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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### shadowy

*adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

*synonym* : dim, dark, obscure

(1) **shadowy** doorway, (2) **shadowy** past

The **shadowy** figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

### choreograph

*v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

(1) **choreograph** a stage performance, (2) exquisitely **choreographed**

He had **choreographed** the dance in this play himself.

### clam

*n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness

(1) giant **clam**, (2) shuck a **clam**

The **clam** digs through the sand to a significant depth.

### manifestation

*n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

*synonym* : expression, embodiment, presentation

(1) **manifestation** of a deeper problem, (2) **manifestation** of psychological stress

The **manifestation** of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

## speculate

*v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

*synonym* : assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

## neuron

*n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

*synonym* : nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

## unfold

*v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

*synonym* : open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

## hemisphere

*n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere

(1) northern **hemisphere**, (2) cerebral **hemisphere**

This weather pattern is unique to the southern **hemisphere**.

## flurry

*n.* a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals

*synonym* : burst, storm, bustle

(1) **flurry** of activity, (2) **flurry** of emails

A **flurry** of snowflakes fell from the sky as we stepped

outside.

**flail** v. to wave or swing something wildly or uncontrollably; to thrash or beat something with a flail (= a type of farm tool used for threshing, which is the process of separating grains from their husks)

*synonym*: thrash, beat, whip

(1) **flail** in the strong winds, (2) **flail** at the air

The dancer's arms would **flail** gracefully as she moved to the music.

**synchronize** v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate  
*synonym*: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

**hologram** n. a three-dimensional image produced by the interference of light beams from a laser or other coherent light sources used for artistic, scientific, or commercial applications

*synonym*: 3D image, virtual image, projection

(1) **hologram** projection, (2) **hologram** technology

The museum had a **hologram** exhibit that was very popular with visitors.

**tablecloth** n. a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration

*synonym*: table cover, linens

(1) checkered **tablecloth**, (2) **tablecloth** size

The beautiful **tablecloth** added a touch of elegance to the dinner party.

**summon** v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

*synonym*: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

## recollection

*n.* the act of remembering or the state of being remembered

*synonym*: memory, reminiscence, remembrance

(1) a vague **recollection**, (2) **recollection** of a traumatic event

The older man's **recollections** of his youth were filled with stories of adventure and romance.

## subliminal

*adj.* existing or operating below the threshold of consciousness; not immediately noticeable or perceivable

*synonym*: subconscious, latent, hidden

(1) **subliminal** effect, (2) **subliminal** advertising

The **subliminal** message in the advertisement was meant to influence consumers to buy the product.

## distracted

*adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

*synonym*: preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

## conclusive

*adj.* serving to settle an issue or put an end to doubt or uncertainty; irrefutable and leaves no room for doubt

*synonym*: decisive, definitive, convincing

(1) **conclusive** information, (2) **conclusive** statement

The research provided **conclusive** evidence that the new treatment was effective.

## fleeting

*adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time

*synonym*: temporary, brief, transitory

(1) for a **fleeting** moment, (2) **fleeting** opportunity  
She savored the **fleeting** happiness she felt during the vacation.

## **firsthand**

*adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

*synonym*: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. hear customer's voices fi\_\_\_\_\_nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
2. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
3. tab\_\_\_\_\_th size *n.* a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration
4. a vague rec\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of remembering or the state of being remembered
5. con\_\_\_\_\_ve statement *adj.* serving to settle an issue or put an end to doubt or uncertainty; irrefutable and leaves no room for doubt
6. ho\_\_\_\_\_am technology *n.* a three-dimensional image produced by the interference of light beams from a laser or other coherent light sources used for artistic, scientific, or commercial applications
7. for a fl\_\_\_\_\_ng moment *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
8. sp\_\_\_\_\_te about the reason *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
9. shuck a c\_\_m *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
10. ho\_\_\_\_\_am projection *n.* a three-dimensional image produced by the interference of light beams from a laser or other coherent light sources used for artistic, scientific, or commercial applications

ANSWERS: 1. firsthand, 2. synchronize, 3. tablecloth, 4. recollection, 5. conclusive, 6. hologram, 7. fleeting, 8. speculate, 9. clam, 10. hologram

11. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze our watches      *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
12. sub\_\_\_\_\_al advertising      *adj.* existing or operating below the threshold of consciousness; not immediately noticeable or perceivable
13. su\_\_\_\_n a city council      *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
14. cerebral hem\_\_\_\_\_re      *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
15. su\_\_\_\_n a lawyer      *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
16. un\_\_\_\_d the stroller      *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
17. northern hem\_\_\_\_\_re      *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
18. checkered tab\_\_\_\_\_th      *n.* a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration
19. man\_\_\_\_\_ion of psychological stress      *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
20. excite the ne\_\_\_\_ns      *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
21. get dis\_\_\_\_\_ed by an urgent matter      *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

ANSWERS: 11. synchronize, 12. subliminal, 13. summon, 14. hemisphere, 15. summon, 16. unfold, 17. hemisphere, 18. tablecloth, 19. manifestation, 20. neuron, 21. distracted

22. ne\_\_\_n cell body *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
23. dis\_\_\_\_\_ed by a conversation *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
24. fl\_\_\_l in the strong winds *v.* to wave or swing something wildly or uncontrollably; to thrash or beat something with a flail (= a type of farm tool used for threshing, which is the process of separating grains from their husks)
25. sh\_\_\_\_\_y past *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
26. sp\_\_\_\_\_te on the outcome *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
27. fl\_\_\_\_\_ng opportunity *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
28. rec\_\_\_\_\_ion of a traumatic event *n.* the act of remembering or the state of being remembered
29. con\_\_\_\_\_ve information *adj.* serving to settle an issue or put an end to doubt or uncertainty; irrefutable and leaves no room for doubt
30. exquisitely cho\_\_\_\_\_phed *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
31. fl\_\_\_y of activity *n.* a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals

ANSWERS: 22. neuron, 23. distracted, 24. flail, 25. shadowy, 26. speculate, 27. fleeting, 28. recollection, 29. conclusive, 30. choreograph, 31. flurry



32. man\_\_\_\_\_ion of a deeper problem  
*n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
33. sh\_\_\_\_\_y doorway  
*adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
34. giant c\_\_m  
*n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
35. sub\_\_\_\_\_al effect  
*adj.* existing or operating below the threshold of consciousness; not immediately noticeable or perceivable
36. fl\_\_l at the air  
*v.* to wave or swing something wildly or uncontrollably; to thrash or beat something with a flail (= a type of farm tool used for threshing, which is the process of separating grains from their husks)
37. conduct fi\_\_\_\_\_nd research  
*adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
38. cho\_\_\_\_\_ph a stage performance  
*v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
39. un\_\_\_\_d the story  
*v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
40. fl\_\_\_\_y of emails  
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ANSWERS: 32. manifestation, 33. shadowy, 34. clam, 35. subliminal, 36. flail, 37. firsthand, 38. choreograph, 39. unfold, 40. flurry

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
2. This weather pattern is unique to the southern \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ of snowflakes fell from the sky as we stepped outside.  
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4. I was so \_\_\_\_\_ by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.  
*adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ message in the advertisement was meant to influence consumers to buy the product.  
*adj.* existing or operating below the threshold of consciousness; not immediately noticeable or perceivable
6. The dancer's arms would \_\_\_\_\_ gracefully as she moved to the music.  
*v.* to wave or swing something wildly or uncontrollably; to thrash or beat something with a flail (= a type of farm tool used for threshing, which is the process of separating grains from their husks)
7. The museum had a \_\_\_\_\_ exhibit that was very popular with visitors.  
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ANSWERS: 1. synchronized, 2. hemisphere, 3. flurry, 4. distracted, 5. subliminal, 6. flail, 7. hologram

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.  
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9. The beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ added a touch of elegance to the dinner party.  
*n.* a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration
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ANSWERS: 8. manifestation, 9. tablecloth, 10. firsthand, 11. recollections, 12. speculated, 13. shadowy, 14. conclusive, 15. choreographed, 16. unfolded

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19. The chairperson was responsible for \_\_\_\_\_ committees.  
*v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
20. The \_\_\_\_ digs through the sand to a significant depth.  
*n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness

ANSWERS: 17. neuron, 18. fleeting, 19. summoning, 20. clam