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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- rev** *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute  
*synonym*: revolution, RPM, speed  
(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd  
He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.
- iguana** *n.* a large tropical lizard with a ridge of spines down its back and a long tail, native to the Americas  
*synonym*: lizard, reptile, dragon  
(1) green **iguana**, (2) spiny-tailed **iguana**  
The nature documentary showcased the mating rituals of the blue **iguana** species native to the Cayman Islands.
- colonel** *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general  
*synonym*: officer, military, ranking officer  
(1) **colonel** rank, (2) brevet **colonel**  
The Army **colonel** led the troops into battle.
- regiment** *n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or

higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine

*synonym* : unit, brigade, battalion

(1) logistics **regiment**, (2) marching **regiment**

The army **regiment** marched in perfect unison during the parade.

## sergeant

*n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class

*synonym* : officer, serjeant, noncommissioned officer

(1) police **sergeant**, (2) army **sergeant**

The fire department **sergeant** instructed the firefighters on how to tackle the blaze.

## gargoyle

*n.* a grotesque or monstrous decorative figure, usually carved from stone, that is often used as a waterspout or ornamental feature on the exterior of a building, typically a cathedral or a Gothic-style structure

*synonym* : chimera, grotesque, demon

(1) decorative **gargoyle**, (2) stone **gargoyle**

The ancient cathedral was adorned with eerie **gargoyles**.

## 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.

## diminish

*v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

*synonym* : decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

## depress

*v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

*synonym* : sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

## dismal

*adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

*synonym* : gloomy, depressing, dreary

(1) **dismal** failure, (2) **dismal** performance

The weather was so **dismal** that we decided to stay indoors all day.

## handover

*n.* the act of transferring something, such as authority, control, or possession, from one entity or individual to another

*synonym* : transfer, delivery, surrender

(1) **handover** ceremony, (2) smooth **handover**

The **handover** of power from the outgoing president to the newly elected one was a smooth process.

## sectarian

*adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints

*synonym* : denominational, factional, partisan

(1) **sectarian** violence, (2) **sectarian** tension

The political campaign descended into a **sectarian** battle between rival parties.

## flourish

*v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

*synonym* : boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

## judiciary

*n.* persons who administer or enforce justice

*synonym* : tribunal, bench, court

(1) independence of the **judiciary**, (2) member of the

### judiciary

The **judiciary** of the case was inexperienced and lacked locally educated attorneys.

### unpopular

*adj.* not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation

*synonym*: disliked, unloved, unsupported

(1) **unpopular** decision, (2) an **unpopular** opinion

The politician's stance on controversial issues made him an **unpopular** candidate for many voters.

### sub-Saharan

*adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

### riot

*n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

*synonym*: disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

### ransack

*v.* to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner

*synonym*: pillage, loot, plunder

(1) **ransack** a house, (2) **ransack** a town

Burglars **ransacked** the store, stealing everything of value.

### enshrine

*v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect

*synonym*: ensconce, preserve, cherish

(1) **enshrine** memories, (2) **enshrine** tradition

The Constitution **enshrines** the rights and freedoms of

citizens.

## extremist

*n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

*synonym* : radical, fanatic, zealot

(1) **extremist** political views, (2) radical **extremist**

The **extremist** group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.

## sheikh

*n.* a title given to the leader or ruler of an Arab tribe, village, or Islamic community, commonly used in the Arabian Peninsula and some other parts of the Middle East

*synonym* : emir, ruler, leader

(1) **sheikh** authority, (2) oil **sheikh**

The Arab **sheikh** welcomed the dignitaries to his palace for a grand feast.

## Christ

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

*synonym* : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

## villager

*n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

*synonym* : resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

## 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.

## prosperous

*adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

*synonym*: successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

## monarchy

*n.* a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority

*synonym*: kingdom, realm, empire

(1) **monarchy** system, (2) abolish **monarchy**

The **monarchy** government had been in power for centuries.

## stimming

*n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

*synonym*: self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

(1) autistic **stimming**, (2) **stimming** therapy

Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

## vivify

*v.* to bring to life; to make something more lively, vibrant, or animated

*synonym*: revitalize, animate, invigorate

(1) **vivify** the atmosphere, (2) **vivify** the conversation

The energetic music began to **vivify** the crowd, getting them dancing and cheering.

## creditor

*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

## penguin

*n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait

(1) Adelie **penguin**, (2) **penguin** habitat

We took a boat tour to witness the magnificent **penguin** colony along the rugged coastline.

## 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.

## omniscient

*adj.* having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding

*synonym* : all-knowing, all-seeing, wise

(1) **omniscient** being, (2) **omniscient** point of view

An **omniscient** narrator knows everything about the story and the characters.

## energize

*v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

*synonym* : invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) **energize** the body, (2) **energize** a team

The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

## enthrone

*v.* to install or seat someone on a throne, thereby making them the official ruler or leader; to elevate someone to a position of power or authority

*synonym* : crown, inaugurate, dignify

(1) **enthrone** a new leader, (2) **enthrone** a new technology

The king will **enthrone** his son as the next ruler of the kingdom.

- lop**
- v. to cut off or remove a part of something, usually a branch, in a rough or hasty manner
- synonym*: trim, prune, clip
- (1) **lop** off the top of the hedge, (2) **lop** off the excess
- I had to **lop** off the dead branches from the tree to promote healthy growth.
- communion**
- n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
- synonym*: affinity, intimacy, camaraderie
- (1) **communion** with God, (2) spiritual **communion** with nature
- We use this tableware in a **communion** service.
- mediate**
- v. to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
- synonym*: arbitrate, reconcile, intervene
- (1) **mediate** allergic reaction, (2) **mediate** a negotiation
- The teacher had to **mediate** a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.



## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. baseless pre_____on        | <i>n.</i> the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition      |
| 2. the cr_____or's claims     | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money  |
| 3. en_____ne a new technology | <i>v.</i> to install or seat someone on a throne, thereby making them the official ruler or leader; to elevate someone to a position of power or authority |
| 4. ra_____k a house           | <i>v.</i> to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner   |
| 5. di_____sh a reputation     | <i>v.</i> to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.  |
| 6. un_____ar decision         | <i>adj.</i> not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation   |
| 7. de_____s their spirits     | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active  |
| 8. pro_____us nation          | <i>adj.</i> successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune   |
| 9. de_____s crop prices       | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active  |

ANSWERS: 1. pretension, 2. creditor, 3. enthrone, 4. ransack, 5. diminish, 6. unpopular, 7. depress, 8. prosperous, 9. depress

10. en\_\_\_\_ne memories *v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
11. en\_\_\_\_ze a team *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
12. oil sh\_\_\_\_h *n.* a title given to the leader or ruler of an Arab tribe, village, or Islamic community, commonly used in the Arabian Peninsula and some other parts of the Middle East
13. Adelie pe\_\_\_\_n *n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait
14. spiritual co\_\_\_\_on with nature *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
15. green ig\_\_\_\_a *n.* a large tropical lizard with a ridge of spines down its back and a long tail, native to the Americas
16. omn\_\_\_\_nt point of view *adj.* having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding
17. fl\_\_\_\_sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
18. pro\_\_\_\_us weather *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
19. du\_\_\_\_s credibility *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain

ANSWERS: 10. enshrine, 11. energize, 12. sheikh, 13. penguin, 14. communion, 15. iguana, 16. omniscient, 17. flourish, 18. prosperous, 19. dubious

20. army se\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class
21. smooth ha\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* the act of transferring something, such as authority, control, or possession, from one entity or individual to another
22. police se\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class
23. di\_\_\_\_\_sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
24. pe\_\_\_\_\_n habitat *n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait
25. vi\_\_\_\_\_er community *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
26. r\_\_t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
27. member of the ju\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* persons who administer or enforce justice
28. ha\_\_\_\_\_er ceremony *n.* the act of transferring something, such as authority, control, or possession, from one entity or individual to another

ANSWERS: 20. sergeant, 21. handover, 22. sergeant, 23. diminish, 24. penguin, 25. villager, 26. riot, 27. judiciary, 28. handover

29. bankrupt cr\_\_\_\_or  
*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
30. logistics re\_\_\_\_nt  
*n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine
31. ex\_\_\_\_st political views  
*n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
32. fl\_\_\_\_sh economically  
*v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
33. local vi\_\_\_\_er  
*n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
34. spiny-tailed ig\_\_\_\_a  
*n.* a large tropical lizard with a ridge of spines down its back and a long tail, native to the Americas
35. en\_\_\_\_ze the body  
*v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
36. se\_\_\_\_an violence  
*adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints
37. omn\_\_\_\_nt being  
*adj.* having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding
38. en\_\_\_\_ne a new leader  
*v.* to install or seat someone on a throne, thereby making them the official ruler or leader; to elevate someone to a position of power or authority

ANSWERS: 29. creditor, 30. regiment, 31. extremist, 32. flourish, 33. villager, 34. iguana, 35. energize, 36. sectarian, 37. omniscient, 38. enthrone

39. pro\_\_\_\_\_ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
40. r\_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
41. decorative ga\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a grotesque or monstrous decorative figure, usually carved from stone, that is often used as a waterspout or ornamental feature on the exterior of a building, typically a cathedral or a Gothic-style structure
42. abolish mo\_\_\_\_\_hy *n.* a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
43. di\_\_\_\_l failure *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
44. l\_p off the excess *v.* to cut off or remove a part of something, usually a branch, in a rough or hasty manner
45. ra\_\_\_\_\_k a town *v.* to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner
46. r\_\_t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
47. brevet co\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general

ANSWERS: 39. profoundly, 40. rev, 41. gargoyles, 42. monarchy, 43. dismal, 44. lop, 45. ransack, 46. riot, 47. colonel

48. sleep pro\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
49. sh\_\_\_h authority *n.* a title given to the leader or ruler of an Arab tribe, village, or Islamic community, commonly used in the Arabian Peninsula and some other parts of the Middle East
50. st\_\_\_\_\_ng therapy *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
51. independence of the ju\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* persons who administer or enforce justice
52. direct a du\_\_\_\_\_s look *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
53. teaching of Ch\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
54. en\_\_\_\_\_ne tradition *v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
55. low-r\_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
56. sub\_\_\_\_\_an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

ANSWERS: 48. profoundly, 49. sheikh, 50. stimming, 51. judiciary, 52. dubious, 53. Christ, 54. enshrine, 55. rev, 56. sub-Saharan

57. sub\_\_\_\_\_an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
58. se\_\_\_\_\_an tension *adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints
59. stone ga\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a grotesque or monstrous decorative figure, usually carved from stone, that is often used as a waterspout or ornamental feature on the exterior of a building, typically a cathedral or a Gothic-style structure
60. vi\_\_\_y the conversation *v.* to bring to life; to make something more lively, vibrant, or animated
61. me\_\_\_\_\_e a negotiation *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
62. an un\_\_\_\_\_ar opinion *adj.* not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation
63. radical ex\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
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65. co\_\_\_\_\_on with God *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

ANSWERS: 57. sub-Saharan, 58. sectarian, 59. gargoyle, 60. vivify, 61. mediate, 62. unpopular, 63. extremist, 64. monarchy, 65. communion

66. di\_\_\_l performance *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
67. 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
68. vi\_\_\_y the atmosphere *v.* to bring to life; to make something more lively, vibrant, or animated
69. co\_\_\_\_\_l rank *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
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74. before Ch\_\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 66. dismal, 67. pretension, 68. vivify, 69. colonel, 70. mediate, 71. stimming, 72. lop, 73. regiment, 74. Christ



ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ancient cathedral was adorned with eerie \_\_\_\_\_.  
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2. The motivational speaker \_\_\_\_\_ the crowd with their words.  
*v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
3. The weather was so \_\_\_\_\_ that we decided to stay indoors all day.  
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4. The nature documentary showcased the mating rituals of the blue \_\_\_\_\_ species native to the Cayman Islands.  
*n.* a large tropical lizard with a ridge of spines down its back and a long tail, native to the Americas
5. The Ottoman Empire \_\_\_\_\_ for over five centuries.  
*v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
6. The novel affected her \_\_\_\_\_ causing her to question her beliefs and values.  
*adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
7. The teacher had to \_\_\_\_\_ a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.  
*v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

ANSWERS: 1. gargoyles, 2. energized, 3. dismal, 4. iguana, 5. flourished, 6. profoundly, 7. mediate

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19. The Constitution \_\_\_\_\_ the rights and freedoms of citizens.
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ANSWERS: 14. stimming, 15. Christmas, 16. handover, 17. monarchy, 18. regiment, 19. enshrines, 20. vivify

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31. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the case was inexperienced and lacked locally educated attorneys.  
*n.* persons who administer or enforce justice
32. The \_\_\_\_\_ group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.  
*n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
33. I asked the lawyer to initiate \_\_\_\_\_ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.  
*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
34. The coffee producers in \_\_\_\_\_ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.  
*adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
35. Burglars \_\_\_\_\_ the store, stealing everything of value.  
*v.* to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner
36. The economic recession \_\_\_\_\_ the housing market.  
*v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

ANSWERS: 29. colonel, 30. riots, 31. judiciary, 32. extremist, 33. creditor, 34. sub-Saharan, 35. ransacked, 36. depressed

37. The evidence presented in court had a \_\_\_\_\_ origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

*adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain

ANSWERS: 37. dubious