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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### immortality

*n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever

*synonym*: endless life, timelessness, agelessness

(1) the **immortality** of the soul, (2) achieve **immortality**

Many people believe in the concept of **immortality** and an afterlife.

### boredom

*n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

*synonym*: ennui, tedium, monotony

(1) **boredom** relief, (2) chronic **boredom**

The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off **boredom**.

### outlive

*v.* to live longer than another person

*synonym*: continue, outlast, survive

(1) **outlive** its usefulness, (2) **outlive** our child

She **outlived** her husband for many years.

### immortal

*adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

*synonym*: eternal, everlasting, undying

(1) **immortal** soul, (2) **immortal** love

Legends often describe mythical creatures as **immortal** beings.

## grunt

v. to make a short, low noise in the throat

*synonym*: groan, mutter, murmur

(1) **grunt** a laugh, (2) **grunt** in discontent

She **grunted** and stopped drinking coffee.

## pardon

v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

*synonym*: forgive, excuse, absolve

(1) **pardon** me, (2) supplicate for **pardon**

The governor decided to **pardon** the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.

## humming

*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

*synonym*: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

## ancestor

*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

*synonym*: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

## ape

*n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons

*synonym*: monkey, primate, simian

(1) jungle **ape**, (2) play the **ape**

The scientist studied the behavior of **apes** in the wild.

## **muse**

*n.* a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists

*synonym* : source of inspiration, minstrel, versifier

(1) **muse** inspiration, (2) creative **muse**

She gazed out the window, deep in thought, as if waiting for her **muse** to strike.

## **scar**

*n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

*synonym* : blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

## **invincible**

*adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable

*synonym* : unassailable, unbeatable, indomitable

(1) **invincible** army, (2) **invincible** will

The team felt **invincible** after their winning streak.

## **amputation**

*n.* the act of cutting off a part of the body surgically

(1) **amputation** of leg, (2) hand **amputation**

**Amputation** of the limb is a last resort for the patient.

## **scuff**

*v.* to scrape or drag one's foot or shoe against a surface, often resulting in superficial damage or marks; to collide or brush against something, causing a slight abrasion or disturbance

*synonym* : scrape, drag, brush

(1) **scuff** my knee, (2) **scuff** a surface

I accidentally **scuffed** my new shoes while running to catch the train.

## **denture**

*n.* a removable set of artificial teeth made from materials such as acrylic resin or porcelain used to replace missing teeth and restore oral function and appearance

(1) partial **denture**, (2) **denture** cleaning solution

My grandfather wears a full set of **dentures**.

## **superpower**

*n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

*synonym*: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. inv\_\_\_\_\_le will *adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
2. gr\_\_t in discontent *v.* to make a short, low noise in the throat
3. inv\_\_\_\_\_le army *adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
4. de\_\_\_\_\_e cleaning solution *n.* a removable set of artificial teeth made from materials such as acrylic resin or porcelain used to replace missing teeth and restore oral function and appearance
5. ou\_\_\_\_\_e its usefulness *v.* to live longer than another person
6. im\_\_\_\_\_al love *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
7. earliest human an\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
8. jungle a\_e *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
9. supplicate for pa\_\_\_\_n *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
10. hu\_\_\_\_\_g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

ANSWERS: 1. invincible, 2. grunt, 3. invincible, 4. denture, 5. outlive, 6. immortal, 7. ancestor, 8. ape, 9. pardon, 10. humming

11. sc\_\_f my knee  
v. to scrape or drag one's foot or shoe against a surface, often resulting in superficial damage or marks; to collide or brush against something, causing a slight abrasion or disturbance
12. m\_\_e inspiration  
n. a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists
13. sup\_\_\_\_er leader  
n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
14. play the a\_e  
n. a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
15. the imm\_\_\_\_ty of the soul  
n. the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
16. chronic bo\_\_\_\_m  
n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
17. im\_\_\_\_al soul  
adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
18. amp\_\_\_\_on of leg  
n. the act of cutting off a part of the body surgically

ANSWERS: 11. scuff, 12. muse, 13. superpower, 14. ape, 15. immortality, 16. boredom, 17. immortal, 18. amputation

19. carry a s\_\_r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
20. gr\_\_t a laugh *v.* to make a short, low noise in the throat
21. pa\_\_\_n me *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
22. partial de\_\_\_\_e *n.* a removable set of artificial teeth made from materials such as acrylic resin or porcelain used to replace missing teeth and restore oral function and appearance
23. bo\_\_\_\_m relief *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
24. hand amp\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of cutting off a part of the body surgically
25. hu\_\_\_\_g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
26. achieve imm\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
27. creative m\_\_e *n.* a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists
28. sc\_\_f a surface *v.* to scrape or drag one's foot or shoe against a surface, often resulting in superficial damage or marks; to collide or brush against something, causing a slight abrasion or disturbance

ANSWERS: 19. scar, 20. grunt, 21. pardon, 22. denture, 23. boredom, 24. amputation, 25. humming, 26. immortality, 27. muse, 28. scuff

29. sup\_\_\_\_\_er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
30. burn s\_\_r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
31. ou\_\_\_\_\_e our child *v.* to live longer than another person
32. an\_\_\_\_\_or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 29. superpower, 30. scar, 31. outlive, 32. ancestor



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

- \_\_\_\_\_ of the limb is a last resort for the patient.  
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- The team felt \_\_\_\_\_ after their winning streak.  
*adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
- The governor decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.  
*v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
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*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
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*v.* to live longer than another person
- Legends often describe mythical creatures as \_\_\_\_\_ beings.  
*adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
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ANSWERS: 1. Amputation, 2. apes, 3. invincible, 4. pardon, 5. ancestor, 6. outlived, 7. immortal, 8. scuffed

9. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a \_\_\_\_\_ in comic books and movies.
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10. Even after the wound has healed, a \_\_\_\_\_ remains.
- n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
11. My grandfather wears a full set of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a removable set of artificial teeth made from materials such as acrylic resin or porcelain used to replace missing teeth and restore oral function and appearance
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- v.* to make a short, low noise in the throat
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- n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
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16. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
- adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

ANSWERS: 9. superpower, 10. scar, 11. dentures, 12. immortality, 13. grunted, 14. boredom, 15. muse, 16. humming

ANSWERS: