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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### commute

- v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

*synonym*: travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

### eke

- v. to make a living or support oneself with difficulty or by supplementing one's income with additional work or resources; to manage or get by with what is available, often by means of careful or thrifty measures

*synonym*: supplement, stretch, squeeze out

(1) **eke** out a few extra dollars, (2) **eke** out a narrow victory

He managed to **eke** out a living by doing odd jobs.

### uproot

- v. to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position

*synonym*: remove, eradicate

(1) **uproot** the tree, (2) **uproot** tradition

We decided to **uproot** our lives and move to a new city.

## laureate

*n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

(1) Oscar **laureate**, (2) poet **laureate**

The Nobel **laureate** delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.

## mantra

*n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation

*synonym*: hymn, chant, phrase

(1) campaign **mantra**, (2) chant the **mantra** of structural reform

She repeated her personal **mantra** to herself to stay motivated.

## breadwinner

*n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others

(1) family **breadwinner**, (2) two- **breadwinner** couple

Many women are now their families' primary **breadwinners**.

## caregiving

*n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

*synonym*: nurturing, caring, assisting

(1) **caregiving** process, (2) **caregiving** responsibilities

She devoted her life to **caregiving**, looking after her aging parents.

## empathy

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym*: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## resilient

*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

*synonym* : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

## **adaptable**

*adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations

*synonym* : flexible, adjustable, elastic

(1) **adaptable** enough for the environment, (2) an **adaptable** person

We seek a candidate who possesses **adaptable** fighting potential.

## **obsession**

*n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

*synonym* : compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

## **luxuriate**

*v.* to indulge oneself or take great pleasure in something, often in a lavish or self-indulgent manner; to enjoy something to a great extent, often with a sense of indulgence or extravagance

*synonym* : indulge, delight, revel

(1) **luxuriate** in a vacation, (2) **luxuriate** in a slow and indulgent meal

After a long work week, I **luxuriated** in a hot bubble bath.

## **siesta**

*n.* a short period of sleep or rest taken during the middle of the day, particularly in cultures or regions that experience hot weather or a slower lifestyle in the afternoon

*synonym* : nap, rest, snooze

(1) afternoon **siesta**, (2) Spanish **siesta**

In some countries, it is common to take a **siesta** after lunch.

## barter

*n.* the exchange of goods or services without the use of money; a system of trade in which individuals exchange goods or services directly

*synonym* : trade, exchange, swap

(1) **barter** system, (2) a **barter** economy

The farmers engaged in **barter** to trade their crops with other farmers in the community.

## sustenance

*n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body

*synonym* : nourishment, livelihood, nutrition

(1) scanty **sustenance**, (2) **sustenance** allowance

A regular job is often a spiritual **sustenance**.

## instinctively

*adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training

*synonym* : inherently, intuitively, naturally

(1) **instinctively** grabbed the knife, (2) **instinctively** bad with children

Some researchers claim that even humans can **instinctively** sense earthquakes.

## psychiatry

*n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

*synonym* : mental health, psychology, psychoanalysis

(1) **psychiatry** therapy, (2) biological **psychiatry**

The field of **psychiatry** is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.

## juggle

*v.* to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act

*synonym* : jiggle, balance, handle

(1) **juggle** a job and motherhood, (2) **juggle** with facts

It can be difficult to **juggle** work, family, and social life, but finding balance is important.

## scramble

*v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

*synonym*: jumble, disarrange

(1) **scramble** my mind, (2) **scramble** for support

Local business owners **scrambled** to find skilled workers.

## socialism

*n.* a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole

*synonym*: communism, collectivism, equality

(1) non-Marxist **socialism**, (2) the rise of **socialism**

The professor held a seminar on the principles of democratic **socialism** and its impact on modern European countries.

## mystique

*n.* an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction

*synonym*: aura, charm, enchantment

(1) **mystique** surrounding, (2) celebrity **mystique**

The actress had a **mystique** about her that drew people to her.

## prestige

*n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

*synonym*: honor, distinction, reputation

(1) national **prestige**, (2) **prestige** company

The university has great **prestige** in the academic community.

## obsess

*v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

*synonym*: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the

fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

## paternity

*n.* the state of being a father; the attribution of a specific child to a particular father; the characteristics or traits inherited or passed down from a father

*synonym*: fatherhood, fathering, parenthood

(1) **paternity** suit, (2) **paternity** test

The **paternity** leave policy at his workplace allowed him to take time off to bond with his new baby

## soothe

*v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable

*synonym*: calm, relax, comfort

(1) **soothe** anxiety, (2) **soothe** a baby to sleep

She applied aloe vera to **soothe** her sunburn.

## housework

*n.* the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house

*synonym*: chores, cleaning, domestic duties

(1) **housework** robot, (2) light **housework**

She didn't mind doing the **housework** as long as it kept her busy and productive.

## unthinkable

*adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept

*synonym*: impossible, inconceivable, outlandish

(1) an **unthinkable** coincidence, (2) in **unthinkable** trouble

That accident was something **unthinkable** with my long experience.

## eyebrow

*n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans

*synonym*: brow, supercilium

(1) raise her **eyebrows**, (2) **eyebrow** cosmetics

She raised an inquiring **eyebrow** towards me.

## carol

*n.* a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme

*synonym*:

song, hymn, anthem

(1) Christmas **carol**, (2) sing a **carol**

I love the sound of **carols** playing in the background while we decorate the Christmas tree.

## **ethic**

*n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

*synonym*: moral code, code of conduct, principles

(1) moral **ethic**, (2) professional **ethic**

Having a strong work **ethic** is important for success in any field.

## **humanist**

*n.* a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles

*synonym*: humanitarian, philanthropist, altruist

(1) **humanist** scholar, (2) **humanist** philosophy

The **humanist** counselor encouraged her clients to focus on their growth and well-being.

## **heterosexual**

*adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

*synonym*: straight, conventional

(1) **heterosexual** relationship, (2) **heterosexual** marriage

He identified as **heterosexual** and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---|---|
| 1. car_____ng responsibilities            | <i>n.</i> the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly  |
| 2. Spanish si____a                        | <i>n.</i> a short period of sleep or rest taken during the middle of the day, particularly in cultures or regions that experience hot weather or a slower lifestyle in the afternoon                      |
| 3. chant the ma____a of structural reform | <i>n.</i> a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation  |
| 4. pa_____ty test                         | <i>n.</i> the state of being a father; the attribution of a specific child to a particular father; the characteristics or traits inherited or passed down from a father                                   |
| 5. scanty sus_____ce                      | <i>n.</i> food and drink that living things need to nourish their body  |
| 6. in unt_____le trouble                  | <i>adj.</i> too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept   |
| 7. my_____ue surrounding                  | <i>n.</i> an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction   |
| 8. campaign ma____a                       | <i>n.</i> a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation  |
| 9. professional et__c                     | <i>n.</i> a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems |

ANSWERS: 1. caregiving, 2. siesta, 3. mantra, 4. paternity, 5. sustenance, 6. unthinkable, 7. mystique, 8. mantra, 9. ethic



10. an ad\_\_\_\_\_le person      *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
11. he is ob\_\_\_sed with the fear      *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
12. non-Marxist so\_\_\_\_\_sm      *n.* a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole
13. sc\_\_\_\_\_le my mind      *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
14. daily co\_\_\_\_\_e      *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
15. ad\_\_\_\_\_le enough for the environment      *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
16. lu\_\_\_\_\_te in a vacation      *v.* to indulge oneself or take great pleasure in something, often in a lavish or self-indulgent manner; to enjoy something to a great extent, often with a sense of indulgence or extravagance
17. pa\_\_\_\_\_ty suit      *n.* the state of being a father; the attribution of a specific child to a particular father; the characteristics or traits inherited or passed down from a father

ANSWERS: 10. adaptable, 11. obsess, 12. socialism, 13. scramble, 14. commute, 15. adaptable, 16. luxuriate, 17. paternity

18. a hard and re\_\_\_\_\_nt steel      *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
19. family bre\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others
20. e\_e out a few extra dollars      *v.* to make a living or support oneself with difficulty or by supplementing one's income with additional work or resources; to manage or get by with what is available, often by means of careful or thrifty measures
21. ins\_\_\_\_\_ely bad with children      *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
22. full of em\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
23. ob\_\_\_\_\_on with character      *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
24. ba\_\_\_\_r system      *n.* the exchange of goods or services without the use of money; a system of trade in which individuals exchange goods or services directly
25. re\_\_\_\_\_nt population      *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
26. celebrity my\_\_\_\_\_ue      *n.* an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction
27. hu\_\_\_\_\_st philosophy      *n.* a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles

ANSWERS: 18. resilient, 19. breadwinner, 20. eke, 21. instinctively, 22. empathy, 23. obsession, 24. barter, 25. resilient, 26. mystique, 27. humanist

28. the rise of so\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole
29. so\_\_\_e anxiety *v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable
30. car\_\_\_\_\_ng process *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
31. ob\_\_\_s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
32. an unt\_\_\_\_\_le coincidence *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
33. ju\_\_\_e with facts *v.* to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act
34. psy\_\_\_\_\_ry therapy *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
35. het\_\_\_\_\_ual marriage *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
36. raise her ey\_\_\_\_\_ws *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
37. ho\_\_\_\_\_rk robot *n.* the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house

ANSWERS: 28. socialism, 29. soothe, 30. caregiving, 31. obsess, 32. unthinkable, 33. juggle, 34. psychiatry, 35. heterosexual, 36. eyebrow, 37. housework

38. national pr\_\_\_\_ge *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
39. a ba\_\_\_\_r economy *n.* the exchange of goods or services without the use of money; a system of trade in which individuals exchange goods or services directly
40. sus\_\_\_\_ce allowance *n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
41. ins\_\_\_\_ely grabbed the knife *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
42. ju\_\_\_\_e a job and motherhood *v.* to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act
43. em\_\_\_\_y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
44. co\_\_\_\_e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
45. poet la\_\_\_\_te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

ANSWERS: 38. prestige, 39. barter, 40. sustenance, 41. instinctively, 42. juggle, 43. empathy, 44. commute, 45. laureate

46. het\_\_\_\_\_ual relationship *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
47. sing a ca\_\_l *n.* a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme
48. afternoon si\_\_\_a *n.* a short period of sleep or rest taken during the middle of the day, particularly in cultures or regions that experience hot weather or a slower lifestyle in the afternoon
49. two-bre\_\_\_\_\_er couple *n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others
50. lu\_\_\_\_\_te in a slow and indulgent meal *v.* to indulge oneself or take great pleasure in something, often in a lavish or self-indulgent manner; to enjoy something to a great extent, often with a sense of indulgence or extravagance
51. sc\_\_\_\_\_le for support *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
52. pr\_\_\_\_\_ge company *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
53. national ob\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
54. up\_\_\_t the tree *v.* to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position

ANSWERS: 46. heterosexual, 47. carol, 48. siesta, 49. breadwinner, 50. luxuriate, 51. scramble, 52. prestige, 53. obsession, 54. uproot

55. ey\_\_\_\_w cosmetics *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
56. up\_\_\_\_t tradition *v.* to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position
57. Oscar la\_\_\_\_te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
58. so\_\_\_\_e a baby to sleep *v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable
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61. Christmas ca\_\_l *n.* a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme
62. moral et\_\_c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

ANSWERS: 55. eyebrow, 56. uproot, 57. laureate, 58. soothe, 59. housework, 60. eke, 61. carol, 62. ethic

63. biological psy\_\_\_\_\_ry

*n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

64. hu\_\_\_\_\_st scholar

*n.* a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles

ANSWERS: 63. psychiatry, 64. humanist

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Many women are now their families' primary \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others
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ANSWERS: 1. breadwinners, 2. ethic, 3. mantra, 4. unthinkable, 5. mystique, 6. luxuriated, 7. adaptable



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- n.* the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house
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12. I love the sound of \_\_\_\_\_ playing in the background while we decorate the Christmas tree.
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ANSWERS: 8. commute, 9. obsessed, 10. housework, 11. heterosexual, 12. carols,

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22. A regular job is often a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
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ANSWERS: 16. Empathy, 17. juggle, 18. soothe, 19. resilient, 20. eyebrow, 21. prestige, 22. sustenance, 23. socialism

24. In some countries, it is common to take a \_\_\_\_\_ after lunch.
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ANSWERS: 24. siesta, 25. caregiving, 26. humanist, 27. instinctively, 28. eke, 29. obsession, 30. barter

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ANSWERS: 31. paternity, 32. scrambled