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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- fez**
- n.* a brimless felt hat shaped like a truncated cone, traditionally worn by men in Turkey and other parts of the Middle East
- synonym* : tarboosh, tassel hat, Turkish hat
- (1) Moroccan **fez**, (2) wear a **fez**
- The dervish's outfit was complete, with a tall, red **fez** on his head.
- rehabilitate**
- v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
- synonym* : reform, restore, renovate
- (1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife
- The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.
- boast**
- v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
- synonym* : show off, brag, bluster
- (1) **boast** of his success, (2) **boast** a long history
- This town **boasts** a national park.

## nestle

*v.* to settle comfortably or cozily into a place

*synonym* : snuggle, cuddle, curl up

(1) **nestle** deeper against him, (2) **nestle** in a cozy spot

The cat **nestled** in my lap and fell asleep.

## sew

*v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

*synonym* : stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

## casualty

*n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

*synonym* : victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

## bisect

*v.* to divide or cut something into two equal parts, typically by a straight line or plane

*synonym* : split, divide, halve

(1) **bisect** a polygon, (2) **bisect** an angle

Using a ruler, she carefully **bisected** the line to find its midpoint.

## slab

*n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure

*synonym* : slate, tile, paving stone

(1) a **slab** of chocolate, (2) marble **slab**

The construction workers poured a large **slab** of concrete for the foundation of the building.

## untreated

*adj.* not given medical care or treatment; not subjected to chemical or physical treatment

*synonym* : raw, unprocessed, coarse

(1) an **untreated** disease, (2) dispose of **untreated** formalin

solution

Heat stroke is the result of **untreated** heat exhaustion.

## desecrate

v. to treat a sacred or cherished object or place with disrespect or irreverence; to violate, damage, or defile something that is considered sacred or holy

*synonym*: violate, disrespect, profane

(1) **desecrate** a grave, (2) **desecrate** a holy site

It is disrespectful to **desecrate** someone's place of worship or memorial.

## divert

v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

*synonym*: distract, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **divert** attention, (2) **divert** an assault

Due to the road construction, we had to **divert** our course to get to the restaurant.

## uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

*synonym*: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

## sneaky

*adj.* behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness

*synonym*: sly, crafty, deceitful

(1) **sneaky** tactics, (2) **sneaky** behavior

The **sneaky** thief slipped into the house through an unlocked window.

## riverbank

n. the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes

*synonym* : riverside, embankment

(1) **riverbank** erosion, (2) walk along the **riverbank**

We enjoyed a picnic on the **riverbank** and watched the boats go by.

## plaza

*n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

*synonym* : park, square, center

(1) main **plaza**, (2) memorial **plaza**

Three young men were busking in the shopping **plaza**.

## chaotic

*adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

*synonym* : disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

## recycle

*v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

*synonym* : reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

## authorship

*n.* the fact or condition of being the person who wrote a particular work;

*synonym* : writing, composing, penning

(1) **authorship** of the document, (2) a book of doubtful **authorship**

He took credit for the book's **authorship**, but later it was revealed that he had plagiarized it.

## coalesce

*v.* to come together or merge into a single group, mass, or whole; to blend or combine elements or ideas into a unified whole

*synonym* : merge, combine, unite

(1) **coalesce** ideas, (2) **coalesce** with the other

The various departments of the company will **coalesce** into one cohesive unit.

## sociopolitical

*adj.* relating to both social and political aspects of society; having to do with how politics and social issues are interconnected or influence each other

*synonym* : social, political, community-based

(1) **sociopolitical** issues, (2) **sociopolitical** unrest

The **sociopolitical** climate of the country has led to a rise in protests and demonstrations.

## reimagine

*v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

*synonym* : re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

## inhabitant

*n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

*synonym* : dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

## mummify

*v.* to embalm and preserve the body of a deceased person, especially in ancient Egypt

*synonym* : embalm, preserve, desiccate

(1) **mummify** a corpse, (2) **mummify** a body

The ancient Egyptians believed in **mummifying** their dead to preserve the body for the afterlife.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---|------|--|
| 1. re_____e milk packaging into new paper | v.   | to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again   |
| 2. soc_____cal issues                     | adj. | relating to both social and political aspects of society; having to do with how politics and social issues are interconnected or influence each other      |
| 3. inh_____nt tax                         | n.   | a person or an animal that lives in a particular place   |
| 4. s_w a button                           | v.   | to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle  |
| 5. walk along the ri_____nk               | n.   | the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes   |
| 6. reh_____ate wildlife                   | v.   | to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment |
| 7. un_____r the truth                     | v.   | to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden  |
| 8. a book of doubtful aut_____ip          | n.   | the fact or condition of being the person who wrote a particular work;   |
| 9. un_____r a potential problem           | v.   | to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden  |

ANSWERS: 1. recycle, 2. sociopolitical, 3. inhabitant, 4. sew, 5. riverbank, 6. rehabilitate, 7. uncover, 8. authorship, 9. uncover

10. an un\_\_\_\_\_ed disease      *adj.* not given medical care or treatment; not subjected to chemical or physical treatment
11. memorial pl\_\_a      *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
12. Moroccan f\_z      *n.* a brimless felt hat shaped like a truncated cone, traditionally worn by men in Turkey and other parts of the Middle East
13. co\_\_\_\_\_ce with the other      *v.* to come together or merge into a single group, mass, or whole; to blend or combine elements or ideas into a unified whole
14. marble s\_\_b      *n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure
15. di\_\_\_t attention      *v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose
16. co\_\_\_\_\_ce ideas      *v.* to come together or merge into a single group, mass, or whole; to blend or combine elements or ideas into a unified whole
17. dispose of un\_\_\_\_\_ed formalin solution      *adj.* not given medical care or treatment; not subjected to chemical or physical treatment

ANSWERS: 10. untreated, 11. plaza, 12. fez, 13. coalesce, 14. slab, 15. divert, 16. coalesce, 17. untreated

18. mu\_\_\_\_y a body                   v. to embalm and preserve the body of a deceased person, especially in ancient Egypt
19. bo\_\_t a long history           v. to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
20. ne\_\_\_e in a cozy spot           v. to settle comfortably or cozily into a place
21. reh\_\_\_\_\_ate prisoners       v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
22. civilian ca\_\_\_\_\_ty           n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
23. military ca\_\_\_\_\_ty           n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
24. bi\_\_\_t a polygon               v. to divide or cut something into two equal parts, typically by a straight line or plane
25. re\_\_\_\_\_ne the possibilities   v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
26. s\_w with thread               v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
27. de\_\_\_\_\_te a holy site       v. to treat a sacred or cherished object or place with disrespect or irreverence; to violate, damage, or defile something that is considered sacred or holy

ANSWERS: 18. mummify, 19. boast, 20. nestle, 21. rehabilitate, 22. casualty, 23. casualty, 24. bisect, 25. reimagine, 26. sew, 27. desecrate



28. aut\_\_\_\_\_ip of the document      *n.* the fact or condition of being the person who wrote a particular work;
29. sn\_\_\_\_y behavior      *adj.* behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness
30. ri\_\_\_\_\_nk erosion      *n.* the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes
31. main pl\_\_a      *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
32. ne\_\_\_\_e deeper against him      *v.* to settle comfortably or cozily into a place
33. the early inh\_\_\_\_\_nts of Europe      *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
34. re\_\_\_\_\_e the cardboard boxes      *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
35. bo\_\_t of his success      *v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
36. mu\_\_\_\_\_y a corpse      *v.* to embalm and preserve the body of a deceased person, especially in ancient Egypt
37. bi\_\_\_\_t an angle      *v.* to divide or cut something into two equal parts, typically by a straight line or plane
38. a s\_\_b of chocolate      *n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure

ANSWERS: 28. authorship, 29. sneaky, 30. riverbank, 31. plaza, 32. nestle, 33. inhabitant, 34. recycle, 35. boast, 36. mummify, 37. bisect, 38. slab

39. wear a f\_z *n.* a brimless felt hat shaped like a truncated cone, traditionally worn by men in Turkey and other parts of the Middle East
40. ch\_\_\_\_c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
41. the ch\_\_\_\_c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
42. di\_\_\_\_t an assault *v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose
43. sn\_\_\_\_y tactics *adj.* behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness
44. de\_\_\_\_te a grave *v.* to treat a sacred or cherished object or place with disrespect or irreverence; to violate, damage, or defile something that is considered sacred or holy
45. soc\_\_\_\_\_cal unrest *adj.* relating to both social and political aspects of society; having to do with how politics and social issues are interconnected or influence each other
46. re\_\_\_\_ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 39. fez, 40. chaotic, 41. chaotic, 42. divert, 43. sneaky, 44. desecrate, 45. sociopolitical, 46. reimagine

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. My mother taught me how to \_\_\_\_.
  - v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
  
2. Due to the road construction, we had to \_\_\_\_\_ our course to get to the restaurant.
  - v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose
  
3. He continued his investigation and soon \_\_\_\_\_ another crime.
  - v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
  
4. This town \_\_\_\_\_ a national park.
  - v. to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
  
5. The cat \_\_\_\_\_ in my lap and fell asleep.
  - v. to settle comfortably or cozily into a place
  
6. The dervish's outfit was complete, with a tall, red \_\_\_\_ on his head.
  - n. a brimless felt hat shaped like a truncated cone, traditionally worn by men in Turkey and other parts of the Middle East
  
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ climate of the country has led to a rise in protests and demonstrations.
  - adj. relating to both social and political aspects of society; having to do with how politics and social issues are interconnected or influence each other

ANSWERS: 1. sew, 2. divert, 3. uncovered, 4. boasts, 5. nestled, 6. fez, 7. sociopolitical

8. The various departments of the company will \_\_\_\_\_ into one cohesive unit.
- v. to come together or merge into a single group, mass, or whole; to blend or combine elements or ideas into a unified whole
9. Using a ruler, she carefully \_\_\_\_\_ the line to find its midpoint.
- v. to divide or cut something into two equal parts, typically by a straight line or plane
10. The ancient Egyptians believed in \_\_\_\_\_ their dead to preserve the body for the afterlife.
- v. to embalm and preserve the body of a deceased person, especially in ancient Egypt
11. We largely \_\_\_\_\_ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
- v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
12. The company is trying to \_\_\_\_\_ its business model to stay competitive.
- v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
13. Three young men were busking in the shopping \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
14. Heat stroke is the result of \_\_\_\_\_ heat exhaustion.
- adj. not given medical care or treatment; not subjected to chemical or physical treatment
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ thief slipped into the house through an unlocked window.
- adj. behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness

ANSWERS: 8. coalesce, 9. bisected, 10. mummifying, 11. recycle, 12. reimagine, 13. plaza, 14. untreated, 15. sneaky

16. The organization works to \_\_\_\_\_ drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.
- v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
17. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of \_\_\_\_\_ reform.
- adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
18. We enjoyed a picnic on the \_\_\_\_\_ and watched the boats go by.
- n.* the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes
19. The construction workers poured a large \_\_\_\_\_ of concrete for the foundation of the building.
- n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure
20. It is disrespectful to \_\_\_\_\_ someone's place of worship or memorial.
- v.* to treat a sacred or cherished object or place with disrespect or irreverence; to violate, damage, or defile something that is considered sacred or holy
21. His family is the oldest \_\_\_\_\_ of the island.
- n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
22. He took credit for the book's \_\_\_\_\_ but later it was revealed that he had plagiarized it.
- n.* the fact or condition of being the person who wrote a particular work;
23. Unfortunately, the driver was the only \_\_\_\_\_ in the car accident.
- n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

ANSWERS: 16. rehabilitate, 17. chaotic, 18. riverbank, 19. slab, 20. desecrate, 21. inhabitant, 22. authorship, 23. casualty

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