\_\_\_ic pace  
*adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
5. uns\_\_\_\_\_ed vowel  
*adj.* not feeling worried; not having stress placed upon it
6. begin to r\_t  
*v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
7. he\_\_\_\_\_at abnormality  
*n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force
8. move cou\_\_\_\_\_ise  
*adv.* in a direction opposite to the rotation of a clock's hands or opposite to the usual direction of movement or flow
9. swirl cou\_\_\_\_\_ise  
*adv.* in a direction opposite to the rotation of a clock's hands or opposite to the usual direction of movement or flow

ANSWERS: 1. whirl, 2. concentric, 3. tyranny, 4. rhythmic, 5. unstressed, 6. rot, 7. heartbeat, 8. counterclockwise, 9. counterclockwise

10. a pounding he\_\_\_\_\_at *n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force
11. uns\_\_\_\_\_ed syllable *adj.* not feeling worried; not having stress placed upon it
12. vi\_\_\_\_\_ze flying through space *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
13. brutal ty\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
14. re\_\_\_e artist *n.* a genre of music that originated in Jamaica in the late 1960s, characterized by its rhythmic and syncopated style, prominent bass lines, and lyrics often addressing social or political themes
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17. a rh\_\_\_\_\_ic stroking *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
18. sensual ta\_\_o *n.* a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music

ANSWERS: 10. heartbeat, 11. unstressed, 12. visualize, 13. tyranny, 14. reggae, 15. visualize, 16. concentric, 17. rhythmic, 18. tango

19. ou\_\_\_\_\_st shell *adj.* farthest from the center or the inside; located on or relating to the outer part or surface of something
20. ni\_\_y idea *adj.* attractive and stylish; clever and ingenious; neat and handy
21. rec\_\_\_\_\_ble landmark *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
22. wh\_\_l around the dance floor *v.* to spin or turn rapidly; to move or be moved quickly in a circular manner; (noun) a spinning or rotating movement, often rapid or chaotic in nature
23. passionate ta\_\_o *n.* a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music
24. re\_\_\_e music *n.* a genre of music that originated in Jamaica in the late 1960s, characterized by its rhythmic and syncopated style, prominent bass lines, and lyrics often addressing social or political themes
25. to a rec\_\_\_\_\_ble degree *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
26. r\_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
27. ou\_\_\_\_\_st boundary *adj.* farthest from the center or the inside; located on or relating to the outer part or surface of something
28. ni\_\_y gadget *adj.* attractive and stylish; clever and ingenious; neat and handy

ANSWERS: 19. outermost, 20. nifty, 21. recognizable, 22. whirl, 23. tango, 24. reggae, 25. recognizable, 26. rot, 27. outermost, 28. nifty

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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. New York is the commercial \_\_\_\_\_ of America.  
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ANSWERS: 9. reggae, 10. counterclockwise, 11. whirl, 12. recognizable, 13. tango, 14. outermost