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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### Arabic

*n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

### pronounce

*v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

*synonym*: articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

### disgust

*n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

*synonym*: nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

### involuntary

*adj.* acting or done without or against one's will

*synonym*: coerced, forced, automatic

(1) **involuntary** manslaughter, (2) **involuntary** muscles

The drug's side effects can include **involuntary** loss of urine.

### intellect

*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

*synonym* : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

## mastery

*n.* complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity

*synonym* : proficiency, aptitude, domination

(1) **mastery** of mathematics, (2) strive for **mastery**

The country finally gained **mastery** over the whole land of its neighbors.

## germ

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym* : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## legislate

*v.* to make or enact laws; to exert control or influence through the creation or enforcement of laws

*synonym* : enact, pass, establish

(1) **legislate** gun control, (2) **legislate** against discrimination

The government needs to **legislate** stricter laws to protect the environment.

## clueless

*adj.* lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation

*synonym* : uninformed, unaware, ignorant

(1) **clueless** in many ways, (2) **clueless** about the situation

She was completely **clueless** as to how to solve the problem.

## innovate

*v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

*synonym* : bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

## converse

*v.* to talk informally

*synonym*: discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

## slogan

*n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

*synonym*: catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

## francophone

*adj.* relating to or characterized by the use of the French language, either as a native speaker or for communication purposes; pertaining to French-speaking people or countries

*synonym*: french-speaking

(1) **francophone** literature, (2) **francophone** community

He attended a **francophone** school where all the classes were taught in French.

## mistakenly

*adv.* in a mistaken or incorrect way; wrongly

*synonym*: incorrectly, erroneously, wrongly

(1) **mistakenly** left his keys, (2) **mistakenly** delete the important file

He **mistakenly** thought the red liquid was juice, but it was paint.

## puzzled

*adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

*synonym* : confused, perplexed, bewildered

(1) **puzzled** expression, (2) **puzzled** by the question

She was **puzzled** by the strange behavior of her cat.

## doe

*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

*synonym* : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

## pickle

*n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

*synonym* : jam, predicament, quagmire

(1) **pickle** a cucumber, (2) **pickle** barrel

The **pickle** must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

## aspiration

*n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

*synonym* : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

## persuasive

*adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

*synonym* : convincing, compelling, influential

(1) **persuasive** advertising, (2) **persuasive** speaker

He made a **persuasive** argument for the new policy.

## 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.

## **cringe**

v. to move back or away from someone or something because you are afraid or shocked; to shrink as in fear, disgust, or embarrassment

*synonym*: shrink, cower, quiver

(1) **cringe** with fear, (2) **cringe** at the thought of an accident

The dog **cringed** at its master voice.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. enrich my in_____ct               | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level                                 |
| 2. show di_____t at his actions      | <i>n.</i> a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval   |
| 3. le_____te gun control             | <i>v.</i> to make or enact laws; to exert control or influence through the creation or enforcement of laws                           |
| 4. ma_____y of mathematics           | <i>n.</i> complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity |
| 5. inv_____ry manslaughter           | <i>adj.</i> acting or done without or against one's will   |
| 6. in_____te the quality of his life | <i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products   |
| 7. human in_____ct                   | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level                                 |
| 8. d_e rabbit                        | <i>n.</i> a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit                                  |
| 9. pu_____d by the question          | <i>adj.</i> confused or uncertain because you do not understand something  |
| 10. ask a co_____se question         | <i>v.</i> to talk informally   |
| 11. cl_____ss in many ways           | <i>adj.</i> lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation                                   |

ANSWERS: 1. intellect, 2. disgust, 3. legislate, 4. mastery, 5. involuntary, 6. innovate, 7. intellect, 8. doe, 9. puzzled, 10. converse, 11. clueless

12. in\_\_\_\_\_te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
13. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
14. co\_\_\_\_\_se with an acquaintance *v.* to talk informally
15. mis\_\_\_\_\_ly left his keys *adv.* in a mistaken or incorrect way; wrongly
16. fra\_\_\_\_\_ne community *adj.* relating to or characterized by the use of the French language, either as a native speaker or for communication purposes; pertaining to French-speaking people or countries
17. pu\_\_\_\_\_d expression *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
18. a g\_\_m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
19. fra\_\_\_\_\_ne literature *adj.* relating to or characterized by the use of the French language, either as a native speaker or for communication purposes; pertaining to French-speaking people or countries
20. pi\_\_\_e barrel *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
21. no asp\_\_\_\_\_on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

ANSWERS: 12. innovate, 13. germ, 14. converse, 15. mistakenly, 16. francophone, 17. puzzled, 18. germ, 19. francophone, 20. pickle, 21. aspiration





33. per\_\_\_\_\_ve speaker *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
34. strive for ma\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity
35. Ar\_\_\_c cuisine *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
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37. catchy sl\_\_\_n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
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39. a chick's tw\_\_t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
40. cr\_\_\_e at the thought of an accident *v.* to move back or away from someone or something because you are afraid or shocked; to shrink as in fear, disgust, or embarrassment
41. pr\_\_\_\_\_ce a judgment *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

ANSWERS: 33. persuasive, 34. mastery, 35. Arabic, 36. involuntary, 37. slogan, 38. pickle, 39. tweet, 40. cringe, 41. pronounce

42. advertising sl\_\_\_n

*n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

ANSWERS: 42. slogan

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She enjoyed the opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ with a person who spoke her language.  
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4. She was \_\_\_\_\_ by the strange behavior of her cat.  
*adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
  
5. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently \_\_\_\_\_ the emerging technologies.  
*v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
  
6. The government needs to \_\_\_\_\_ stricter laws to protect the environment.  
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7. He was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ and fear for the threat of war.  
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ANSWERS: 1. converse, 2. mastery, 3. Arabic, 4. puzzled, 5. innovate, 6. legislate, 7. disgust, 8. aspiration

9. The company spent months researching and testing different brand \_\_\_\_\_ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.
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10. She struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ the word in a foreign language.
- v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.
- n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
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- adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
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ANSWERS: 9. slogans, 10. pronounce, 11. pickle, 12. germ, 13. intellect, 14. persuasive, 15. involuntary, 16. mistakenly

17. The dog \_\_\_\_\_ at its master voice.

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18. Hunters use a whistle that makes the \_\_\_\_ sound to lure stags.

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ANSWERS: 17. cringed, 18. doe, 19. tweet, 20. clueless, 21. francophone