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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### commonplace

*adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

*synonym*: ordinary, routine, mundane

(1) become a **commonplace** sight, (2) **commonplace** event

Forgetting someone's name is a **commonplace** occurrence.

### cliche

*n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

*synonym*: truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

### misconception

*n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

*synonym*: fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held **misconception**

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

### mistrust

*v.* to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone

*synonym* : doubt, suspect, question

(1) **mistrust** a young man, (2) **mistrust** the government  
He **mistrusted** her apology because of her past lies.

## midway

*adv.* in the middle of a process or journey; halfway between two points or stages

*synonym* : halfway, in the middle

(1) **midway** between our houses, (2) **midway** through the flight

We stopped at a restaurant **midway** through our road trip for lunch.

## grocer

*n.* a person who owns a shop that sells foodstuffs and some household supplies

*synonym* : storekeeper

(1) a green- **grocer**, (2) an old **grocer**

The natural foods **grocer** took advantage of the recent vegan craze.

## fishmonger

*n.* a person who sells fish, typically at a fish market or shop; a merchant or retailer who specializes in selling fresh or preserved fish and seafood

*synonym* : fish seller, piscator

(1) local **fishmonger**, (2) friendly **fishmonger**

The **fishmonger** at the market displayed an impressive variety of fresh seafood.

## minibus

*n.* a small bus designed to carry a limited number of passengers, usually between 8 and 15, often used for public transportation, shuttle services, or private hire

*synonym* : shuttle, van, microbus

(1) **minibus** taxi, (2) crowded **minibus**

I took a **minibus** to get to the city center since the bus service was disrupted.

## loquacious

*adj.* very talkative; tending to talk a lot and at length

*synonym* : chatty, talkative, garrulous

(1) **loquacious** chatter, (2) **loquacious** interviewee  
The **loquacious** salesman talked for hours without letting the customer get a word in.

## obliterate

*v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory

*synonym*: destroy, eliminate, erase

(1) **obliterate** all traces, (2) **obliterate** data

The accident at that nuclear power plant **obliterated** the local ecosystem.

## secondly

*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

*synonym*: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

## trustworthy

*adj.* reliable and dependable

*synonym*: reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally, (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

## posit

*v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

*synonym*: assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

## aptly

*adv.* in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence

*synonym*: appropriately, fittingly, properly

(1) **aptly** named, (2) **aptly** timed

She **aptly** described the complex scientific concept in simple

terms everyone could understand.

## unreliable

*adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on

*synonym* : inconsistent, erratic, undependable

(1) prove **unreliable**, (2) **unreliable** source of information

By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously **unreliable**.

## overestimate

*v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is

*synonym* : overrate, overvalue, embellish

(1) **overestimate** the value, (2) **overestimate** the amount of time spent

He tends to **overestimate** his abilities.

## dishonest

*adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest

*synonym* : fraudulent, deceitful, untrustworthy

(1) **dishonest** politicians, (2) promote **dishonest** behavior

Often in drama, **dishonest** personalities gain popularity.

## 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.

## midwife

*n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby

*synonym* : obstetrician, gynecologist, accoucheuse

(1) professional **midwife**, (2) serve as **midwife**

The clinical **midwife** assisted with the delivery of the baby.

## distract

*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

*synonym* : divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

## **discern**

v. to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious

*synonym*: determine, distinguish, sense

(1) **discern** the big picture, (2) **discern** friend from foe

Parents need to help their children **discern** right and wrong.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. age-old cl\_\_\_e *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
2. mi\_\_\_\_\_st the government *v.* to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone
3. ove\_\_\_\_\_ate the amount of time spent *v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
4. obl\_\_\_\_\_te data *v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
5. co\_\_\_\_\_se with an acquaintance *v.* to talk informally
6. di\_\_\_\_\_n friend from foe *v.* to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious
7. se\_\_\_\_\_ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
8. dispel the mis\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
9. se\_\_\_\_\_ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
10. po\_\_t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

ANSWERS: 1. cliché, 2. mistrust, 3. overestimate, 4. obliterate, 5. converse, 6. discern, 7. secondly, 8. misconception, 9. secondly, 10. posit

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| 11. di_____st politicians                   | <i>adj.</i> capable of being corrupted, not honest  |
| 12. mi___y through the flight               | <i>adv.</i> in the middle of a process or journey; halfway between two points or stages   |
| 13. com_____ce event                        | <i>adj.</i> occurring very often; lacking originality or interest   |
| 14. di_____ct public opinion                | <i>v.</i> to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do  |
| 15. crowded mi_____s                        | <i>n.</i> a small bus designed to carry a limited number of passengers, usually between 8 and 15, often used for public transportation, shuttle services, or private hire |
| 16. loq_____us chatter                      | <i>adj.</i> very talkative; tending to talk a lot and at length   |
| 17. commonly held mis_____ion               | <i>n.</i> a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis  |
| 18. po__t the existence of life after death | <i>v.</i> to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration  |
| 19. promote di_____st behavior              | <i>adj.</i> capable of being corrupted, not honest  |
| 20. di_____n the big picture                | <i>v.</i> to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious   |
| 21. ask a co_____se question                | <i>v.</i> to talk informally  |
| 22. mi_____s taxi                           | <i>n.</i> a small bus designed to carry a limited number of passengers, usually between 8 and 15, often used for public transportation, shuttle services, or private hire |

ANSWERS: 11. dishonest, 12. midway, 13. commonplace, 14. distract, 15. minibus, 16. loquacious, 17. misconception, 18. posit, 19. dishonest, 20. discern, 21. converse, 22. minibus

23. a green-gr\_\_\_r *n.* a person who owns a shop that sells foodstuffs and some household supplies
24. di\_\_\_ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
25. unr\_\_\_\_\_le source of information *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
26. mi\_\_\_st a young man *v.* to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone
27. professional mi\_\_\_e *n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
28. ove\_\_\_\_\_ate the value *v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
29. become a com\_\_\_\_\_ce sight *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
30. prove unr\_\_\_\_\_le *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
31. local fis\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who sells fish, typically at a fish market or shop; a merchant or retailer who specializes in selling fresh or preserved fish and seafood
32. cl\_\_\_e plot *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
33. ap\_\_y named *adv.* in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence
34. ap\_\_y timed *adv.* in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence

ANSWERS: 23. grocer, 24. distract, 25. unreliable, 26. mistrust, 27. midwife, 28. overestimate, 29. commonplace, 30. unreliable, 31. fishmonger, 32. cliché, 33. aptly, 34. aptly



35. tru\_\_\_\_\_hy ally *adj.* reliable and dependable
36. tru\_\_\_\_\_hy source *adj.* reliable and dependable
37. serve as mi\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
38. an old gr\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who owns a shop that sells foodstuffs and some household supplies
39. loq\_\_\_\_\_us interviewee *adj.* very talkative; tending to talk a lot and at length
40. friendly fis\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who sells fish, typically at a fish market or shop; a merchant or retailer who specializes in selling fresh or preserved fish and seafood
41. obl\_\_\_\_\_te all traces *v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
42. mi\_\_\_\_y between our houses *adv.* in the middle of a process or journey; halfway between two points or stages

ANSWERS: 35. trustworthy, 36. trustworthy, 37. midwife, 38. grocer, 39. loquacious, 40. fishmonger, 41. obliterate, 42. midway

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We stopped at a restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ through our road trip for lunch.  
*adv.* in the middle of a process or journey; halfway between two points or stages
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the market displayed an impressive variety of fresh seafood.  
*n.* a person who sells fish, typically at a fish market or shop; a merchant or retailer who specializes in selling fresh or preserved fish and seafood
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ her apology because of her past lies.  
*v.* to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone
4. The accident at that nuclear power plant \_\_\_\_\_ the local ecosystem.  
*v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
5. The clinical \_\_\_\_\_ assisted with the delivery of the baby.  
*n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
6. The natural foods \_\_\_\_\_ took advantage of the recent vegan craze.  
*n.* a person who owns a shop that sells foodstuffs and some household supplies
7. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; \_\_\_\_\_ we will go over the schedule.  
*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
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*adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on

ANSWERS: 1. midway, 2. fishmonger, 3. mistrusted, 4. obliterated, 5. midwife, 6. grocer, 7. secondly, 8. unreliable

9. She \_\_\_\_\_ described the complex scientific concept in simple terms everyone could understand.  
*adv.* in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence
10. He tends to \_\_\_\_\_ his abilities.  
*v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
11. There are numerous \_\_\_\_\_ about food and health.  
*n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
12. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me while I'm studying.  
*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
13. Parents need to help their children \_\_\_\_\_ right and wrong.  
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14. Often in drama, \_\_\_\_\_ personalities gain popularity.  
*adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest
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16. People tend to believe \_\_\_\_\_ friends with their secrets.  
*adj.* reliable and dependable
17. She enjoyed the opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ with a person who spoke her language.  
*v.* to talk informally

ANSWERS: 9. aptly, 10. overestimate, 11. misconceptions, 12. distract, 13. discern, 14. dishonest, 15. commonplace, 16. trustworthy, 17. converse

18. We should \_\_\_\_\_ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

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19. Using the same \_\_\_\_\_ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

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20. I took a \_\_\_\_\_ to get to the city center since the bus service was disrupted.

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21. The \_\_\_\_\_ salesman talked for hours without letting the customer get a word in.

*adj.* very talkative; tending to talk a lot and at length

ANSWERS: 18. posit, 19. cliché, 20. minibus, 21. loquacious