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## Session 1: Word List

### tweet

*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

*synonym* : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

### dike

*n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion

*synonym* : levee, embankment, dam

(1) water **dike**, (2) coastal **dike**

The town council plans to repair the damaged **dike** along the riverbank.

### perverse

*adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

*synonym* : stubborn, contrary, wicked

(1) **perverse** idea, (2) **perverse** attitude

His **perverse** sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

## incidentally

*adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing

*synonym* : by chance, by accident, inadvertently

(1) **incidentally** discovered, (2) **incidentally** mentioned  
**Incidentally**, I know the answer to that question.

## pajama

*n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging

*synonym* : nightgown, nightdress

(1) care **pajama**, (2) **pajama** pants

My little sister loves to have **pajama** parties with her friends on the weekends.

## incivility

*n.* a lack of civility, courtesy, or politeness; rude or disrespectful behavior toward others

*synonym* : rudeness, impoliteness, disrespect

(1) **incivility** in politics, (2) online **incivility**

The **incivility** between the two politicians during the debate was disappointing.

## rumor

*n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

*synonym* : gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

## monger

*v.* to sell or promote something, especially by using aggressive or exaggerated tactics; to peddle or deal in (usually negative) information, rumors, or gossip; (noun) a dealer, trader, or seller of a particular commodity or goods

*synonym* : peddle, sell, (noun) dealer

(1) fish- **monger**, (2) **monger** hate speech

Some politicians use fear to **monger** support for their policies.

## tyranny

*n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

*synonym*: despotism, oppression, dictatorship

(1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority

The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.

## sideline

*n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

*synonym*: sidestep, periphery, (verb) ignore

(1) **sideline** reporter, (2) lucrative **sideline**

The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the **sideline** for the entire game.

## drown

*v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

*synonym*: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

## denominator

*n.* the number below the line in a fraction

(1) common **denominator**, (2) different **denominators**

The first step is to rationalize the **denominator** of a fraction.

## wreck

*n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

*synonym*: collapse, destruction, devastation

(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**

The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. water d\_\_e *n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
2. ru\_\_r mill *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
3. inc\_\_\_\_\_ty in politics *n.* a lack of civility, courtesy, or politeness; rude or disrespectful behavior toward others
4. different den\_\_\_\_\_ors *n.* the number below the line in a fraction
5. common den\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* the number below the line in a fraction
6. pa\_\_\_a pants *n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
7. a false ru\_\_r *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
8. care pa\_\_\_a *n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
9. fish-mo\_\_\_r *v.* to sell or promote something, especially by using aggressive or exaggerated tactics; to peddle or deal in (usually negative) information, rumors, or gossip; (noun) a dealer, trader, or seller of a particular commodity or goods

ANSWERS: 1. dike, 2. rumor, 3. incivility, 4. denominator, 5. denominator, 6. pajama, 7. rumor, 8. pajama, 9. monger

10. the house was a wr\_\_k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
11. ty\_\_\_\_y of the majority *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
12. inc\_\_\_\_\_lly mentioned *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
13. si\_\_\_\_\_ne reporter *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
14. online inc\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a lack of civility, courtesy, or politeness; rude or disrespectful behavior toward others
15. a worthless wr\_\_k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
16. pe\_\_\_\_\_se idea *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
17. mo\_\_\_r hate speech *v.* to sell or promote something, especially by using aggressive or exaggerated tactics; to peddle or deal in (usually negative) information, rumors, or gossip; (noun) a dealer, trader, or seller of a particular commodity or goods

ANSWERS: 10. wreck, 11. tyranny, 12. incidentally, 13. sideline, 14. incivility, 15. wreck, 16. perverse, 17. monger



26. I was dr\_\_ned in work

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

ANSWERS: 26. drown

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The first step is to rationalize the \_\_\_\_\_ of a fraction.  
*n.* the number below the line in a fraction
  
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4. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two politicians during the debate was disappointing.  
*n.* a lack of civility, courtesy, or politeness; rude or disrespectful behavior toward others
  
5. The town council plans to repair the damaged \_\_\_\_\_ along the riverbank.  
*n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
  
6. The country was ruled by a \_\_\_\_\_ that oppressed its citizens.  
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7. \_\_\_\_\_ I know the answer to that question.  
*adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing

ANSWERS: 1. denominator, 2. monger, 3. wreck, 4. incivility, 5. dike, 6. tyranny, 7. Incidentally,



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11. My little sister loves to have \_\_\_\_\_ parties with her friends on the weekends.  
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ANSWERS: 8. rumor, 9. drown, 10. perverse, 11. pajama, 12. tweet, 13. sideline