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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### paradox

*n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

*synonym*: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

### contradictory

*adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

*synonym*: conflicting, opposing, inconsistent

(1) apparently **contradictory**, (2) **contradictory** evidence

His statements were **contradictory**, leaving the audience confused.

### riddle

*n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

*synonym*: mystery, puzzle, enigma

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**

The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

### dichotomy

*n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a

sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts

*synonym*: division, duality, contrast

(1) moral **dichotomy**, (2) psychological **dichotomy**

The **dichotomy** between good and evil is common in literature and philosophy.

## traverse

*v.* to cross or move through a land or water area

*synonym*: cross, pass through, travel over

(1) **traverse** the region, (2) **traverse** a vast extent of sea

Approximately 1000 automobiles **traverse** the bridge every day.

## chop

*v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

*synonym*: cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

## jargon

*n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

*synonym*: lingo, vernacular, slang

(1) business **jargon**, (2) scientific **jargon**

The financial industry is notorious for using complicated **jargon** that confuses consumers.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. con\_\_\_\_\_ory evidence *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
2. ri\_\_\_e me a riddle *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
3. solve the ri\_\_\_e *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
4. French pa\_\_\_\_\_x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
5. c\_\_p wood *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
6. c\_\_p a meet with a knife *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
7. the pa\_\_\_\_\_x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
8. apparently con\_\_\_\_\_ory *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
9. tr\_\_\_\_\_se the region *v.* to cross or move through a land or water area

ANSWERS: 1. contradictory, 2. riddle, 3. riddle, 4. paradox, 5. chop, 6. chop, 7. paradox, 8. contradictory, 9. traverse

10. psychological di\_\_\_\_\_my      *n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts
11. business ja\_\_\_n      *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
12. scientific ja\_\_\_n      *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
13. tr\_\_\_\_\_se a vast extent of sea      *v.* to cross or move through a land or water area
14. moral di\_\_\_\_\_my      *n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts

ANSWERS: 10. dichotomy, 11. jargon, 12. jargon, 13. traverse, 14. dichotomy

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The financial industry is notorious for using complicated \_\_\_\_\_ that confuses consumers.
  - n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
  
2. His statements were \_\_\_\_\_ leaving the audience confused.
  - adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
  
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ between good and evil is common in literature and philosophy.
  - n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts
  
4. The cook \_\_\_\_\_ the vegetables for the soup.
  - v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
  
5. Approximately 1000 automobiles \_\_\_\_\_ the bridge every day.
  - v.* to cross or move through a land or water area
  
6. There are many theories to explain this \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
  
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ remains mysterious to us.
  - n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

ANSWERS: 1. jargon, 2. contradictory, 3. dichotomy, 4. chopped, 5. traverse, 6. paradox, 7. riddle

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