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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### prism

- n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic

*synonym* : crystal, polyhedron

- (1) **prism** spectrometer, (2) a **prism** of viewpoints

The scientist used an optical **prism** to analyze the dispersion of light in the laboratory experiment.

### optimist

- n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

*synonym* : positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

- (1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

### supercomputer

- n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing

*synonym* : high-performance computer, mainframe, giant computer

(1) **supercomputer** performance, (2) **supercomputer** technology

China has developed one of the world's fastest **supercomputers** for its space program.

## electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym*: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

## intercept

v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

*synonym*: ambush, block, prevent

(1) **intercept** an enemy force, (2) **intercept** X rays

It is illegal to **intercept** police radio.

## wrongdoing

n. an improper or illegal behavior or action

*synonym*: misconduct, crime, offense

(1) an accusation of **wrongdoing**, (2) willful **wrongdoing**

The CEO of the company denied any **wrongdoing** while admitting to mismanagement.

## naysaying

n. the act or practice of habitually objecting or criticizing; a tendency to be negative, pessimistic, or unsupportive

*synonym*: doubt, skepticism, criticism

(1) **naysaying** attitude, (2) constant **naysaying**

I ignore the **naysaying** of others and pursue my dreams anyway.

## infiltrate

v. to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly

*synonym* : penetrate, sneak in, invade

(1) **infiltrate** the bloodstream, (2) **infiltrate** a community  
The spy was able to **infiltrate** the enemy's headquarters undetected.

## sabotage

*n.* the deliberate and malicious damage, destruction, or disruption of equipment, machinery, or other property, often by someone with a particular agenda or motive; the subversion of an organization or institution by secret agents or spies

*synonym* : sabotage, subversion, destruction

(1) act of **sabotage**, (2) **sabotage** mission

The **sabotage** of the factory's equipment caused significant damage.

## encrypt

*v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

*synonym* : encode, cipher, scramble

(1) **encrypt** data, (2) **encrypt** message

To protect their sensitive information, many businesses **encrypt** their files.

## decrypt

*v.* to convert encoded or scrambled information or messages into a form that is intelligible or understandable; to reveal information that is hidden or obscured, such as data that has been encrypted for security purposes

*synonym* : decode, decipher, break

(1) **decrypt** a file with a private key, (2) **decrypt** data

I need to **decrypt** this important message before it falls into the wrong hands.

## boggle

*v.* to be overwhelmed or surprised by something; to hesitate or be uncertain about something; to cause someone to feel overwhelmed or surprised

*synonym* :

hesitate, stagger, bewilder

(1) **boggle** the imagination, (2) **boggle** at the price  
The complexity of the situation can **boggle** the mind.

## backdoor

*adj.* a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system  
*synonym*: hidden, secret, covert

(1) **backdoor** access, (2) **backdoor** software  
The public was outraged to discover that the company had made a **backdoor** deal with the government to avoid taxes.

## coop

*v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry  
*synonym*: birdcage, enclosure, cage

(1) fly the **coop**, (2) chicken **coop**  
The farmer put a **coop** over the hens.

## outlandish

*adj.* bizarre, strange, or unconventional in appearance, behavior, or thought, often in a way that is seen as foreign or exotic; unusual or strikingly different from what is expected or normal

*synonym*: eccentric, bizarre, strange

(1) **outlandish** proposal, (2) **outlandish** behavior  
The **outlandish** outfit drew the attention of everyone in the room.

## malware

*n.* a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network  
*synonym*: virus, malicious software, spyware

(1) **malware** attack, (2) prevent **malware**  
My computer was infected with **malware**, and it caused many problems.

## subvert

*v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

*synonym*: overthrow, undermine, sabotage

(1) **subvert** power, (2) **subvert** expectations

The rebels could **subvert** the government's plans by leaking classified information.

## **maim**

*v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part

*synonym*: injure, incapacitate, wound

(1) **maim** a victim, (2) **maim** his hand

The reckless driver **maimed** several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.

## **headquarter**

*n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

*synonym*: base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency

**headquarter**

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

## **tweet**

*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

*synonym*: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

## **negotiable**

*adj.* capable of being discussed and agreed upon; able to be changed or altered through negotiation

*synonym*: flexible, adjustable, adaptable

(1) a **negotiable** bill, (2) **negotiable** salary

The price of these items is **negotiable**, so feel free to make an offer.

## **incriminate**

*v.* to make someone seem guilty of a crime or wrongdoing

*synonym*: accuse, indict, prosecute

(1) **incriminate** the person, (2) **incriminate** many well-known politicians

He exercised his right not to **incriminate** himself

## embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed  
*synonym* : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project  
He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

## corruptible

*adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

*synonym* : bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

## colonize

v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

*synonym* : settle, occupy, inhabit

(1) **colonize** planets, (2) **colonize** for cultivation

European powers **colonized** much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## gore

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death;  
(noun) coagulated blood from a wound

*synonym* : pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

## steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

*synonym* :

guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. constant na_____ng                 | <i>n.</i> the act or practice of habitually objecting or criticizing; a tendency to be negative, pessimistic, or unsupportive  |
| 2. st__r a steady course              | <i>v.</i> to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone  |
| 3. a pr__m of viewpoints              | <i>n.</i> a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic |
| 4. de_____t a file with a private key | <i>v.</i> to convert encoded or scrambled information or messages into a form that is intelligible or understandable; to reveal information that is hidden or obscured, such as data that has been encrypted for security purposes   |
| 5. his latest tw__ts                  | <i>n.</i> a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application   |
| 6. ma_____e attack                    | <i>n.</i> a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network  |

ANSWERS: 1. naysaying, 2. steer, 3. prism, 4. decrypt, 5. tweet, 6. malware



7. out\_\_\_\_\_sh behavior *adj.* bizarre, strange, or unconventional in appearance, behavior, or thought, often in a way that is seen as foreign or exotic; unusual or strikingly different from what is expected or normal
8. cor\_\_\_\_\_le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
9. su\_\_\_\_\_t power *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
10. co\_\_\_\_\_ze planets *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
11. su\_\_\_\_\_t expectations *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
12. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
13. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
14. inc\_\_\_\_\_te many well-known politicians *v.* to make someone seem guilty of a crime or wrongdoing
15. ba\_\_\_\_\_or access *adj.* a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system

ANSWERS: 7. outlandish, 8. corruptible, 9. subvert, 10. colonize, 11. subvert, 12. electrify, 13. industrious, 14. incriminate, 15. backdoor

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|--------------------------------|----|---|
| 16. chicken c__p               | v. | a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry  |
| 17. sup_____ter performance    | n. | a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing                    |
| 18. inf_____te the bloodstream | v. | to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly |
| 19. a chick's tw__t            | n. | a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application  |
| 20. administrative hea_____er  | n. | the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed   |
| 21. m__m a victim              | v. | to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part  |
| 22. em_____ss political enemy  | v. | to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed   |
| 23. st__r a conversation       | v. | to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone   |
| 24. bo___e at the price        | v. | to be overwhelmed or surprised by something; to hesitate or be uncertain about something; to cause someone to feel overwhelmed or surprised   |

ANSWERS: 16. coop, 17. supercomputer, 18. infiltrate, 19. tweet, 20. headquarter, 21. maim, 22. embarrass, 23. steer, 24. boggle

25. sa\_\_\_\_ge mission
- n.* the deliberate and malicious damage, destruction, or disruption of equipment, machinery, or other property, often by someone with a particular agenda or motive; the subversion of an organization or institution by secret agents or spies
26. excessive op\_\_\_\_st
- n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
27. an emergency hea\_\_\_\_er
- n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
28. ba\_\_\_\_or software
- adj.* a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system
29. en\_\_\_\_t data
- v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
30. g\_\_e scene
- v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
31. en\_\_\_\_t message
- v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

ANSWERS: 25. sabotage, 26. optimist, 27. headquarter, 28. backdoor, 29. encrypt, 30. gore, 31. encrypt

32. in\_\_\_\_\_pt X rays                    *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
33. inf\_\_\_\_\_te a community           *v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
34. m\_\_m his hand                         *v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
35. co\_\_\_\_\_ze for cultivation           *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
36. fly the c\_\_p                             *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
37. willful wro\_\_\_\_\_ng                 *n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
38. sup\_\_\_\_\_ter technology           *n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing
39. neg\_\_\_\_\_le salary                   *adj.* capable of being discussed and agreed upon; able to be changed or altered through negotiation
40. bo\_\_\_e the imagination               *v.* to be overwhelmed or surprised by something; to hesitate or be uncertain about something; to cause someone to feel overwhelmed or surprised

ANSWERS: 32. intercept, 33. infiltrate, 34. maim, 35. colonize, 36. coop, 37. wrongdoing, 38. supercomputer, 39. negotiable, 40. boggle

41. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
42. em\_\_\_\_\_ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
43. op\_\_\_\_\_st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
44. an accusation of wro\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
45. cor\_\_\_\_\_le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
46. prevent ma\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
47. inc\_\_\_\_\_te the person *v.* to make someone seem guilty of a crime or wrongdoing
48. na\_\_\_\_\_ng attitude *n.* the act or practice of habitually objecting or criticizing; a tendency to be negative, pessimistic, or unsupportive
49. out\_\_\_\_\_sh proposal *adj.* bizarre, strange, or unconventional in appearance, behavior, or thought, often in a way that is seen as foreign or exotic; unusual or strikingly different from what is expected or normal
50. a neg\_\_\_\_\_le bill *adj.* capable of being discussed and agreed upon; able to be changed or altered through negotiation
51. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 41. industrious, 42. embarrass, 43. optimist, 44. wrongdoing, 45. corruptible, 46. malware, 47. incriminate, 48. naysaying, 49. outlandish, 50. negotiable, 51. electrify

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ANSWERS: 52. intercept, 53. sabotage, 54. gore, 55. decrypt, 56. prism

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Bureaucracies are more \_\_\_\_\_ than other systems or organizations.  
*adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
2. The spy was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy's headquarters undetected.  
*v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
3. He exercised his right not to \_\_\_\_\_ himself  
*v.* to make someone seem guilty of a crime or wrongdoing
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the factory's equipment caused significant damage.  
*n.* the deliberate and malicious damage, destruction, or disruption of equipment, machinery, or other property, often by someone with a particular agenda or motive; the subversion of an organization or institution by secret agents or spies
5. The CEO of the company denied any \_\_\_\_\_ while admitting to mismanagement.  
*n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
6. I ignore the \_\_\_\_\_ of others and pursue my dreams anyway.  
*n.* the act or practice of habitually objecting or criticizing; a tendency to be negative, pessimistic, or unsupportive
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ANSWERS: 1. corruptible, 2. infiltrate, 3. incriminate, 4. sabotage, 5. wrongdoing, 6. naysaying, 7. electrify

8. The captain told him to \_\_\_\_\_ the ship north.
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ANSWERS: 8. steer, 9. industrious, 10. malware, 11. subvert, 12. prism, 13. optimist, 14. boggle



15. The public was outraged to discover that the company had made a \_\_\_\_\_ deal with the government to avoid taxes.
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- n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

ANSWERS: 15. backdoor, 16. decrypt, 17. intercept, 18. headquarters, 19. negotiable, 20. colonized, 21. tweet

22. To protect their sensitive information, many businesses \_\_\_\_\_ their files.
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24. The farmer put a \_\_\_\_\_ over the hens.
- v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
25. China has developed one of the world's fastest \_\_\_\_\_ for its space program.
- n. a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing
26. The reckless driver \_\_\_\_\_ several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.
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ANSWERS: 22. encrypt, 23. outlandish, 24. coop, 25. supercomputers, 26. maimed, 27. embarrass, 28. gored

ANSWERS: