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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### shorthand

*n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

*synonym*: stenography, speedwriting, tachygraphy

(1) learn **shorthand**, (2) write in **shorthand**

The secretary's **shorthand** was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.

### synonymous

*adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

*synonym*: equivalent, interchangeable, similar

(1) **synonymous** terms, (2) non- **synonymous** mutation

The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are **synonymous**.

### heterosexual

*adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

*synonym*: straight, conventional

(1) **heterosexual** relationship, (2) **heterosexual** marriage

He identified as **heterosexual** and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

## introspect

v. to look inward and examine one's thoughts, feelings, or motives; to engage in self-reflection

*synonym*: reflect, contemplate, meditate

(1) **introspect** behavior, (2) **introspect** my thoughts

The therapist guided her patient to **introspect** and identify his deepest fears.

## conspire

v. to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose

*synonym*: plot, scheme, collude

(1) **conspire** his ruin, (2) **conspire** to corner the market

The group of friends **conspired** to pull a prank on their teacher.

## linguist

n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

*synonym*: grammarist, philologue, polyglot

(1) foreign **linguist**, (2) cognitive **linguist**

Though I love literature, I'm a bad **linguist**.

## batter

v. to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

*synonym*: beat, pound, strike

(1) **batter** the eggs, (2) the **batter's** box

He got so angry that he **battered** the door down.

## pervasive

*adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

*synonym*: extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

## erupt

v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

*synonym*: eject, emit, burst

(1) **erupt** in anger, (2) **erupt** into tears

Battles between whites and blacks **erupted** immediately.

## Catholic

*adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

## pandemic

*n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

*synonym* : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

## perpetrator

*n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

*synonym* : culprit, wrongdoer, offender

(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**

The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

## swamp

*n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

*synonym* : marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

## intersect

*v.* to meet or cross one another

*synonym* : cross, bisect, cut

(1) **intersect** at a point, (2) railways **intersect** the country

Her multidisciplinary works **intersect** music and picture with writing.

## endlessly

*adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

*synonym* : ceaselessly, interminably, unceasingly

(1) repeat **endlessly**, (2) worry **endlessly** about our future

The procession of demonstrators was **endlessly** continuing.

## disgust

*n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

*synonym* : nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

## counteract

*v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it

*synonym* : balance, offset, compensate

(1) **counteract** the effect of poison, (2) **counteract** global warming

Our body's immune system produces antibodies to **counteract** disease.

## pretension

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym* : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## profoundly

*adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

*synonym* : deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

## bystander

*n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene

*synonym* : spectator, observer, witness

(1) innocent **bystander**, (2) shocked **bystander**

The **bystander** effect is a phenomenon where people are less likely to intervene in an emergency if others are present.

## thematic

*adj.* of or relating to a subject or topic of discourse

*synonym*: subject-based, motif-based

(1) **thematic** approach, (2) **thematic** vowels

The film had a **thematic** focus on the struggles of immigrants.

## coworker

*n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization

*synonym*: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

## dyad

*n.* a group of two individuals or entities considered as a unit; a pair, or couple; a social group consisting of two members

*synonym*: pair, couple, duo

(1) **dyad** relationship, (2) social **dyad**

In psychotherapy, the therapeutic **dyad** consists of the therapist and the patient, and their relationship is crucial to the therapeutic process.

## poke

*v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

*synonym*: prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire

They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

## degrade

*v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

*synonym*: demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

## harass

*v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

*synonym* : pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

## enact

*v.* to make a law; to put something into practice

*synonym* : legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

## complicity

*n.* the state of being involved with others in an illegal, harmful, or shameful act; the act of assisting or collaborating with someone else in wrongdoing or crime

*synonym* : collusion, conspiracy, connivance

(1) religious **complicity**, (2) deny **complicity**

The investigation revealed his **complicity** in the crime.

## diminution

*n.* a reduction or decrease in size, extent, or importance; a lessening or weakening; the act of diminishing or reducing

*synonym* : reduction, decrease, decline

(1) **diminution** of interest, (2) **diminution** of quality

The loss of an important client caused a **diminution** in the company's reputation.

## prioritize

*v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

*synonym* : rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

## pompous

*adj.* having or exhibiting excessive self-esteem or exaggerated dignity; very grand and elaborate

*synonym* : affected, arrogant, pretentious

(1) in a **pompous** manner, (2) **pompous** wedding

He often adopts a **pompous** attitude when speaking in public.

## homophobia

*n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

*synonym* : prejudice, discrimination, bigotry

(1) **homophobia** awareness, (2) **homophobia** in sports

The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated **homophobia**.

## amok

*adv.* in a restless or uncontrolled manner, typically associated with a violent outburst or rampage

*synonym* : berserk, wild, out of control

(1) scream **amok**, (2) go **amok**

The angry customer began running **amok** in the store, knocking over displays and screaming at employees.

## gutsy

*adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

*synonym* : courageous, brave, daring

(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance

It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.

## complicit

*adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group

*synonym* : compliant, involved, accessory

(1) **complicit** behavior, (2) **complicit** in cover-up

The accomplice was **complicit** in the crime committed by her partner.

## 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.



## Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. railways in_____ct the country | <i>v.</i> to meet or cross one another   |
| 2. pri_____ze people over cars    | <i>v.</i> to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things   |
| 3. op_____ne occasion             | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose                            |
| 4. the pe_____ve odor of garlic   | <i>adj.</i> spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place  |
| 5. dim_____on of quality          | <i>n.</i> a reduction or decrease in size, extent, or importance; a lessening or weakening; the act of diminishing or reducing |
| 6. ha___s with constant criticism | <i>v.</i> to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention  |
| 7. argue with a co_____er         | <i>n.</i> a person who works with another in the same company or organization  |
| 8. en__t the smoking ban          | <i>v.</i> to make a law; to put something into practice  |
| 9. cou_____ct global warming      | <i>v.</i> to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it                                       |
| 10. int_____ct behavior           | <i>v.</i> to look inward and examine one's thoughts, feelings, or motives; to engage in self-reflection                        |
| 11. er__t in anger                | <i>v.</i> (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently                        |

ANSWERS: 1. intersect, 2. prioritize, 3. opportune, 4. pervasive, 5. diminution, 6. harass, 7. coworker, 8. enact, 9. counteract, 10. introspect, 11. erupt

12. ca\_\_\_\_ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
13. het\_\_\_\_ual marriage *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
14. ha\_\_\_s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
15. gu\_\_y move *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
16. pre\_\_\_\_on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
17. d\_\_d relationship *n.* a group of two individuals or entities considered as a unit; a pair, or couple; a social group consisting of two members
18. scream a\_\_k *adv.* in a restless or uncontrolled manner, typically associated with a violent outburst or rampage
19. po\_\_\_\_s wedding *adj.* having or exhibiting excessive self-esteem or exaggerated dignity; very grand and elaborate
20. write in sh\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

ANSWERS: 12. Catholic, 13. heterosexual, 14. harass, 15. gutsy, 16. pretension, 17. dyad, 18. amok, 19. pompous, 20. shorthand

21. go a\_\_k *adv.* in a restless or uncontrolled manner, typically associated with a violent outburst or rampage
22. cognitive li\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
23. per\_\_\_\_or identity *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
24. pro\_\_\_\_ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
25. het\_\_\_\_ual relationship *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
26. co\_\_\_\_it behavior *adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
27. er\_\_t into tears *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
28. hom\_\_\_\_ia in sports *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
29. p\_\_e a fire *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

ANSWERS: 21. amok, 22. linguist, 23. perpetrator, 24. profoundly, 25. heterosexual, 26. complicit, 27. erupt, 28. homophobia, 29. poke

30. innocent by\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
31. pri\_\_\_\_\_ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
32. pe\_\_\_\_\_ve language *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
33. the Ca\_\_\_\_\_ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
34. th\_\_\_\_\_ic approach *adj.* of or relating to a subject or topic of discourse
35. repeat en\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
36. gu\_\_y performance *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
37. syn\_\_\_\_\_us terms *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
38. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
39. flu pa\_\_\_\_\_ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
40. co\_\_\_\_\_re his ruin *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose

ANSWERS: 30. bystander, 31. prioritize, 32. pervasive, 33. Catholic, 34. thematic, 35. endlessly, 36. gutsy, 37. synonymous, 38. opportune, 39. pandemic, 40. conspire

41. culprit per\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
42. religious com\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being involved with others in an illegal, harmful, or shameful act; the act of assisting or collaborating with someone else in wrongdoing or crime
43. sleep pro\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
44. int\_\_\_\_\_ct my thoughts *v.* to look inward and examine one's thoughts, feelings, or motives; to engage in self-reflection
45. co\_\_\_\_\_er relationship *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
46. non-syn\_\_\_\_\_us mutation *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
47. worry en\_\_\_\_\_ly about our future *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
48. co\_\_\_\_\_re to corner the market *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
49. public di\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
50. muddy sw\_\_p *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
51. sw\_\_p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
52. show di\_\_\_\_\_t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

ANSWERS: 41. perpetrator, 42. complicity, 43. profoundly, 44. introspect, 45. coworker, 46. synonymous, 47. endlessly, 48. conspire, 49. disgust, 50. swamp, 51. swamp, 52. disgust

53. ba\_\_\_r the eggs *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
54. co\_\_\_\_\_it in cover-up *adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
55. foreign li\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
56. th\_\_\_\_\_ic vowels *adj.* of or relating to a subject or topic of discourse
57. p\_\_e around the desk *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
58. dim\_\_\_\_\_on of interest *n.* a reduction or decrease in size, extent, or importance; a lessening or weakening; the act of diminishing or reducing
59. global pa\_\_\_\_\_ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
60. shocked by\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
61. social d\_\_d *n.* a group of two individuals or entities considered as a unit; a pair, or couple; a social group consisting of two members
62. de\_\_\_\_\_e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

ANSWERS: 53. batter, 54. complicit, 55. linguist, 56. thematic, 57. poke, 58. diminution, 59. pandemic, 60. bystander, 61. dyad, 62. degrade

63. deny com\_\_\_\_\_ty                    *n.*    the state of being involved with others in an illegal, harmful, or shameful act; the act of assisting or collaborating with someone else in wrongdoing or crime
64. baseless pre\_\_\_\_\_on                *n.*    the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
65. en\_\_t new legislation                 *v.*    to make a law; to put something into practice
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67. the ba\_\_\_\_r's box                      *v.*    to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
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69. de\_\_\_\_\_e his public image           *v.*    to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
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71. hom\_\_\_\_\_ia awareness               *n.*    a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

ANSWERS: 63. complicity, 64. pretension, 65. enact, 66. counteract, 67. batter, 68. pompous, 69. degrade, 70. intersect, 71. homophobia

72. learn sh\_\_\_\_\_nd

*n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

ANSWERS: 72. shorthand



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The novel affected her \_\_\_\_\_ causing her to question her beliefs and values.  
*adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
2. Battles between whites and blacks \_\_\_\_\_ immediately.  
*v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
3. The loss of an important client caused a \_\_\_\_\_ in the company's reputation.  
*n.* a reduction or decrease in size, extent, or importance; a lessening or weakening; the act of diminishing or reducing
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ANSWERS: 8. complicity, 9. pretensions, 10. harassed, 11. endlessly, 12. degrade, 13. dyad, 14. amok

15. The police have not yet caught the \_\_\_\_\_ of the crime.

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16. He identified as \_\_\_\_\_ and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

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23. Though I love literature, I'm a bad \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

24. It was \_\_\_\_\_ to quit her job and start her own business.

- adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

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ANSWERS: 23. linguist, 24. gutsy, 25. conspired, 26. prioritized, 27. battered, 28. synonymous, 29. catholic, 30. swamp

31. He was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ and fear for the threat of war.  
*n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
32. They fear a \_\_\_\_\_ of a new type of virus.  
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