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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### troublemaker

*n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy

*synonym* : troublemonger, instigator, agitator

(1) **troublemaker** kid, (2) accused **troublemaker**

The teacher had to reprimand the **troublemaker** in class constantly.

### envelop

*v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase

*synonym* : wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

### uncover

*v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

*synonym* : disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

### loot

*v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person,

typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

*synonym* : plunder, pillage, rob

(1) **loot** the ship, (2) war **loot**

The bandits **looted** the small town, leaving it in ruins.

## dispossess

v. to deprive someone of the possession or use of something, often property or land

*synonym* : deprive, evict, seize

(1) **dispossess** a person of his property, (2) **dispossess** an entire township

He was forced to **dispossess** his tenants because they couldn't pay the rent.

## deprive

v. to take away something from someone

*synonym* : deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status

He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

## predatory

*adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

*synonym* : raptorial, hunting, greedy

(1) a **predatory** bird, (2) **predatory** warfare

The domesticated cat still has its **predatory** instincts.

## undercover

*adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

*synonym* : covert, hidden, stealthy

(1) **undercover** operation, (2) **undercover** journalist

The **undercover** police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.

## dubious

*adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain

*synonym* : uncertain, questionable, skeptical

(1) **dubious** credibility, (2) direct a **dubious** look

The evidence presented in court had a **dubious** origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

## ruthless

*adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

*synonym* : heartless, pitiless, merciless

(1) show **ruthless** behavior, (2) **ruthless** brutality

The dictator was known for his **ruthless** tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.

## cartel

*n.* a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits

*synonym* : syndicate, trust, monopoly

(1) **cartel** agreement, (2) drug **cartel**

The chocolate **cartel** was formed to control the price and supply of cocoa to chocolate manufacturers.

## sanction

*n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

*synonym* : approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

## couture

*n.* fashionable, made-to-measure clothing; high fashion clothing that is custom-made for a person

*synonym* : fashion, haute couture, dressmaking

(1) **couture** collection, (2) **couture** gown

She's always been interested in fashion and dreams of becoming a famous **couture** designer.

## unwitting

*adj.* without purpose or intent

*synonym*: unknowledgeable, inadvertent, unintended

(1) **unwitting** victims, (2) an **unwitting** mistake

His rudeness was **unwitting**, not intentional.

## mafia

*n.* a secret criminal organization that engages in illegal activities such as gambling, extortion, racketeering, prostitution, and drug trafficking, typically maintains a strict code of loyalty, secrecy, and omertà (= silence or non-cooperation with authorities)

*synonym*: syndicate, gang

(1) organized crime **mafia**, (2) **mafia** activities

The boss of the **mafia** was finally caught after years on the run.

## faceless

*adj.* lacking distinctive or individual features or characteristics; anonymous and impersonal

*synonym*: anonymous, impersonal, nameless

(1) **faceless** enemy, (2) **faceless** bureaucracy

The artist painted a series of **faceless** portraits to represent anonymity and self-discovery.

## anonymity

*n.* the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information

*synonym*: obscurity, secrecy, namelessness

(1) comment with **anonymity**, (2) protect **anonymity**

The use of pseudonyms allows individuals to maintain their **anonymity** online.

## haunt

*v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

*synonym*: stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.

## horrific

*adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying  
*synonym* : terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

## nightclub

*n.* a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks

*synonym* : discotheque, club, dance hall

(1) **nightclub** entertainment, (2) **nightclub** music

They decided to go to the **nightclub** to dance the night away.

## revelry

*n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

*synonym* : festivity, merrymaking, celebration

(1) **revelry** in the streets, (2) festival **revelry**

The street was filled with **revelry** on New Year's Eve.

## cram

*v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

*synonym* : stuff, pack, jam

(1) **cram** more circuits into chips, (2) **cram** five people into a car

She had to **cram** for the final exam and stayed up all night studying.

## evade

*v.* to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something

*synonym* : dodge, avoid, bypass

(1) **evade** capture, (2) **evade** an issue

The jailbroken criminal is continuously attempting to **evade** the cops.

## secrecy

*n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to

### others

*synonym*: confidentiality, clandestineness, closeness

(1) government **secrecy**, (2) maintain **secrecy**

The company's **secrecy** surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

### innovate

*v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

*synonym*: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

### ignite

*v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning

*synonym*: light, set fire to, ignite

(1) **ignite** a boom, (2) **ignite** passion

He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

### loophole

*n.* a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties

*synonym*: loophole, escape clause, technicality

(1) legal **loophole**, (2) finding a **loophole**

A **loophole** in the tax code allows some people to avoid paying taxes legally.

### opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

### doer

*n.* a person who performs or carries out an action or task; a person who is proactive or productive

*synonym*: actor, performer, achiever

(1) **doer** of good, (2) can- **doer**

If you want to succeed in life, you need to be a **doer**, not just a dreamer.

## springboard

*n.* a board or device used for jumping or diving into the water or for launching oneself into the air for gymnastics or other acrobatic movements

*synonym*: diving board, launching pad, jumping-off point

(1) **springboard** dive, (2) **springboard** launch

The project's success became a **springboard** for the team to pursue bigger and more ambitious goals.

## techie

*n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

*synonym*: geek, technician, computer expert

(1) gadget **techies**, (2) aspiring **techies**

Our company hired a **techie** consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. an un\_\_\_\_\_ng mistake *adj.* without purpose or intent
2. fa\_\_\_\_\_ss bureaucracy *adj.* lacking distinctive or individual features or characteristics; anonymous and impersonal
3. in\_\_\_\_\_te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
4. ma\_\_a activities *n.* a secret criminal organization that engages in illegal activities such as gambling, extortion, racketeering, prostitution, and drug trafficking, typically maintains a strict code of loyalty, secrecy, and omertà (= silence or non-cooperation with authorities)
5. accused tro\_\_\_\_\_ker *n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy
6. can-d\_\_r *n.* a person who performs or carries out an action or task; a person who is proactive or productive
7. un\_\_\_\_\_r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
8. ev\_\_e an issue *v.* to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something

ANSWERS: 1. unwitting, 2. faceless, 3. innovate, 4. mafia, 5. troublemaker, 6. doer, 7. uncover, 8. evade



9. fa\_\_\_\_ss enemy *adj.* lacking distinctive or individual features or characteristics; anonymous and impersonal
10. co\_\_\_\_e gown *n.* fashionable, made-to-measure clothing; high fashion clothing that is custom-made for a person
11. ha\_\_t memories *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
12. gadget te\_\_\_\_es *n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
13. direct a du\_\_\_\_s look *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
14. ig\_\_\_\_e a boom *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
15. finding a lo\_\_\_\_le *n.* a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties
16. popular sa\_\_\_\_on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
17. de\_\_\_\_e others of profit *v.* to take away something from someone

ANSWERS: 9. faceless, 10. couture, 11. haunt, 12. techie, 13. dubious, 14. ignite, 15. loophole, 16. sanction, 17. deprive

18. protect an\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information
19. a pr\_\_\_\_\_ry bird *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
20. in\_\_\_\_\_te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
21. de\_\_\_\_\_e him of his status *v.* to take away something from someone
22. pr\_\_\_\_\_ry warfare *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
23. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
24. achieve far\_\_\_\_\_ing reform *adj.* having a wide or significant impact or influence
25. show ru\_\_\_\_\_ss behavior *adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
26. drug ca\_\_\_\_l *n.* a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits
27. ho\_\_\_\_\_ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

ANSWERS: 18. anonymity, 19. predatory, 20. innovate, 21. deprive, 22. predatory, 23. opportune, 24. far-reaching, 25. ruthless, 26. cartel, 27. horrific

28. tro\_\_\_\_\_ker kid *n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy
29. dis\_\_\_\_\_ss an entire township *v.* to deprive someone of the possession or use of something, often property or land
30. ho\_\_\_\_\_ic experience *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
31. war l\_\_t *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
32. co\_\_\_\_\_e collection *n.* fashionable, made-to-measure clothing; high fashion clothing that is custom-made for a person
33. legal lo\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties
34. du\_\_\_\_\_s credibility *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
35. spr\_\_\_\_\_rd dive *n.* a board or device used for jumping or diving into the water or for launching oneself into the air for gymnastics or other acrobatic movements
36. ev\_\_e capture *v.* to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something

ANSWERS: 28. troublemaker, 29. dispossess, 30. horrific, 31. loot, 32. couture, 33. loophole, 34. dubious, 35. springboard, 36. evade

37. ni\_\_\_\_\_ub music *n.* a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks
38. government se\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
39. organized crime ma\_\_a *n.* a secret criminal organization that engages in illegal activities such as gambling, extortion, racketeering, prostitution, and drug trafficking, typically maintains a strict code of loyalty, secrecy, and omertà (= silence or non-cooperation with authorities)
40. dis\_\_\_\_\_ss a person of his property *v.* to deprive someone of the possession or use of something, often property or land
41. en\_\_\_\_\_p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
42. comment with an\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information
43. Imperial sa\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

ANSWERS: 37. nightclub, 38. secrecy, 39. mafia, 40. dispossess, 41. envelop, 42. anonymity, 43. sanction

44. ni\_\_\_\_\_ub entertainment *n.* a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks
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46. aspiring te\_\_\_es *n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
47. ca\_\_\_l agreement *n.* a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits
48. maintain se\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
49. c\_\_m five people into a car *v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space
50. far\_\_\_\_\_ing consequences *adj.* having a wide or significant impact or influence
51. ru\_\_\_\_\_ss brutality *adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

ANSWERS: 44. nightclub, 45. haunt, 46. techie, 47. cartel, 48. secrecy, 49. cram, 50. far-reaching, 51. ruthless

52. un\_\_\_\_\_r a potential problem      *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
53. l\_\_t the ship      *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
54. en\_\_\_\_\_p her in a bear hug      *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
55. re\_\_\_\_\_y in the streets      *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
56. festival re\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
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58. c\_\_m more circuits into chips      *v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space
59. un\_\_\_\_\_ng victims      *adj.* without purpose or intent
60. ig\_\_\_e passion      *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
61. spr\_\_\_\_\_rd launch      *n.* a board or device used for jumping or diving into the water or for launching oneself into the air for gymnastics or other acrobatic movements

ANSWERS: 52. uncover, 53. loot, 54. envelop, 55. revelry, 56. revelry, 57. doer, 58. cram, 59. unwitting, 60. ignite, 61. springboard

62. und\_\_\_\_\_er operation

*adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

63. und\_\_\_\_\_er journalist

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64. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 62. undercover, 63. undercover, 64. opportune

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The artist painted a series of \_\_\_\_\_ portraits to represent anonymity and self-discovery.  
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4. He was \_\_\_\_\_ of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.  
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*adj.* without purpose or intent

ANSWERS: 1. faceless, 2. sanctions, 3. innovate, 4. deprived, 5. loophole, 6. secrecy, 7. unwitting,



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32. The domesticated cat still has its \_\_\_\_\_ instincts.

*adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

ANSWERS: 30. anonymity, 31. looted, 32. predatory