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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### snore

*v.* to make a loud, harsh breathing sound while sleeping, often due to an obstruction in the airways or other respiratory issues; to sound boring, monotonous, or dull

*synonym*: doze, slumber, yawn

(1) **snore** in my sleep, (2) **snore** peacefully

I couldn't sleep because my roommate **snored** loudly every night.

### 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.

### far-reaching

*adj.* having a wide or significant impact or influence

*synonym*: extensive, widespread, broad

(1) achieve **far-reaching** reform, (2) **far-reaching** consequences

The **far-reaching** effects of the policy change are still being felt.

### hotline

*n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance

*synonym* : helpline, emergency line, crisis line

(1) **hotline** number, (2) automated **hotline**

The emergency **hotline** is available 24/7 for people in need of immediate assistance.

## **pertain**

*v.* to be relevant or applicable to a particular subject or situation; to belong to or be connected with something

*synonym* : relate, concern, apply

(1) **pertain** to the case, (2) **pertain** to the topic

The new regulations **pertain** to all employees, regardless of their position.

## **hopeless**

*adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

*synonym* : despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

## **correlate**

*v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

*synonym* : associate, liken, connect

(1) **correlate** closely with the quality, (2) **correlate** to the size

We may frequently **correlate** age with the frequency of disease.

## **verge**

*n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

*synonym* : brink, edge, margin

(1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears

He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.

## **housemate**

*n.* a person with whom one shares a house, apartment, or living space

*synonym* : roommate, flatmate, co-tenant

(1) **housemate** agreement, (2) friendly **housemate**  
I am looking for a new **housemate** to take the spare room in my apartment.

### **cheerful**

*adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism  
*synonym*: happy, joyful, lively

(1) **cheerful** smile, (2) a **cheerful** disposition  
Her **cheerful** personality brightened up the room.

### **fluffy**

*adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur  
*synonym*: soft, feathery, puffy

(1) **fluffy** clouds, (2) **fluffy** blanket  
The kitten had **fluffy** fur that was soft to the touch.

### **resonate**

*v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound  
*synonym*: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency  
The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

### **distract**

*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do  
*synonym*: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion  
Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

### **no-nonsense**

*adj.* characterized by a practical, direct, and straightforward approach; without unnecessary complications or frivolity  
*synonym*: practical, no-frills, straightforward

(1) **no-nonsense** communication, (2) **no-nonsense** leader  
The **no-nonsense** approach of the coach helped the team achieve great success.

## downturn

*n.* a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment

*synonym* : decline, fall, drop

(1) the **downturn** in auto sales, (2) **downturn** in health  
The global economy experienced a sharp **downturn** in the wake of the pandemic.

## breadwinner

*n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others

(1) family **breadwinner**, (2) two- **breadwinner** couple  
Many women are now their families' primary **breadwinners**.

## aboriginal

*adj.* relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous

*synonym* : native, indigenous, autochthonous

(1) **aboriginal** art, (2) **aboriginal** land

Many **aboriginal** cultures have deep spiritual connections to the land and its natural resources.

## strait

*n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas

*synonym* : narrows, channel, passage

(1) **strait** passage, (2) **strait** channel

The ship navigated through the **strait** with great care.

## stigma

*n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

*synonym* : mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

## makeshift

*adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised

*synonym* : improvised, temporary, ad-hoc

(1) **makeshift** shelter, (2) a **makeshift** solution

The team set up a **makeshift** tent for shelter during the storm.

## dialect

*n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics

*synonym*: accent, language, vernacular

(1) a local **dialect**, (2) minority **dialect**

The **dialect** spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.

## outstretch

*v.* to stretch out one's body, limbs, or arms to their furthest extent; to extend something so that it exceeds a certain limit or boundary

*synonym*: extend, stretch out, reach

(1) **outstretch** my patience, (2) **outstretch** a hand

The yoga instructor instructed the class to **outstretch** their arms and breathe deeply into the stretch.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ch\_\_\_\_ul smile *adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism
2. ma\_\_\_\_\_ft shelter *adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised
3. deeply re\_\_\_\_\_te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
4. do\_\_\_\_\_rn in health *n.* a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment
5. abo\_\_\_\_\_al art *adj.* relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous
6. a local di\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
7. no-\_\_\_\_\_se communication *adj.* characterized by a practical, direct, and straightforward approach; without unnecessary complications or frivolity
8. di\_\_\_\_\_ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
9. minority di\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics

ANSWERS: 1. cheerful, 2. makeshift, 3. resonate, 4. downturn, 5. aboriginal, 6. dialect, 7. no-nonsense, 8. distract, 9. dialect

10. no-\_\_\_\_\_se leader *adj.* characterized by a practical, direct, and straightforward approach; without unnecessary complications or frivolity
11. re\_\_\_\_\_te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
12. sn\_\_e in my sleep *v.* to make a loud, harsh breathing sound while sleeping, often due to an obstruction in the airways or other respiratory issues; to sound boring, monotonous, or dull
13. achieve far\_\_\_\_\_ing reform *adj.* having a wide or significant impact or influence
14. on the ve\_\_e of tears *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
15. ho\_\_\_\_\_te agreement *n.* a person with whom one shares a house, apartment, or living space
16. the do\_\_\_\_\_rn in auto sales *n.* a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment
17. st\_\_\_\_t channel *n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
18. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
19. di\_\_\_\_\_ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

ANSWERS: 10. no-nonsense, 11. resonate, 12. snore, 13. far-reaching, 14. verge, 15. housemate, 16. downturn, 17. strait, 18. industrious, 19. distract

20. automated ho\_\_\_\_e *n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance
21. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
22. family bre\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others
23. fl\_\_\_y blanket *adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
24. ho\_\_\_\_ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
25. fl\_\_\_y clouds *adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
26. ve\_\_e of bankruptcy *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
27. co\_\_\_\_\_te closely with the quality *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
28. sn\_\_e peacefully *v.* to make a loud, harsh breathing sound while sleeping, often due to an obstruction in the airways or other respiratory issues; to sound boring, monotonous, or dull
29. friendly ho\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* a person with whom one shares a house, apartment, or living space
30. a ch\_\_\_\_\_ul disposition *adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism

ANSWERS: 20. hotline, 21. industrious, 22. breadwinner, 23. fluffy, 24. hopeless, 25. fluffy, 26. verge, 27. correlate, 28. snore, 29. housemate, 30. cheerful



31. ho\_\_\_\_ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
32. far\_\_\_\_ing consequences *adj.* having a wide or significant impact or influence
33. abo\_\_\_\_al land *adj.* relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous
34. pe\_\_\_\_n to the case *v.* to be relevant or applicable to a particular subject or situation; to belong to or be connected with something
35. co\_\_\_\_te to the size *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
36. st\_\_\_a against obesity *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
37. out\_\_\_\_ch a hand *v.* to stretch out one's body, limbs, or arms to their furthest extent; to extend something so that it exceeds a certain limit or boundary
38. ho\_\_\_\_e number *n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance
39. st\_\_\_t passage *n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
40. a ma\_\_\_\_ft solution *adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised

ANSWERS: 31. hopeless, 32. far-reaching, 33. aboriginal, 34. pertain, 35. correlate, 36. stigma, 37. outstretch, 38. hotline, 39. strait, 40. makeshift

41. out\_\_\_\_\_ch my patience                      *v.*    to stretch out one's body, limbs, or arms to their furthest extent; to extend something so that it exceeds a certain limit or boundary
42. pe\_\_\_\_\_n to the topic                      *v.*    to be relevant or applicable to a particular subject or situation; to belong to or be connected with something
43. social st\_\_\_\_a                                  *n.*    a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
44. two-bre\_\_\_\_\_er couple                      *n.*    the member of a family who earns money to support the others

ANSWERS: 41. outstretch, 42. pertain, 43. stigma, 44. breadwinner

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He stood on the \_\_\_\_\_ of a major discovery.  
*n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
2. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
3. The new regulations \_\_\_\_\_ to all employees, regardless of their position.  
*v.* to be relevant or applicable to a particular subject or situation; to belong to or be connected with something
4. The ship navigated through the \_\_\_\_\_ with great care.  
*n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.  
*n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
6. The emergency \_\_\_\_\_ is available 24/7 for people in need of immediate assistance.  
*n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance
7. The yoga instructor instructed the class to \_\_\_\_\_ their arms and breathe deeply into the stretch.  
*v.* to stretch out one's body, limbs, or arms to their furthest extent; to extend something so that it exceeds a certain limit or boundary

ANSWERS: 1. verge, 2. industrious, 3. pertain, 4. strait, 5. dialect, 6. hotline, 7. outstretch

8. We may frequently \_\_\_\_\_ age with the frequency of disease.  
*v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
9. The sound \_\_\_\_\_ well in this theater.  
*v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
10. The kitten had \_\_\_\_\_ fur that was soft to the touch.  
*adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
11. I am looking for a new \_\_\_\_\_ to take the spare room in my apartment.  
*n.* a person with whom one shares a house, apartment, or living space
12. Many \_\_\_\_\_ cultures have deep spiritual connections to the land and its natural resources.  
*adj.* relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ approach of the coach helped the team achieve great success.  
*adj.* characterized by a practical, direct, and straightforward approach; without unnecessary complications or frivolity
14. The mental health \_\_\_\_\_ often prevents people from seeking treatment.  
*n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ effects of the policy change are still being felt.  
*adj.* having a wide or significant impact or influence

ANSWERS: 8. correlate, 9. resonates, 10. fluffy, 11. housemate, 12. aboriginal, 13. no-nonsense, 14. stigma, 15. far-reaching

16. Many women are now their families' primary \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others
17. Her \_\_\_\_\_ personality brightened up the room.
- adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism
18. The global economy experienced a sharp \_\_\_\_\_ in the wake of the pandemic.
- n.* a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment
19. After months of job searching, he felt \_\_\_\_\_ and unsure of his future.
- adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
20. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me while I'm studying.
- v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
21. I couldn't sleep because my roommate \_\_\_\_\_ loudly every night.
- v.* to make a loud, harsh breathing sound while sleeping, often due to an obstruction in the airways or other respiratory issues; to sound boring, monotonous, or dull
22. The team set up a \_\_\_\_\_ tent for shelter during the storm.
- adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised

ANSWERS: 16. breadwinners, 17. cheerful, 18. downturn, 19. hopeless, 20. distract, 21. snored, 22. makeshift