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*Sergey Brin: Why Google Glass? | TED Talk*

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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### beep

*v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning

*synonym* : bleep, honk, buzz

(1) **beep** out a warning, (2) **beep** the horn

The timer **beeped**, reminding me that the cake was ready to come out of the oven.

### jellyfish

*n.* a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging

*synonym* : medusa, sea nettle, moon jelly

(1) spineless **jellyfish**, (2) **jellyfish** sting

The beach was filled with hundreds of **jellyfish**, so swimming was not recommended.

### whatnot

*n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios

*synonym* : odds and ends, gizmos, etcetera

(1) books and **whatnot**, (2) clothes and **whatnot**

I need to pick up some groceries, toiletries, and **whatnot** at the store.

## featureless

*adj.* lacking distinctive qualities, characteristics, or features; plain, unremarkable, or nondescript

*synonym*: blank, plain, feature-free

(1) **featureless** landscape, (2) **featureless** interior

The wall was **featureless**, with no patterns or designs to break up its dullness.

## freaky

*adj.* strange or unusual in a way that is frightening or unsettling

*synonym*: weird, strange, unusual

(1) **freaky** accident, (2) **freaky-deaky**

The **freaky** clown at the haunted house scared the children.

## tic

*n.* a sudden, involuntary muscular contraction or movement, often repetitive in nature; a habitual and often unconscious behavior or mannerism

*synonym*: twitch, spasm, jerk

(1) developmental **tic**, (2) facial **tic**

My nervous **tic** makes it hard for me to concentrate during important events.

## seclude

*v.* to keep or shut someone or something away from others; to isolate or confine in a private or separate place; to withdraw from society or the public

*synonym*: isolate, sequester, withdraw

(1) **seclude** myself away from the public, (2) **seclude** yourself from everyday life

The author **secluded** himself in a cabin to focus on his writing.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. spineless je\_\_\_\_\_sh  
*n.* a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging
2. fr\_\_\_y accident  
*adj.* strange or unusual in a way that is frightening or unsettling
3. b\_\_p out a warning  
*v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
4. se\_\_\_\_\_e yourself from everyday life  
*v.* to keep or shut someone or something away from others; to isolate or confine in a private or separate place; to withdraw from society or the public
5. facial t\_c  
*n.* a sudden, involuntary muscular contraction or movement, often repetitive in nature; a habitual and often unconscious behavior or mannerism
6. clothes and wh\_\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios
7. developmental t\_c  
*n.* a sudden, involuntary muscular contraction or movement, often repetitive in nature; a habitual and often unconscious behavior or mannerism
8. je\_\_\_\_\_sh sting  
*n.* a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging
9. fea\_\_\_\_\_ss landscape  
*adj.* lacking distinctive qualities, characteristics, or features; plain, unremarkable, or nondescript

ANSWERS: 1. jellyfish, 2. freaky, 3. beep, 4. seclude, 5. tic, 6. whatnot, 7. tic, 8. jellyfish, 9. featureless

10. books and wh\_\_\_\_t                      *n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios
11. se\_\_\_\_e myself away from the public                      *v.* to keep or shut someone or something away from others; to isolate or confine in a private or separate place; to withdraw from society or the public
12. b\_\_p the horn                      *v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
13. fr\_\_\_y-deaky                      *adj.* strange or unusual in a way that is frightening or unsettling
14. fea\_\_\_\_\_ss interior                      *adj.* lacking distinctive qualities, characteristics, or features; plain, unremarkable, or nondescript

ANSWERS: 10. whatnot, 11. seclude, 12. beep, 13. freaky, 14. featureless

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The timer \_\_\_\_\_ reminding me that the cake was ready to come out of the oven.  
*v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ clown at the haunted house scared the children.  
*adj.* strange or unusual in a way that is frightening or unsettling
3. I need to pick up some groceries, toiletries, and \_\_\_\_\_ at the store.  
*n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios
4. The beach was filled with hundreds of \_\_\_\_\_ so swimming was not recommended.  
*n.* a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging
5. My nervous \_\_\_\_ makes it hard for me to concentrate during important events.  
*n.* a sudden, involuntary muscular contraction or movement, often repetitive in nature; a habitual and often unconscious behavior or mannerism
6. The wall was \_\_\_\_\_ with no patterns or designs to break up its dullness.  
*adj.* lacking distinctive qualities, characteristics, or features; plain, unremarkable, or nondescript
7. The author \_\_\_\_\_ himself in a cabin to focus on his writing.  
*v.* to keep or shut someone or something away from others; to isolate or confine in a private or separate place; to withdraw from society or the public

ANSWERS: 1. beeped, 2. freaky, 3. whatnot, 4. jellyfish, 5. tic, 6. featureless, 7. secluded

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