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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- buff**
- n.* a person who is very knowledgeable or enthusiastic about a particular subject or activity; a soft, furry animal hide that has been treated and prepared for use in clothing, accessories, or upholstery
- synonym* : enthusiast, aficionado, fan
- (1) **buffalo** buff, (2) movie **buff**
- She's a history **buff** and can tell you everything about the American Revolution.
- metropolis**
- n.* a large and densely populated city, typically the most important city or the capital of a country or region; a major center of commerce, culture, and activity
- synonym* : city, megacity, urban center
- (1) **metropolis** skyline, (2) bustling **metropolis**
- Paris is a romantic **metropolis** famous for its art, fashion, and cuisine.
- outskirt**
- n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
- synonym* : suburb, periphery, edge
- (1) the **outskirt** of the forest, (2) on the western **outskirts**
- The **outskirt** of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.

## excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager  
*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## visualize

*v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

*synonym*: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

## surveyor

*n.* an engineer who measures and records the details of areas of land

*synonym*: assessor, cartographer

(1) land **surveyor**, (2) geographical **surveyor**

The **surveyors** asked various related questions about the land.

## 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.

## devastate

*v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

*synonym*: demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

## cyber

*adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

*synonym*: digital, computer, Internet

(1) **cyber** bullying, (2) **cyber** crime

**Cyber** espionage between countries can have serious

consequences.

## conservator

*n.* a person or organization whose job is to preserve works of art, buildings, and other things of cultural interest

*synonym*: curator, custodian, restorer

(1) art **conservator**, (2) **conservator** of the peace

We usually regard justices as peace **conservators**.

## disseminate

*v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse

*synonym*: spread, circulate, propagate

(1) **disseminate** propaganda, (2) **disseminate** knowledge

It is important to **disseminate** accurate information to the public to prevent false rumors from spreading.

## sect

*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

*synonym*: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

## app

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

*synonym*: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

## narrate

*v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

*synonym*: tell, recount, describe

(1) **narrate** a news article, (2) **narrate** an event

The audiobook hired a professional actor to **narrate** the story,

making it more engaging for listeners.

## tornado

*n.* a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud

*synonym*: whirlwind, twister, cyclone

(1) **tornado** alley, (2) **tornado** warning

The deadly **tornado** that hit the town yesterday destroyed many buildings and injured several people.

## arson

*n.* the criminal act of deliberately setting fire to property or buildings

*synonym*: fire-setting, incendiarism, pyromania

(1) **arson** attack, (2) deliberate **arson**

The police are investigating the **arson** that destroyed the abandoned building.

## sprawl

*v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

*synonym*: drape, spread out

(1) **sprawl** out luxuriously on the sofa, (2) **sprawl** for acres

The lush vegetation **sprawls** across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

## grandchild

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

*synonym*: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

## vantage

*n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

*synonym*: advantage, benefit, edge

(1) strategic **vantage**, (2) gain a **vantage**

From our **vantage** point, we could see the whole city skyline.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------------|------|--|
| 1. na_____e an event              | v.   | to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media |
| 2. gain a va_____e                | n.   | a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage                                      |
| 3. vi_____ze flying through space | v.   | to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible  |
| 4. secret s__t                    | n.   | a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream      |
| 5. ar__n attack                   | n.   | the criminal act of deliberately setting fire to property or buildings   |
| 6. na_____e a news article        | v.   | to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media |
| 7. killer a_p                     | n.   | (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC                            |
| 8. cy__r crime                    | adj. | relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality  |

ANSWERS: 1. narrate, 2. vantage, 3. visualize, 4. sect, 5. arson, 6. narrate, 7. app, 8. cyber

9. con\_\_\_\_\_or of the peace *n.* a person or organization whose job is to preserve works of art, buildings, and other things of cultural interest
10. met\_\_\_\_\_is skyline *n.* a large and densely populated city, typically the most important city or the capital of a country or region; a major center of commerce, culture, and activity
11. to\_\_\_\_\_o alley *n.* a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
12. bustling met\_\_\_\_\_is *n.* a large and densely populated city, typically the most important city or the capital of a country or region; a major center of commerce, culture, and activity
13. s\_\_t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
14. geographical su\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* an engineer who measures and records the details of areas of land
15. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
16. cy\_\_r bullying *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
17. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 9. conservator, 10. metropolis, 11. tornado, 12. metropolis, 13. sect, 14. surveyor, 15. excite, 16. cyber, 17. excite

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|---|-----------|---|
| 18. deliberate ar__n                    | <i>n.</i> | the criminal act of deliberately setting fire to property or buildings  |
| 19. on the western ou_____rts           | <i>n.</i> | the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.                      |
| 20. sp___l out luxuriously on the sofa  | <i>v.</i> | to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out  |
| 21. sp___l for acres                    | <i>v.</i> | to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out  |
| 22. cannot log in to the a_p            | <i>n.</i> | (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 23. de_____te an area                   | <i>v.</i> | to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage   |
| 24. the ou_____rt of the forest         | <i>n.</i> | the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.                      |
| 25. land su_____or                      | <i>n.</i> | an engineer who measures and records the details of areas of land   |
| 26. de_____te the economy               | <i>v.</i> | to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage   |
| 27. gra_____ld development              | <i>n.</i> | a child of someone's son or daughter  |
| 28. strategic va_____e                  | <i>n.</i> | a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage           |
| 29. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship | <i>n.</i> | a child of someone's son or daughter  |

ANSWERS: 18. arson, 19. outskirts, 20. sprawl, 21. sprawl, 22. app, 23. devastate, 24. outskirts, 25. surveyor, 26. devastate, 27. grandchild, 28. vantage, 29. grandchild

30. movie b\_\_f *n.* a person who is very knowledgeable or enthusiastic about a particular subject or activity; a soft, furry animal hide that has been treated and prepared for use in clothing, accessories, or upholstery
31. dis\_\_\_\_\_te knowledge *v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
32. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
33. dis\_\_\_\_\_te propaganda *v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
34. b\_\_falo buff *n.* a person who is very knowledgeable or enthusiastic about a particular subject or activity; a soft, furry animal hide that has been treated and prepared for use in clothing, accessories, or upholstery
35. to\_\_\_\_\_o warning *n.* a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
36. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
37. vi\_\_\_\_\_ze data *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
38. art con\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person or organization whose job is to preserve works of art, buildings, and other things of cultural interest

ANSWERS: 30. buff, 31. disseminate, 32. industrious, 33. disseminate, 34. buff, 35. tornado, 36. industrious, 37. visualize, 38. conservator



ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Paris is a romantic \_\_\_\_\_ famous for its art, fashion, and cuisine.
  - n.* a large and densely populated city, typically the most important city or the capital of a country or region; a major center of commerce, culture, and activity
  
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.
  - n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
  
3. The minority \_\_\_\_ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
  - n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
  
4. It is important to \_\_\_\_\_ accurate information to the public to prevent false rumors from spreading.
  - v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
  
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ asked various related questions about the land.
  - n.* an engineer who measures and records the details of areas of land
  
6. We usually regard justices as peace \_\_\_\_\_.
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7. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which \_\_\_\_\_ coastal areas.
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ANSWERS: 1. metropolis, 2. outskirts, 3. sect, 4. disseminate, 5. surveyors, 6. conservators, 7. devastate

8. The audiobook hired a professional actor to \_\_\_\_\_ the story, making it more engaging for listeners.
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9. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the \_\_\_\_\_ release.
- n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
10. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
11. The deadly \_\_\_\_\_ that hit the town yesterday destroyed many buildings and injured several people.
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12. \_\_\_\_\_ espionage between countries can have serious consequences.
- adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
13. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the layout of the new house in her mind.
- v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
14. The lush vegetation \_\_\_\_\_ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.
- v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
15. From our \_\_\_\_\_ point, we could see the whole city skyline.
- n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

ANSWERS: 8. narrate, 9. app's, 10. excited, 11. tornado, 12. Cyber, 13. visualize, 14. sprawls, 15. vantage

16. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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*n.* the criminal act of deliberately setting fire to property or buildings
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ANSWERS: 16. industrious, 17. arson, 18. grandchild, 19. buff