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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### aspiring

*adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

*synonym* : hopeful, ambitious, eager

(1) **aspiring** prime minister, (2) have **aspiring** eyes

He was extremely generous to the **aspiring** young artist.

### babble

*n.* the sound of many people speaking simultaneously; meaningless talk or speech

*synonym* : drivel, gabble, gibberish

(1) the **babble** of a crowd, (2) mindless **babble**

Please avoid using excessive jargon or too much technological **babble**.

### disengage

*v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

*synonym* : withdraw, separate, detach

(1) **disengage** the clutch, (2) **disengage** socially

He **disengaged** from the conversation and walked away.

### soak

*v.* to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money

*synonym* : saturate, steep, douse

(1) **soak** in a hot spring, (2) **soak** away stress

I **soaked** the shirt in the sink before washing it.

## rapt

*adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed

*synonym* : entranced, absorbed, spellbound

(1) **rapt** audience, (2) have a **rapt** expression

She was **rapt** in concentration as she listened to the lecture.

## weave

*v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

*synonym* : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

## envision

*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

*synonym* : anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

## storytelling

*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

*synonym* : narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

## disinterest

*n.* lack of interest, concern, or involvement in a particular matter; impartiality or neutrality

*synonym* : impartiality, neutrality, detachment

(1) show **disinterest**, (2) **disinterest** in politics

The judge's **disinterest** in the case allowed for an impartial decision.

## paraphrase

*v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

*synonym* : rephrase, reword, reinterpret

(1) **paraphrase** a poem into prose, (2) **paraphrase** the meaning

He **paraphrased** the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.

## barber

*n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered

*synonym*: hairdresser, stylist, shaver

(1) favorite **barber**, (2) **barber** pole

The **barber** shop was closed on Monday, much to the disappointment of many customers.

## pedagogy

*n.* the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession

*synonym*: teaching, instruction, education

(1) modern **pedagogy**, (2) student-centered **pedagogy**

The teacher's innovative **pedagogy** helped her students learn in fun and engaging way.

## preach

*v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

*synonym*: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

## awaken

*v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

*synonym*: rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child

The friend's death **awakens** them.

## pulpit

*n.* a raised platform or lectern in a church or synagogue from which a member of the clergy delivers a sermon or religious address

*synonym*: soapbox, podium, lectern

(1) church **pulpit**, (2) standing at the **pulpit**

The preacher delivered a sermon from the **pulpit**, inspiring

the congregation.

## reframe

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

*synonym*: redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem

The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

## confine

v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

*synonym*: restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

## 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.

## reignite

v. to cause something to start burning again

*synonym*: rekindle, revive, renew

(1) **reignite** my interest, (2) **reignite** the spark

His speech **reignited** the passion of the crowd.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. the ba___e of a crowd           | <i>n.</i> the sound of many people speaking simultaneously; meaningless talk or speech  |
| 2. s__k in a hot spring            | <i>v.</i> to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money                                 |
| 3. en_____on the future            | <i>v.</i> to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future  |
| 4. pr___h to the masses            | <i>v.</i> to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience  |
| 5. di_____ge the clutch            | <i>v.</i> to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship  |
| 6. en_____on the project's success | <i>v.</i> to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future  |
| 7. have a r__t expression          | <i>adj.</i> deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed   |
| 8. we__e on a loom                 | <i>v.</i> to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them |
| 9. courtroom sto_____ing           | <i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories  |
| 10. co_____e the scope of use      | <i>v.</i> to restrict the movement of someone or something  |
| 11. re_____e resource allocation   | <i>v.</i> to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way   |

ANSWERS: 1. babble, 2. soak, 3. envision, 4. preach, 5. disengage, 6. envision, 7. rapt, 8. weave, 9. storytelling, 10. confine, 11. reframe

12. re\_\_\_\_\_e problem      *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
13. show dis\_\_\_\_\_st      *n.* lack of interest, concern, or involvement in a particular matter; impartiality or neutrality
14. dis\_\_\_\_\_st in politics      *n.* lack of interest, concern, or involvement in a particular matter; impartiality or neutrality
15. ey\_\_\_\_\_w cosmetics      *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
16. re\_\_\_\_\_te the spark      *v.* to cause something to start burning again
17. ba\_\_\_\_r pole      *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
18. church pu\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a raised platform or lectern in a church or synagogue from which a member of the clergy delivers a sermon or religious address
19. s\_\_k away stress      *v.* to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money
20. co\_\_\_\_\_e themselves solely      *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
21. sto\_\_\_\_\_ing performance      *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
22. par\_\_\_\_\_se the meaning      *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

ANSWERS: 12. reframe, 13. disinterest, 14. disinterest, 15. eyebrow, 16. reignite, 17. barber, 18. pulpit, 19. soak, 20. confine, 21. storytelling, 22. paraphrase

23. par\_\_\_\_\_se a poem into prose      *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
24. re\_\_\_\_\_te my interest      *v.* to cause something to start burning again
25. modern pe\_\_\_\_\_gy      *n.* the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession
26. aw\_\_\_\_n a child      *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
27. we\_\_e a story      *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
28. mindless ba\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the sound of many people speaking simultaneously; meaningless talk or speech
29. standing at the pu\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a raised platform or lectern in a church or synagogue from which a member of the clergy delivers a sermon or religious address
30. student-centered pe\_\_\_\_\_gy      *n.* the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession
31. pr\_\_\_\_h the gospel      *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
32. di\_\_\_\_\_ge socially      *v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
33. raise her ey\_\_\_\_\_ws      *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans

ANSWERS: 23. paraphrase, 24. reignite, 25. pedagogy, 26. awaken, 27. weave, 28. babble, 29. pulpit, 30. pedagogy, 31. preach, 32. disengage, 33. eyebrow

34. favorite ba\_\_\_r *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
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37. have as\_\_\_\_\_ng eyes *adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
38. aw\_\_\_n at daybreak *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

ANSWERS: 34. barber, 35. rapt, 36. aspiring, 37. aspiring, 38. awaken



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 1. confined, 2. awakens, 3. envision, 4. barber, 5. weaves, 6. eyebrow, 7. pulpit, 8. disengaged

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