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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

*synonym*: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

### pacify

v. to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated; to quell or suppress a feeling or conflict

*synonym*: appease, soothe, calm

(1) **pacify** a situation, (2) **pacify** an angry customer

The mother tried to **pacify** her crying baby by rocking him gently.

### irrational

*adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

*synonym*: illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers

They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the dictatorship.

## endlessly

*adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

*synonym* : ceaselessly, interminably, unceasingly

(1) repeat **endlessly**, (2) worry **endlessly** about our future

The procession of demonstrators was **endlessly** continuing.

## provoke

*v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

*synonym* : stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

## confer

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym* : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## decode

*v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

*synonym* : decipher, translate, interpret

(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences

The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

## catastrophe

*n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

*synonym* : disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate

**catastrophe**

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

## veil

*n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

*synonym* : cover, mask, (verb) conceal

(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face

He lifted her **veil** with both hands.

## quitter

*n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

*synonym*: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

## thatch

*n.* a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings

*synonym*: straw, grass, reed

(1) cover with **thatch**, (2) **thatch** of hair

The **thatch** roof was made from local grasses and was a traditional design.

## remake

*v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

*synonym*: revamp, redo, reproduce

(1) video game **remake**, (2) **remake** song

The director plans to **remake** the classic movie with a modern twist.

## totalitarian

*adj.* of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power

*synonym*: dictatorial, authoritarian, oppressive

(1) **totalitarian** ideology, (2) **totalitarian** state

The government was criticized for having a **totalitarian** regime.

## rethink

*v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

*synonym*: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. an irr_____al request             | <i>adj.</i> not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers |
| 2. repeat en_____ly                  | <i>adv.</i> in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit   |
| 3. v__l her face                     | <i>n.</i> a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure                                   |
| 4. avoid climate cat_____he          | <i>n.</i> a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune   |
| 5. easy qu_____r                     | <i>n.</i> a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started   |
| 6. tot_____ian state                 | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power                              |
| 7. ability to de___e the differences | <i>v.</i> to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand                   |
| 8. tot_____ian ideology              | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power                              |
| 9. re_____k the role of the manager  | <i>v.</i> to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it  |

ANSWERS: 1. irrational, 2. endlessly, 3. veil, 4. catastrophe, 5. quitter, 6. totalitarian, 7. decode, 8. totalitarian, 9. rethink

10. de\_\_\_e a message      *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
11. pa\_\_\_y a situation      *v.* to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated; to quell or suppress a feeling or conflict
12. pa\_\_\_y an angry customer      *v.* to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated; to quell or suppress a feeling or conflict
13. re\_\_\_\_\_k a marketing plan      *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
14. pr\_\_\_\_\_e a disease      *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
15. pr\_\_\_\_\_e a reaction      *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
16. serial qu\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
17. v\_\_l of mystery      *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
18. irr\_\_\_\_\_al numbers      *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
19. co\_\_\_r degree      *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 10. decode, 11. pacify, 12. pacify, 13. rethink, 14. provoke, 15. provoke, 16. quitter, 17. veil, 18. irrational, 19. confer

20. el\_\_\_\_e educational standards      *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
21. el\_\_\_\_e a close relationship      *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
22. th\_\_\_\_h of hair      *n.* a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
23. video game re\_\_\_\_e      *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
24. re\_\_\_\_e song      *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
25. cover with th\_\_\_\_h      *n.* a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
26. worry en\_\_\_\_ly about our future      *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

ANSWERS: 20. elevate, 21. elevate, 22. thatch, 23. remake, 24. remake, 25. thatch, 26. endlessly

27. co\_\_\_r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
28. cat\_\_\_\_\_he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

ANSWERS: 27. confer, 28. catastrophe



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The procession of demonstrators was \_\_\_\_\_ continuing.  
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*v.* to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated; to quell or suppress a feeling or conflict
3. The lack of funds has resulted in a \_\_\_\_\_ for our university system.  
*n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
4. Her behavior \_\_\_\_\_ a quarrel between the couple.  
*v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
5. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.  
*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
6. He lifted her \_\_\_\_\_ with both hands.  
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7. He was labeled as a \_\_\_\_\_ after he abandoned the project halfway.  
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ANSWERS: 1. endlessly, 2. pacify, 3. catastrophe, 4. provoked, 5. confer, 6. veil, 7. quitter, 8. decode

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ANSWERS: 9. remake, 10. elevates, 11. totalitarian, 12. irrational, 13. thatch, 14. rethink