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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### rookie

*n.* a newcomer or beginner, specifically in a particular profession, sport, or activity; an inexperienced or naive person

*synonym*: beginner, novice, greenhorn

(1) **rookie** mistake, (2) **rookie** teacher

The **rookie** player showed promise in the preseason games.

### nerd

*n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

*synonym*: geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

### misinterpret

*v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way

*synonym*: misunderstand, falsify, misconstrue

(1) **misinterpret** the purpose, (2) **misinterpret** the data

He **misinterpreted** her statement and got the wrong idea.

### multifaceted

*adj.* having many different aspects, features, or sides; complex and varied

*synonym*: complex, diverse, versatile

(1) a **multifaceted** undertaking, (2) **multifaceted** problem

The job requires excellent communication skills and a **multifaceted** approach to problem-solving.

## likable

*adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable

*synonym* : sympathetic, appealing, charming

(1) **likable** personality, (2) a **likable** character

He's a very **likable** person who makes friends easily.

## protagonist

*n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

*synonym* : hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

## congratulation

*n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

*synonym* : praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

## contradictory

*adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

*synonym* : conflicting, opposing, inconsistent

(1) apparently **contradictory**, (2) **contradictory** evidence

His statements were **contradictory**, leaving the audience confused.

## weir

*n.* a barrier or dam built across a river or waterway to control the flow of water; a low dam or fence used to trap fish

*synonym* : dam, barrages, barricade

(1) **weir** on a river, (2) diversion **weir**

The local government installed a fish ladder next to the **weir** to help them migrate upstream.

## reconcile

v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist  
*synonym*: harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute  
Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

## confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym*: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality  
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something  
*synonym*: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## misconception

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

*synonym*: fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held **misconception**

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

## feminism

n. the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

*synonym*: women's rights, gender equality

(1) radical **feminism**, (2) liberal **feminism**

She is a strong advocate for **feminism** and works tirelessly

for women's rights.

## **insecure**

*adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

*synonym*: uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

## **rulebook**

*n.* a set of rules or regulations, especially one governing a particular activity or organization

*synonym*: manual, guidebook, regulations

(1) follow a **rulebook**, (2) **rulebook** violation

The company's **rulebook** clearly outlines the expectations for employees.

## **zine**

*n.* a self-published or independent magazine, often with a limited circulation and focused on a specific topic or subculture

*synonym*: fanzine, magazine, newsletter

(1) fashion **zine**, (2) underground **zine**

She published her **zine** to showcase her art and writing.

## **apologetic**

*adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

*synonym*: sorry, regretful, remorseful

(1) **apologetic** tone, (2) **apologetic** letter

He was **apologetic** for being late to the meeting.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. con\_\_\_\_\_ory evidence *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
2. fashion z\_\_e *n.* a self-published or independent magazine, often with a limited circulation and focused on a specific topic or subculture
3. ru\_\_\_\_\_ok violation *n.* a set of rules or regulations, especially one governing a particular activity or organization
4. co\_\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
5. diversion w\_\_r *n.* a barrier or dam built across a river or waterway to control the flow of water; a low dam or fence used to trap fish
6. w\_\_r on a river *n.* a barrier or dam built across a river or waterway to control the flow of water; a low dam or fence used to trap fish
7. liberal fe\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
8. underground z\_\_e *n.* a self-published or independent magazine, often with a limited circulation and focused on a specific topic or subculture
9. commonly held mis\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

ANSWERS: 1. contradictory, 2. zine, 3. rulebook, 4. confuse, 5. weir, 6. weir, 7. feminism, 8. zine, 9. misconception

10. n\_\_d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
11. an in\_\_\_\_re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
12. apo\_\_\_\_ic tone *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
13. dispel the mis\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
14. follow a ru\_\_\_\_ok *n.* a set of rules or regulations, especially one governing a particular activity or organization
15. em\_\_\_\_r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
16. li\_\_\_\_e personality *adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable
17. apparently con\_\_\_\_ory *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
18. pro\_\_\_\_st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
19. a matter for con\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

ANSWERS: 10. nerd, 11. insecure, 12. apologetic, 13. misconception, 14. rulebook, 15. empower, 16. likable, 17. contradictory, 18. protagonist, 19. congratulation

20. mis\_\_\_\_\_ret the purpose      *v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way
21. ro\_\_\_e teacher      *n.* a newcomer or beginner, specifically in a particular profession, sport, or activity; an inexperienced or naive person
22. a mul\_\_\_\_\_ted undertaking      *adj.* having many different aspects, features, or sides; complex and varied
23. ro\_\_\_e mistake      *n.* a newcomer or beginner, specifically in a particular profession, sport, or activity; an inexperienced or naive person
24. a li\_\_\_\_\_e character      *adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable
25. in\_\_\_\_\_re attachment      *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
26. radical fe\_\_\_\_\_sm      *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
27. mul\_\_\_\_\_ted problem      *adj.* having many different aspects, features, or sides; complex and varied
28. re\_\_\_\_\_le a dispute      *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
29. re\_\_\_\_\_le these differences      *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

ANSWERS: 20. misinterpret, 21. rookie, 22. multifaceted, 23. rookie, 24. likable, 25. insecure, 26. feminism, 27. multifaceted, 28. reconcile, 29. reconcile

30. mis\_\_\_\_\_ret the data      *v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way
31. a computer n\_\_d      *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
32. con\_\_\_\_\_ion on a promotion      *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
33. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener      *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
34. em\_\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same      *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
35. apo\_\_\_\_\_ic letter      *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
36. play a pro\_\_\_\_\_st      *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

ANSWERS: 30. misinterpret, 31. nerd, 32. congratulation, 33. confuse, 34. empower, 35. apologetic, 36. protagonist



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. There are numerous \_\_\_\_\_ about food and health.  
*n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
2. She is a strong advocate for \_\_\_\_\_ and works tirelessly for women's rights.  
*n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ player showed promise in the preseason games.  
*n.* a newcomer or beginner, specifically in a particular profession, sport, or activity; an inexperienced or naive person
4. Children in an unstructured environment often feel \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
5. He was, by nature, a cyber \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
6. His statements were \_\_\_\_\_ leaving the audience confused.  
*adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
7. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.  
*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
8. She published her \_\_\_\_\_ to showcase her art and writing.  
*n.* a self-published or independent magazine, often with a limited circulation and focused on a specific topic or subculture

ANSWERS: 1. misconceptions, 2. feminism, 3. rookie, 4. insecure, 5. nerd, 6. contradictory, 7. confused, 8. zine

9. He \_\_\_\_\_ her statement and got the wrong idea.  
*v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.  
*n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
11. He was \_\_\_\_\_ for being late to the meeting.  
*adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
12. He's a very \_\_\_\_\_ person who makes friends easily.  
*adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable
13. The local government installed a fish ladder next to the \_\_\_\_\_ to help them migrate upstream.  
*n.* a barrier or dam built across a river or waterway to control the flow of water; a low dam or fence used to trap fish
14. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ clearly outlines the expectations for employees.  
*n.* a set of rules or regulations, especially one governing a particular activity or organization
15. The job requires excellent communication skills and a \_\_\_\_\_ approach to problem-solving.  
*adj.* having many different aspects, features, or sides; complex and varied
16. The company \_\_\_\_\_ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.  
*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 9. misinterpreted, 10. protagonist's, 11. apologetic, 12. likable, 13. weir, 14. rulebook, 15. multifaceted, 16. empowered

17. The \_\_\_\_\_ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.
- n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
18. Sometimes it is challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ science and religion.
- v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

ANSWERS: 17. congratulations, 18. reconcile