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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### shrine

*n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship

*synonym* : altar, temple, monument

(1) **shrine** temple, (2) religious **shrine**

The holy **shrine** to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.

### passerby

*n.* a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way

*synonym* : spectator, onlooker

(1) curious **passerby**, (2) **passerby** in the street

The police officer questioned the **passerby** for any information they had about the suspect

### daring

*adj.* brave and taking risks

*synonym* : audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

### parody

*n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work

*synonym* : spoof, satire, lampoon

(1) **parody** imitation, (2) comedic **parody**

The movie was a **parody** of classic horror films.

## mesmerize

*v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of

*synonym* : captivate, trance, enchant

(1) **mesmerize** a subject, (2) **mesmerize** with magic

The magician's performance **mesmerized** the audience.

## troop

*n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

*synonym* : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

## risque

*adj.* of story, comment, joke, etc. slightly offensive or surprising, especially since it is about sex

*synonym* : lewd, obscene, racy

(1) **risque** lyrics, (2) make a **risque** comment

The host of that show is famous for telling **risque** jokes.

## necessitate

*v.* to make something necessary or essential; to require something as a condition or consequence

*synonym* : require, demand, entail

(1) **necessitate** compromise, (2) **necessitate** action

The new law will **necessitate** changes in our current procedures.

## enact

*v.* to make a law; to put something into practice

*synonym* : legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

## sanction

*n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment

imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb)  
to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law,  
rule, or agreement

*synonym* : approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

## weaponry

*n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country

*synonym* : arms, munition, artillery

(1) **weaponry** development, (2) advanced **weaponry**

The army used various **weaponry** to defend the country from attack.

## puppet

*n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

*synonym* : marionette, dummy, mannequin

(1) **puppet** theater, (2) corporate **puppet**

The politician was merely a **puppet** for the wealthy elite.

## tenet

*n.* one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded

*synonym* : dogma, creed, principle

(1) basic **tenets**, (2) a fundamental **tenet** of Judaism

This section explains a central **tenet** of economics.

## emperor

*n.* the male ruler of an empire

*synonym* : ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

## resurgence

*n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance

*synonym* : revival, recovery, rejuvenation

(1) **resurgence** in popularity, (2) **resurgence** of exports  
After years of decline, the city is experiencing a **resurgence** in economic growth.

### extravagant

*adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish

*synonym*: excessive, lavish, indulgent

(1) **extravagant** expenses, (2) **extravagant** lifestyle

The wedding was an **extravagant** affair with a guest list of over 500 people.

### embroider

*v.* to decorate or embellish a fabric or piece of clothing with ornamental or colorful designs using needlework; to add fictitious or exaggerated details to a story or account

*synonym*: decorate, adorn, embellish

(1) **embroider** a dress, (2) **embroider** a cushion

She chose to **embroider** her initials onto the scarf as a personal touch.

### unmistakable

*adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand

*synonym*: apparent, clear, definite

(1) find **unmistakable** evidence, (2) **unmistakable** difference

His talent for singing is **unmistakable**.

### melodrama

*n.* a dramatic work, typically a play or film, characterized by exaggerated emotions, sensational plotlines, and sometimes exaggerated or one-dimensional characters; a theatrical or literary genre known for its emphasis on emotional appeal and sensationalism

*synonym*: drama, soap opera, theatricals

(1) **melodrama** queen, (2) theatrical **melodrama**

Her **melodrama** acting style makes her a great fit for soap operas and telenovelas.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. corporate pu\_\_\_t  
*n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
2. comedic pa\_\_\_y  
*n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
3. the members of a military tr\_\_p  
*n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
4. ext\_\_\_\_\_nt lifestyle  
*adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
5. ri\_\_\_e lyrics  
*adj.* of story, comment, joke, etc. slightly offensive or surprising, especially since it is about sex
6. pu\_\_\_t theater  
*n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
7. me\_\_\_\_\_ma queen  
*n.* a dramatic work, typically a play or film, characterized by exaggerated emotions, sensational plotlines, and sometimes exaggerated or one-dimensional characters; a theatrical or literary genre known for its emphasis on emotional appeal and sensationalism

ANSWERS: 1. puppet, 2. parody, 3. troop, 4. extravagant, 5. risqué, 6. puppet, 7. melodrama

8. unm\_\_\_\_\_ble difference *adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand
9. en\_\_t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
10. da\_\_\_g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks
11. res\_\_\_\_\_ce in popularity *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
12. curious pa\_\_\_\_\_by *n.* a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way
13. make a ri\_\_\_e comment *adj.* of story, comment, joke, etc. slightly offensive or surprising, especially since it is about sex
14. nec\_\_\_\_\_te compromise *v.* to make something necessary or essential; to require something as a condition or consequence
15. en\_\_t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
16. find unm\_\_\_\_\_ble evidence *adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand
17. theatrical me\_\_\_\_\_ma *n.* a dramatic work, typically a play or film, characterized by exaggerated emotions, sensational plotlines, and sometimes exaggerated or one-dimensional characters; a theatrical or literary genre known for its emphasis on emotional appeal and sensationalism
18. pa\_\_\_y imitation *n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work

ANSWERS: 8. unmistakable, 9. enact, 10. daring, 11. resurgence, 12. passerby, 13. risque, 14. necessitate, 15. enact, 16. unmistakable, 17. melodrama, 18. parody

19. advanced we\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
20. me\_\_\_\_\_ze a subject *v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
21. we\_\_\_\_\_ry development *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
22. pa\_\_\_\_\_by in the street *n.* a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way
23. Imperial sa\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
24. em\_\_\_\_\_er a dress *v.* to decorate or embellish a fabric or piece of clothing with ornamental or colorful designs using needlework; to add fictitious or exaggerated details to a story or account
25. a tr\_\_p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

ANSWERS: 19. weaponry, 20. mesmerize, 21. weaponry, 22. passerby, 23. sanction, 24. embroider, 25. troop

26. em\_\_\_\_\_er a cushion *v.* to decorate or embellish a fabric or piece of clothing with ornamental or colorful designs using needlework; to add fictitious or exaggerated details to a story or account
27. religious sh\_\_\_e *n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
28. nec\_\_\_\_\_te action *v.* to make something necessary or essential; to require something as a condition or consequence
29. former em\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* the male ruler of an empire
30. popular sa\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
31. me\_\_\_\_\_ze with magic *v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
32. em\_\_\_\_\_r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
33. make a da\_\_\_g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
34. a fundamental te\_\_t of Judaism *n.* one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded

ANSWERS: 26. embroider, 27. shrine, 28. necessitate, 29. emperor, 30. sanction, 31. mesmerize, 32. emperor, 33. daring, 34. tenet



35. res\_\_\_\_\_ce of exports      *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
36. ext\_\_\_\_\_nt expenses      *adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
37. sh\_\_\_e temple      *n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
38. basic te\_\_ts      *n.* one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded

ANSWERS: 35. resurgence, 36. extravagant, 37. shrine, 38. tenet

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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