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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### mover

*n.* a person or company that specializes in moving goods or possessions from one location to another; a professional moving service or an individual who performs this task for friends, family members, or customers

*synonym*: removalist, proposer

(1) market **mover**, (2) the **movers** and shakers

The professional **mover** helped us pack and transport our furniture and belongings to our new home.

### intern

*v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

*synonym*: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

### extrapolate

*v.* to guess or think about what might happen or estimate something using the facts that you have now

*synonym*: deduce, reason, infer

(1) **extrapolate** the results, (2) **extrapolate** animal dose

This predictive model mechanically **extrapolates** past trends

into the future.

## 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.

## unequal

*adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

*synonym*: unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

## quadrant

*n.* a quarter of a circle or sphere or any of the four parts of an area divided by two intersecting lines or planes

*synonym*: section, division, sector

(1) Northeast **quadrant**, (2) **quadrant** chart

The map was divided into four **quadrants** to examine the geographical region closely.

## disparity

*n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

*synonym*: difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

## mediocrity

*n.* the state or quality of being average or of having only moderate ability, success, or value; the state or quality of being uninspired or unoriginal

*synonym*: averageness, ordinariness, unoriginality

(1) sink into **mediocrity**, (2) escape **mediocrity**

He was content with living a life of **mediocrity**.

## **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.

## **disappoint**

*v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

*synonym*: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

## **stun**

*v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

*synonym*: shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

## **germ**

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym*: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## **deem**

*v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way

*synonym*: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

## socioeconomic

*adj.* relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class

*synonym* : social, economic, financial

(1) **socioeconomic** status, (2) **socioeconomic** issues

The **socioeconomic** conditions of a country can significantly affect its political stability.

## overhaul

*n.* a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard

*synonym* : renovation, revamp, modernization

(1) **overhaul** process, (2) vehicle **overhaul**

The mechanic suggested an **overhaul** of the engine to improve performance.

## artifact

*n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

*synonym* : antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

## homogeneity

*n.* the quality or state of being homogeneous; uniformity in composition or character

*synonym* : uniformity, similarity, sameness

(1) soil **homogeneity**, (2) genetic **homogeneity**

The lack of diversity in the boardroom highlights the **homogeneity** of the company's leadership.

## concede

*v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly

*synonym* : admit, acknowledge, allow

(1) **concede** a territory, (2) **concede** a point

He had to **concede** defeat after losing the game.

## segregate

*v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

*synonym*: isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

## pedagogy

*n.* the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession

*synonym*: teaching, instruction, education

(1) modern **pedagogy**, (2) student-centered **pedagogy**

The teacher's innovative **pedagogy** helped her students learn in fun and engaging way.

## 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.

## inventive

*adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas

*synonym*: imaginative, creative, innovative

(1) have the **inventive** talent, (2) **inventive** approach

All language around the world is consistently **inventive** but not intrusive.

## graveyard

*n.* a cemetery, especially one in a churchyard

*synonym*: cemetery, burial ground, churchyard

(1) **graveyard** of life, (2) bodies in a **graveyard**

The ancestral **graveyard** was peaceful, with rows of headstones and tall trees.

## complacent

*adj.* satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes

*synonym*: content, satisfied, self-satisfied

(1) **complacent** attitude, (2) **complacent** with past successes

He became **complacent** in his job and stopped trying to improve.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------|---|
| 1. Peruvian ar_____cts         | <i>n.</i> a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest   |
| 2. don't dis_____nt me         | <i>v.</i> to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad  |
| 3. income di_____ty            | <i>n.</i> a significant difference or inequality between two or more things   |
| 4. s__n fish                   | <i>v.</i> to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly  |
| 5. ov_____ul process           | <i>n.</i> a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; <i>(verb)</i> to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard |
| 6. ext_____te the results      | <i>v.</i> to guess or think about what might happen or estimate something using the facts that you have now   |
| 7. d__m wrong or inappropriate | <i>v.</i> to consider or decide something in a particular way   |
| 8. paleolithic ar_____cts      | <i>n.</i> a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest   |

ANSWERS: 1. artifact, 2. disappoint, 3. disparity, 4. stun, 5. overhaul, 6. extrapolate, 7. deem, 8. artifact

9. soil hom\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or state of being homogeneous; uniformity in composition or character
10. in\_\_\_n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
11. ext\_\_\_\_\_te animal dose *v.* to guess or think about what might happen or estimate something using the facts that you have now
12. modern pe\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession
13. bodies in a gr\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a cemetery, especially one in a churchyard
14. com\_\_\_\_\_nt with past successes *adj.* satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes
15. se\_\_\_\_\_te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
16. medical in\_\_\_n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
17. gr\_\_\_\_\_rd of life *n.* a cemetery, especially one in a churchyard

ANSWERS: 9. homogeneity, 10. intern, 11. extrapolate, 12. pedagogy, 13. graveyard, 14. complacent, 15. segregate, 16. intern, 17. graveyard



18. d\_\_m socially responsible      *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
19. dis\_\_\_\_\_nt the audience      *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
20. 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
21. soc\_\_\_\_\_mic issues      *adj.* relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class
22. the di\_\_\_\_\_ty between theory and reality      *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
23. co\_\_\_\_\_e a territory      *v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
24. sink into med\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the state or quality of being average or of having only moderate ability, success, or value; the state or quality of being uninspired or unoriginal
25. 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
26. in\_\_\_\_\_ve approach      *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
27. com\_\_\_\_\_nt attitude      *adj.* satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes

ANSWERS: 18. deem, 19. disappoint, 20. bureaucracy, 21. socioeconomic, 22. disparity, 23. concede, 24. mediocrity, 25. bureaucracy, 26. inventive, 27. complacent

28. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
29. education pol\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
30. vehicle ov\_\_\_\_\_ul *n.* a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard
31. qu\_\_\_\_\_nt chart *n.* a quarter of a circle or sphere or any of the four parts of an area divided by two intersecting lines or planes
32. se\_\_\_\_\_te by race *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
33. escape med\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state or quality of being average or of having only moderate ability, success, or value; the state or quality of being uninspired or unoriginal
34. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
35. soc\_\_\_\_\_mic status *adj.* relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class

ANSWERS: 28. germ, 29. policymaker, 30. overhaul, 31. quadrant, 32. segregate, 33. mediocrity, 34. opportune, 35. socioeconomic

36. co\_\_\_\_e a point                    *v.*    to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
37. regional pol\_\_\_\_er                *n.*    a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
38. s\_\_n an audience                   *v.*    to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
39. genetic hom\_\_\_\_ty                *n.*    the quality or state of being homogeneous; uniformity in composition or character
40. Northeast qu\_\_\_\_nt                *n.*    a quarter of a circle or sphere or any of the four parts of an area divided by two intersecting lines or planes
41. have the in\_\_\_\_ve talent           *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
42. an op\_\_\_\_ne remark                *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
43. student-centered pe\_\_\_\_gy        *n.*    the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession
44. market mo\_\_r                        *n.*    a person or company that specializes in moving goods or possessions from one location to another; a professional moving service or an individual who performs this task for friends, family members, or customers

ANSWERS: 36. concede, 37. policymaker, 38. stun, 39. homogeneity, 40. quadrant, 41. inventive, 42. opportune, 43. pedagogy, 44. mover

45. un\_\_\_\_l opportunity      *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
46. un\_\_\_\_l distribution      *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
47. the mo\_\_rs and shakers      *n.* a person or company that specializes in moving goods or possessions from one location to another; a professional moving service or an individual who performs this task for friends, family members, or customers
48. a g\_\_m-free environment      *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 45. unequal, 46. unequal, 47. mover, 48. germ

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This sprinter \_\_\_\_\_ the world with his speed.  
*v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
  
2. She worked very hard not to \_\_\_\_\_ her boss's expectations.  
*v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
  
3. The teacher's innovative \_\_\_\_\_ helped her students learn in fun and engaging way.  
*n.* the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession
  
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*n.* the quality or state of being homogeneous; uniformity in composition or character
  
5. The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
  
6. He became \_\_\_\_\_ in his job and stopped trying to improve.  
*adj.* satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes
  
7. The mechanic suggested an \_\_\_\_\_ of the engine to improve performance.  
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ANSWERS: 1. stunned, 2. disappoint, 3. pedagogy, 4. homogeneity, 5. unequal, 6. complacent, 7. overhaul

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9. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.  
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ANSWERS: 23. opportune, 24. interned