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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

### policymaker

*n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

*synonym* : lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

**Policymakers** struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

### gazelle

*n.* a slender, graceful antelope with long, slender legs and curved horns, native to Africa and parts of Asia

*synonym* : antelope, springbok, impala

(1) **gazelle** hunting, (2) graceful **gazelle**

The zookeeper carefully monitored the **gazelle's** diet to ensure it received proper nutrition.

### commercialize

*v.* to make something available for sale or use on a large scale

*synonym* : monetize, capitalize, marketize

(1) **commercialize** my patents, (2) **commercialize** idea  
The company is trying to **commercialize** its new product.

## leviathan

*n.* a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing, or powerful

*synonym*: giant, monster, behemoth

(1) **leviathan** of the sea, (2) financial **leviathan**

The company's new CEO was a corporate **leviathan** known for his aggressive business tactics.

## tentacle

*n.* a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving

(1) a squid's **tentacle**, (2) posterior **tentacle**

The police caught the fugitive criminal in the **tentacles** of an expanded investigation.

## externality

*n.* a cost or benefit that affects a third party who did not choose to incur that cost or benefit

*synonym*: impact, consequence, effect

(1) **externality** costs, (2) network **externality**

The negative **externality** of pollution affects not just the polluter but also people living in the surrounding area.

## nanoscale

*adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale

(1) **nanoscale** device, (2) things at the **nanoscale**

This process improves the strength of the metal by controlling the **nanoscale** lattice structure of the metal.

## tinker

*v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

*synonym*: fiddle, play, fix

(1) **tinker** with the bill, (2) **tinker** with the settings

He spent the afternoon **tinkering** with his car engine.

## juxtaposition

*n.* the act or an instance of placing two or more things close to one another, often to highlight a contrast or comparison between them

*synonym* : apposition, contrast, adjacency

(1) artistic **juxtaposition**, (2) unusual **juxtaposition**

The painting's **juxtaposition** of bright colors and dark shadows created a striking effect.

## outsource

*v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure

*synonym* : delegate, contract out, farm out

(1) **outsource** a non-core function, (2) **outsource** to India

The company decided to **outsource** its IT services to a third-party provider.

## 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**.

## medicinal

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

*synonym* : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

## fascinate

*v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

*synonym* : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

## forbid

*v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

*synonym* : prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

## envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

*synonym*: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

## depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

*synonym*: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

## stunt

n. a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

*synonym*: feat, accomplishment, (verb) hinder

(1) skydiving **stunt**, (2) **stunt** brain growth

The daredevil attempted a dangerous **stunt** by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.

## bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

*synonym*: administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

## prophecy

n. a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader

*synonym*: prediction, foretelling, divination

(1) **prophecy** fulfillment, (2) **prophecy** of doom

The fortune teller's **prophecy** that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.

## probabilistic

*adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

*synonym*: probable, statistical, likely

(1) **probabilistic** model, (2) **probabilistic** approach

In a **probabilistic** system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.

## nationalist

*adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

*synonym*: chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

## predate

*v.* to have existed or happened earlier than something

*synonym*: foredate, antedate, precede

(1) **predate** A.D. 200., (2) **predate** the modern age

The idea of virtual worlds **predates** computers.

## rethink

*v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

*synonym*: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

## provocative

*adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately

*synonym*: instigating, provoking, inciting

(1) **provocative** questions, (2) a **provocative** smile

His **provocative** style frequently sparked controversies.

## constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

*synonym* : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

## reap

v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

*synonym* : collect, harvest, derive

(1) **reap** the benefits, (2) **reap** crops

He **reaped** a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. me_____al chemistry              | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease   |
| 2. re_____k the role of the manager | <i>v.</i> to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it  |
| 3. financial le_____an              | <i>n.</i> a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing, or powerful |
| 4. regional pol_____er              | <i>n.</i> a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.                       |
| 5. sma_____ne app developer         | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet   |
| 6. ext_____ty costs                 | <i>n.</i> a cost or benefit that affects a third party who did not choose to incur that cost or benefit                            |
| 7. fa_____te the young              | <i>v.</i> to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly   |
| 8. graceful ga_____e                | <i>n.</i> a slender, graceful antelope with long, slender legs and curved horns, native to Africa and parts of Asia                |
| 9. pr_____e A.D. 200.               | <i>v.</i> to have existed or happened earlier than something   |
| 10. pro_____ve questions            | <i>adj.</i> arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately  |
| 11. pr_____e the modern age         | <i>v.</i> to have existed or happened earlier than something   |

ANSWERS: 1. medicinal, 2. rethink, 3. leviathan, 4. policymaker, 5. smartphone, 6. externality, 7. fascinate, 8. gazelle, 9. predate, 10. provocative, 11. predate

12. r\_\_p crops v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
13. pr\_\_\_\_cy fulfillment n. a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
14. na\_\_\_\_\_le device adj. on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
15. pr\_\_\_\_cy of doom n. a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
16. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the public v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
17. artistic jux\_\_\_\_\_ion n. the act or an instance of placing two or more things close to one another, often to highlight a contrast or comparison between them
18. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
19. le\_\_\_\_\_an of the sea n. a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing, or powerful
20. fo\_\_\_d the use of chemical weapons v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
21. education pol\_\_\_\_\_er n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

ANSWERS: 12. reap, 13. prophecy, 14. nanoscale, 15. prophecy, 16. fascinate, 17. juxtaposition, 18. medicinal, 19. leviathan, 20. forbid, 21. policymaker



22. fo\_\_\_d smoking in public areas      *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
23. skydiving st\_\_t      *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
24. things at the na\_\_\_\_\_le      *adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
25. a squid's te\_\_\_\_\_le      *n.* a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving
26. r\_\_p the benefits      *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
27. ou\_\_\_\_\_ce to India      *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
28. government bur\_\_\_\_\_cy      *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
29. st\_\_t brain growth      *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

ANSWERS: 22. forbid, 23. stunt, 24. nanoscale, 25. tentacle, 26. reap, 27. outsource, 28. bureaucracy, 29. stunt

30. com\_\_\_\_\_ize my patents      *v.* to make something available for sale or use on a large scale
31. ou\_\_\_\_\_ce a non-core function      *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
32. de\_\_\_\_t a scene      *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
33. a pro\_\_\_\_\_ve smile      *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
34. ti\_\_\_\_r with the bill      *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
35. posterior te\_\_\_\_\_le      *n.* a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving
36. co\_\_\_\_\_in information flow      *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
37. arbitrary bur\_\_\_\_\_cy      *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
38. pro\_\_\_\_\_tic model      *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
39. en\_\_\_\_\_on the project's success      *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
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ANSWERS: 30. commercialize, 31. outsource, 32. depict, 33. provocative, 34. tinker, 35. tentacle, 36. constrain, 37. bureaucracy, 38. probabilistic, 39. envision, 40. envision

41. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
42. ti\_\_\_r with the settings *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
43. network ext\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a cost or benefit that affects a third party who did not choose to incur that cost or benefit
44. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
45. co\_\_\_\_\_in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
46. ga\_\_\_\_\_e hunting *n.* a slender, graceful antelope with long, slender legs and curved horns, native to Africa and parts of Asia
47. de\_\_\_t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
48. com\_\_\_\_\_ize idea *v.* to make something available for sale or use on a large scale
49. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
50. unusual jux\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act or an instance of placing two or more things close to one another, often to highlight a contrast or comparison between them
51. re\_\_\_\_\_k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
52. nat\_\_\_\_\_st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

ANSWERS: 41. industrious, 42. tinker, 43. externality, 44. industrious, 45. constrain, 46. gazelle, 47. depict, 48. commercialize, 49. smartphone, 50. juxtaposition, 51. rethink, 52. nationalist

53. pro\_\_\_\_\_tic approach

*adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

54. nat\_\_\_\_\_st sentiment

*adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

ANSWERS: 53. probabilistic, 54. nationalist

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He spent the afternoon \_\_\_\_\_ with his car engine.
  - v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
  
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  - n. a slender, graceful antelope with long, slender legs and curved horns, native to Africa and parts of Asia
  
3. We have to \_\_\_\_\_ our company's product lineup for further growth.
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ANSWERS: 1. tinkering, 2. gazelle's, 3. rethink, 4. outsource, 5. medicinal, 6. nanoscale, 7. forbid

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ANSWERS: 8. stunt, 9. industrious, 10. nationalist, 11. bureaucracy, 12. depicted, 13. Policymakers, 14. provocative, 15. juxtaposition

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ANSWERS: 16. externality, 17. smartphones, 18. reaped, 19. leviathan, 20. commercialize, 21. envision, 22. fascinated, 23. prophecy

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ANSWERS: 24. tentacles, 25. constrained, 26. probabilistic, 27. predates