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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### calamity

*n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss

*synonym*: disaster, tragedy, misfortune

(1) financial **calamity**, (2) a dire **calamity**

The earthquake was a major **calamity** that left many homeless.

### innocuous

*adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage

*synonym*: harmless, innocent, benign

(1) **innocuous** joke, (2) **innocuous** substance

The spider in the corner of the room seemed **innocuous**, but it made her uneasy.

### meme

*n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed,

copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

*synonym* : buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

## **greet**

*v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

*synonym* : welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

## **determinant**

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym* : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## **mockup**

*n.* a full-scale or scaled-down model or representation of a design or concept, typically used for demonstration, evaluation, or testing purposes before the final product is produced

*synonym* : prototype, model, sample

(1) **mockup** design, (2) product **mockup**

The designer created a website **mockup** to get client feedback before finalizing the design.

## **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.

## phishing

*n.* the act of attempting to trick individuals into divulging sensitive information or clicking on a malicious link by posing as a trustworthy entity in emails, texts, or other forms of communications

*synonym*: scamming, cyber fraud, online deception

(1) **phishing** attacks, (2) **phishing** email

I received a fraudulent email, a **phishing** scam, trying to obtain my personal information.

## bystander

*n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene

*synonym*: spectator, observer, witness

(1) innocent **bystander**, (2) shocked **bystander**

The **bystander** effect is a phenomenon where people are less likely to intervene in an emergency if others are present.

## gamble

*v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

*synonym*: bet, venture, wager

(1) **gamble** \$100 on the race, (2) **gamble** away my fortune

Will you **gamble** on the result of the fight?

## visualize

*v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

*synonym*: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

## 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.

## dissonance

*n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds

*synonym*: conflict, disharmony, disagreement

(1) cognitive **dissonance**, (2) musical **dissonance**

The **dissonance** between the two melodies created a sense of tension in the music.

## vow

*v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

*synonym*: promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up

They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

## nuptial

*adj.* relating to a wedding, marriage, or marital union; being used or done as part of a wedding ceremony

*synonym*: bridal, matrimonial, marital

(1) **nuptial** vow, (2) **nuptial** knot

The bride wore a stunning **nuptial** gown on her wedding day.

## benign

*adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

*synonym*: kind, gentle, harmless

(1) **benign** tumor, (2) a **benign** smile

The lump was discovered to be **benign**, and no further treatment was needed.

## smartphone

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

## worldview

*n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

*synonym*:

perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

## **gloomy**

*adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy

*synonym*: melancholy, dismal, dreary

(1) **gloomy** mood, (2) **gloomy** expression

The **gloomy** weather made staying motivated and happy throughout the day hard.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
2. a chick's tw\_\_t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
3. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
4. v\_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
5. innocent by\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
6. product mo\_\_\_p *n.* a full-scale or scaled-down model or representation of a design or concept, typically used for demonstration, evaluation, or testing purposes before the final product is produced
7. be\_\_\_n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
8. gl\_\_\_y mood *adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy
9. religious m\_\_\_e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

ANSWERS: 1. smartphone, 2. tweet, 3. determinant, 4. vow, 5. bystander, 6. mockup,

7. benign, 8. gloomy, 9. meme

10. pronounce m\_\_e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
11. gr\_\_t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
12. in\_\_\_\_\_us substance *adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage
13. gr\_\_t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
14. vi\_\_\_\_\_ze flying through space *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
15. nu\_\_\_\_\_l vow *adj.* relating to a wedding, marriage, or marital union; being used or done as part of a wedding ceremony
16. his latest tw\_\_ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
17. ph\_\_\_\_\_ng attacks *n.* the act of attempting to trick individuals into divulging sensitive information or clicking on a malicious link by posing as a trustworthy entity in emails, texts, or other forms of communications
18. financial ca\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss

ANSWERS: 10. meme, 11. greet, 12. innocuous, 13. greet, 14. visualize, 15. nuptial, 16. tweet, 17. phishing, 18. calamity



19. musical dis\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
20. mis\_\_\_\_\_ly delete the important file *adv.* in a mistaken or incorrect way; wrongly
21. ga\_\_\_e \$100 on the race *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
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23. mo\_\_\_p design *n.* a full-scale or scaled-down model or representation of a design or concept, typically used for demonstration, evaluation, or testing purposes before the final product is produced
24. cat\_\_\_\_\_he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
25. the wo\_\_\_\_\_ew of the ancient civilization *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
26. a be\_\_\_n smile *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
27. cognitive dis\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
28. ga\_\_\_e away my fortune *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

ANSWERS: 19. dissonance, 20. mistakenly, 21. gamble, 22. gloomy, 23. mockup, 24. catastrophe, 25. worldview, 26. benign, 27. dissonance, 28. gamble

29. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
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33. mainstream wo\_\_\_\_\_ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
34. a dire ca\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss
35. avoid climate cat\_\_\_\_\_he *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
36. shocked by\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
37. v\_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
38. nu\_\_\_\_\_l knot *adj.* relating to a wedding, marriage, or marital union; being used or done as part of a wedding ceremony
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ANSWERS: 40. smartphone

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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