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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

*synonym*: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

### prefabricated

*adj.* constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site

*synonym*: prebuilt, prefab, factory-made

(1) **prefabricated** building, (2) **prefabricated** home

The new office building was constructed with **prefabricated** materials, which helped save time and money.

### proliferate

v. to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner

*synonym*: multiply, spread, propagate

(1) **proliferate** cells, (2) **proliferate** weeds

The number of COVID cases continued to **proliferate** in many countries worldwide.

### congest

v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

*synonym* : clog, choke, crowd

(1) **congest** in a vein, (2) **congest** a highway

The roads to the airport were heavily **congested**.

## 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.

## fractal

n. a complex geometric pattern or shape that repeats itself on smaller and smaller scales, often occurring in nature or mathematical equations

*synonym* : pattern, design, geometry

(1) **fractal** pattern, (2) **fractal** art

The coastline of Norway is one of the most famous examples of **fractal** geometry in nature.

## reconfigure

v. to change the configuration or arrangement of something, often to improve its performance or functionality

*synonym* : reshape, restructure, realign

(1) **reconfigure** the network, (2) **reconfigure** the operating system

We need to **reconfigure** the office layout to use the space better.

## permeable

adj. capable of being penetrated, passed through, or absorbed; allowing liquids, gases, or other substances to pass through a surface or material, often with ease

*synonym* : porous, absorbent, permeative

(1) **permeable** membrane, (2) air- **permeable** fabric

The soil needs to be **permeable** so water can easily drain through it.

## obstruction

*n.* something that blocks the path or progress of something else; an obstacle or barrier that impedes movement, action, or progress

*synonym* : barrier, obstacle, hindrance

(1) airway **obstruction**, (2) **obstruction** of justice

The tree branch in the middle of the walking path created an **obstruction** for pedestrians.

## by-law

*n.* a rule or regulation made by a local governing authority, typically at a municipal or organizational level, to govern specific activities or behavior within a jurisdiction

*synonym* : regulation, ordinance, rule

(1) **by-law** amendment, (2) local **by-law**

The new **by-law** restricts the maximum height of buildings in the area.

## solstice

*n.* either of the two moments in a year when the sun is at its greatest distance from the celestial equator, resulting in the shortest or longest day of the year; the time of year associated with these events

(1) celebrate **solstice**, (2) summer **solstice**

The winter **solstice** marks the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## outdo

*v.* to do better than someone; to surpass

*synonym* : excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

## promenade

*n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with

shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

*synonym*: stroll, walkway, boulevard

(1) evening **promenade**, (2) **promenade** in the park

The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful **promenade** for tourists and locals alike.

## podium

*n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards

*synonym*: lectern, stand, dais

(1) win a **podium** position, (2) **podium** finisher

The speaker stood confidently on the **podium** while delivering their speech.

## jog

*v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose

*synonym*: run, sprint, trot

(1) **jog** in place, (2) **jog** my memory

She decided to **jog** around the park to clear her head.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. celebrate so____ce              | <i>n.</i> either of the two moments in a year when the sun is at its greatest distance from the celestial equator, resulting in the shortest or longest day of the year; the time of year associated with these events |
| 2. rec_____re the network          | <i>v.</i> to change the configuration or arrangement of something, often to improve its performance or functionality   |
| 3. fr_____l pattern                | <i>n.</i> a complex geometric pattern or shape that repeats itself on smaller and smaller scales, often occurring in nature or mathematical equations  |
| 4. win a po____m position          | <i>n.</i> a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards   |
| 5. pro_____te weeds                | <i>v.</i> to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner  |
| 6. rec_____re the operating system | <i>v.</i> to change the configuration or arrangement of something, often to improve its performance or functionality   |
| 7. by____w amendment               | <i>n.</i> a rule or regulation made by a local governing authority, typically at a municipal or organizational level, to govern specific activities or behavior within a jurisdiction                                  |

ANSWERS: 1. solstice, 2. reconfigure, 3. fractal, 4. podium, 5. proliferate, 6. reconfigure, 7. by-law

8. j\_g in place *v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose
9. airway obs\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* something that blocks the path or progress of something else; an obstacle or barrier that impedes movement, action, or progress
10. summer so\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* either of the two moments in a year when the sun is at its greatest distance from the celestial equator, resulting in the shortest or longest day of the year; the time of year associated with these events
11. re\_\_\_\_\_k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
12. po\_\_\_\_m finisher *n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
13. ou\_\_o him in trickery *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
14. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
15. pre\_\_\_\_\_ted building *adj.* constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site
16. air-pe\_\_\_\_\_le fabric *adj.* capable of being penetrated, passed through, or absorbed; allowing liquids, gases, or other substances to pass through a surface or material, often with ease

ANSWERS: 8. jog, 9. obstruction, 10. solstice, 11. rethink, 12. podium, 13. outdo, 14. opportune, 15. prefabricated, 16. permeable

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18. re\_\_\_\_\_nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
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22. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
23. j\_g my memory *v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose
24. re\_\_\_\_\_k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
25. co\_\_\_\_\_t a highway *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

ANSWERS: 17. permeable, 18. reinvent, 19. fractal, 20. proliferate, 21. congest, 22. opportune, 23. jog, 24. rethink, 25. congest

26. pr\_\_\_\_\_de in the park *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
27. pre\_\_\_\_\_ted home *adj.* constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site
28. re\_\_\_\_\_nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
29. ou\_\_o the competition *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
30. local by\_\_\_w *n.* a rule or regulation made by a local governing authority, typically at a municipal or organizational level, to govern specific activities or behavior within a jurisdiction
31. obs\_\_\_\_\_on of justice *n.* something that blocks the path or progress of something else; an obstacle or barrier that impedes movement, action, or progress
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ANSWERS: 26. promenade, 27. prefabricated, 28. reinvent, 29. outdo, 30. by-law, 31. obstruction, 32. promenade



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The speaker stood confidently on the \_\_\_\_\_ while delivering their speech.
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