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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### tribune

*n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience

*synonym* : platform, podium, stand

(1) the position of **tribune**, (2) editorial **tribune**

The politician delivered his speech from the **tribune** to a crowd of cheering supporters.

### whoop

*v.* to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise

*synonym* : yell, shout, cheer

(1) **whoop** with joy, (2) **whoop** it up at a party

The winning team began to **whoop** and holler with excitement.

### mislead

*v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true

*synonym* : misinform, delude, belie

(1) **mislead** him into trusting her, (2) **mislead** the enemy

Our troops pulled back to **mislead** the enemy.

### pointless

*adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

*synonym* : meaningless, purposeless, worthless

(1) **pointless** argument, (2) **pointless** task

The meeting was considered **pointless** since nothing was accomplished.

## confrontation

*n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement

*synonym* : face-off, conflict, competition

(1) violent **confrontation**, (2) verbal **confrontation**

The **confrontation** between the two nations escalated into a full-blown war.

## bigot

*n.* a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people

*synonym* : sectarian, dogmatizer, intolerant

(1) **bigot** mentality, (2) religious **bigot**

His refusal to listen to other people's opinions made him a close-minded **bigot**.

## purposely

*adv.* with the intention of doing something; deliberately

*synonym* : intentionally, deliberately, on purpose

(1) **purposely** ignored, (2) **purposely** vague

She **purposely** left her phone at home to disconnect and enjoy her vacation.

## sway

*v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

*synonym* : swing, oscillate, influence

(1) **sway** back and forth, (2) **sway** to the rhythm

The politician tried to **sway** public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.

## blacksmith

*n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

## inaccuracy

*n.* a lack of precision, correctness, or truthfulness; the state of being incorrect or mistaken

*synonym*: inexactness, error, mistake

(1) **inaccuracy** of measurements, (2) accumulated **inaccuracy**

There was an **inaccuracy** in the report that had to be corrected before it was published.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. mi_____d him into trusting her | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to believe something that is not true   |
| 2. ina_____cy of measurements     | <i>n.</i> a lack of precision, correctness, or truthfulness; the state of being incorrect or mistaken  |
| 3. bi__t mentality                | <i>n.</i> a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people  |
| 4. bla_____th welding             | <i>n.</i> a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil   |
| 5. violent con_____ion            | <i>n.</i> the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement  |
| 6. s__y to the rhythm             | <i>v.</i> to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something |
| 7. bla_____th shop                | <i>n.</i> a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil   |
| 8. po_____ss argument             | <i>adj.</i> having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless  |

ANSWERS: 1. mislead, 2. inaccuracy, 3. bigot, 4. blacksmith, 5. confrontation, 6. sway, 7. blacksmith, 8. pointless

9. pu\_\_\_\_\_ly ignored *adv.* with the intention of doing something; deliberately
10. religious bi\_\_t *n.* a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people
11. po\_\_\_\_\_ss task *adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
12. editorial tr\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience
13. s\_\_y back and forth *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
14. wh\_\_p with joy *v.* to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise
15. mi\_\_\_\_\_d the enemy *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
16. accumulated ina\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a lack of precision, correctness, or truthfulness; the state of being incorrect or mistaken

ANSWERS: 9. purposely, 10. bigot, 11. pointless, 12. tribune, 13. sway, 14. whoop, 15. mislead, 16. inaccuracy

17. wh\_\_p it up at a party *v.* to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise
18. pu\_\_\_\_\_ly vague *adv.* with the intention of doing something; deliberately
19. verbal con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
20. the position of tr\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience

ANSWERS: 17. whoop, 18. purposely, 19. confrontation, 20. tribune

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The politician tried to \_\_\_\_\_ public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.  
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5. She \_\_\_\_\_ left her phone at home to disconnect and enjoy her vacation.  
*adv.* with the intention of doing something; deliberately
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ANSWERS: 1. sway, 2. inaccuracy, 3. confrontation, 4. bigot, 5. purposely, 6. blacksmith, 7. tribune

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*v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
9. The meeting was considered \_\_\_\_\_ since nothing was accomplished.  
*adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
10. The winning team began to \_\_\_\_\_ and holler with excitement.  
*v.* to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise

ANSWERS: 8. mislead, 9. pointless, 10. whoop