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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### chant

*n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

*synonym*: hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

### brute

*n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power

*synonym*: beast, savage, animal

(1) **brute** beasts, (2) **brute** force

The **brute** behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.

### puppet

*n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

*synonym*: marionette, dummy, mannequin

(1) **puppet** theater, (2) corporate **puppet**

The politician was merely a **puppet** for the wealthy elite.

## irresistible

*adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling

*synonym* : resistless, overpowering, compelling

(1) **irresistible** charm, (2) **irresistible** force

The aroma of freshly baked cookies was **irresistible** to her.

## 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.

## satiate

*v.* to satisfy or fulfill an appetite or desire completely; to fill or gratify to excess; to quench or extinguish a thirst or hunger

*synonym* : satisfy, quench, appease

(1) **satiate** thirst, (2) **satiate** desire

Eating a healthy and balanced meal can **satiate** hunger and provide essential nutrients for the body.

## nauseam

*n.* (also used as "ad nauseam") a feeling of sickness with an inclination to vomit; commonly associated with dizziness, weakness, and a loss of appetite; (ad nauseam, adjective or ) repeated or discussed excessively, to the point where it becomes annoying, tedious, or boring

*synonym* : sickness, queasiness, nausea

(1) **nauseam** feeling, (2) ad **nauseam** repetition

The song played on the radio to an ad **nauseam** degree.

## imaginative

*adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas

*synonym* : creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

## burrow

v. to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

*synonym*: tunnel, dig, excavate

(1) **burrow** through the forest, (2) **burrow** into a mystery

You can't **burrow** through solid metal.

## embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

*synonym*: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

## regress

v. to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

*synonym*: retrovert, deteriorate, decline

(1) **regress** to childhood, (2) **regress** in skills

The team's failure to win games has caused them to **regress** in confidence.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. hu\_\_\_\_g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
2. ch\_\_t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
3. ch\_\_t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
4. corporate pu\_\_\_t *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
5. hu\_\_\_\_g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
6. ad na\_\_\_\_m repetition *n.* (also used as "ad nauseam") a feeling of sickness with an inclination to vomit; commonly associated with dizziness, weakness, and a loss of appetite; (ad nauseam, adjective or ) repeated or discussed excessively, to the point where it becomes annoying, tedious, or boring
7. sa\_\_\_\_e desire *v.* to satisfy or fulfill an appetite or desire completely; to fill or gratify to excess; to quench or extinguish a thirst or hunger

ANSWERS: 1. humming, 2. chant, 3. chant, 4. puppet, 5. humming, 6. nauseam, 7. satiate

8. re\_\_\_\_s in skills      *v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate
9. pu\_\_\_t theater      *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
10. sa\_\_\_\_\_e thirst      *v.* to satisfy or fulfill an appetite or desire completely; to fill or gratify to excess; to quench or extinguish a thirst or hunger
11. br\_\_e force      *n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
12. bu\_\_\_w through the forest      *v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
13. bu\_\_\_w into a mystery      *v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
14. re\_\_\_\_s to childhood      *v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate
15. br\_\_e beasts      *n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
16. em\_\_\_\_\_ss political enemy      *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 8. regress, 9. puppet, 10. satiate, 11. brute, 12. burrow, 13. burrow, 14. regress, 15. brute, 16. embarrass

17. irr\_\_\_\_\_ble charm *adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
18. ima\_\_\_\_\_ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
19. capable of ima\_\_\_\_\_ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
20. em\_\_\_\_\_ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
21. irr\_\_\_\_\_ble force *adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
22. na\_\_\_\_\_m feeling *n.* (also used as "ad nauseam") a feeling of sickness with an inclination to vomit; commonly associated with dizziness, weakness, and a loss of appetite; (ad nauseam, adjective or ) repeated or discussed excessively, to the point where it becomes annoying, tedious, or boring

ANSWERS: 17. irresistible, 18. imaginative, 19. imaginative, 20. embarrass, 21. irresistible, 22. nauseam

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The team's failure to win games has caused them to \_\_\_\_\_ in confidence.  
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2. He looked for an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ that actor in public.  
*v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
3. The politician was merely a \_\_\_\_\_ for the wealthy elite.  
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*n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power

ANSWERS: 1. regress, 2. embarrass, 3. puppet, 4. nauseam, 5. chant, 6. satiate, 7. brute

8. She is a hard worker but not very \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas

9. You can't \_\_\_\_\_ through solid metal.

*v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

10. The aroma of freshly baked cookies was \_\_\_\_\_ to her.

*adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling

11. 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: 8. imaginative, 9. burrow, 10. irresistible, 11. humming