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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### miraculous

*adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

*synonym* : amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

### dinosaur

*n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

*synonym* : reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

### eon

*n.* (also aeon) an indefinite long period of time; the longest division of geological time scale

*synonym* : aeon

(1) a geological **eon**, (2) over the **eons**

I heard that fairy tale **eons** ago.

### gauntlet

*n.* a type of protective glove covering the wrist and part of the arm, often made of leather or metal; a challenge or trial that must be endured or overcome, often a difficult or dangerous one

*synonym* : challenge, provocation, obstacle

(1) accept the **gauntlet**, (2) throw down the **gauntlet**  
He ran the **gauntlet** of critics' reviews after the release of his latest movie.

## hatch

*v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

*synonym* : incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

## squirm

*v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness

*synonym* : squiggle, wiggle, writhe

(1) **squirm** uncomfortably, (2) **squirm** with excitement

The child **squirmed** out of his mother's grasp and ran off.

## pitfall

*n.* a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare

*synonym* : trap, snare, hazard

(1) potential **pitfall**, (2) **pitfall** to be avoided

One of the biggest **pitfalls** of starting a new business is underestimating the costs.

## gull

*n.* a seabird with long wings, short legs, and usually black and white or grey and white feathers

*synonym* : seagull

(1) a white sea **gull**, (2) **gull** family

Because **gulls** are gliding birds, their wings are long and slender.

## raccoon

*n.* a nocturnal mammal with a distinctive black mask-like marking around the eyes, known for its omnivorous diet, dexterous paws, and bushy tail

(1) cunning **raccoon**, (2) **raccoon** fur

I saw a cute **raccoon** family crossing the road while driving

home from camping.

## repel

*v.* to force an attack or attacker to withdraw or retreat

*synonym*: turn away, fight off, force back

(1) **repel** bandits, (2) **repel** bad luck

This material can **repel** moisture swiftly.

## predator

*n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

*synonym*: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

## dolphin

*n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

*synonym*: porpoise, cetacean, marine mammal

(1) **dolphin** show, (2) **dolphin-watching** tour

The large group of **dolphins** swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.

## frantic

*adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

*synonym*: wild, frenzied, manic

(1) **frantic** pace, (2) with **frantic** haste

The mother was **frantic** as she searched for her lost child.

## flotsam

*n.* wreckage, debris, or other items that float on the surface of the water and are left behind by a shipwreck or accident

*synonym*: debris, wreckage, drift

(1) floating **flotsam**, (2) ocean **flotsam**

After the shipwreck, the survivors clung to various pieces of **flotsam** to stay afloat.

## seaweed

*n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae

*synonym* : kelp, algae

(1) floating **seaweed**, (2) **seaweed** broth

She soaked **seaweed** in water until tender.

## worrisome

*adj.* causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm

*synonym* : concerning, troubling, bothersome

(1) **worrisome** issue, (2) **worrisome** development

The **worrisome** news about the impending storm caused many people to evacuate.

## herald

*v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare

*synonym* : announce, proclaim, declare

(1) **herald** the news, (2) **herald** a new era

The sound of the trumpet **heralded** the arrival of the king.

## poach

*v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings

*synonym* : steal, snatch

(1) **poach** on his land, (2) **poach** deer

The chef **poached** the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.

## noxious

*adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings

*synonym* : harmful, toxic, poisonous

(1) **noxious** gas, (2) **noxious** substances

The **noxious** fumes from the factory were causing health problems for nearby residents.

## ante

*n.* a mandatory bet or contribution made by all players in a game of cards or gambling as a prerequisite for

participation; any initial or essential action or investment required for a particular endeavor

*synonym* : bet, wager, stake

(1) up the **ante**, (2) penny- **ante** trade

We need to raise the **ante** to win this poker game.

## overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

*synonym* : conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

## recap

v. to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.

*synonym* : outline, summarize, abstract

(1) **recap** key points, (2) **recap** briefly

Let me quickly **recap** these results.

## jackpot

n. a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome

*synonym* : prize, bonanza, windfall

(1) lottery **jackpot**, (2) win a **jackpot**

After hours of playing the slot machines, she finally hit the **jackpot** and won hundreds of dollars.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. accept the ga\_\_\_\_et  
*n.* a type of protective glove covering the wrist and part of the arm, often made of leather or metal; a challenge or trial that must be endured or overcome, often a difficult or dangerous one
2. lottery ja\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome
3. potential pi\_\_\_\_l  
*n.* a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare
4. no\_\_\_\_s gas  
*adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings
5. floating fl\_\_\_\_m  
*n.* wreckage, debris, or other items that float on the surface of the water and are left behind by a shipwreck or accident
6. apex pr\_\_\_\_or  
*n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
7. re\_\_p key points  
*v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
8. floating se\_\_\_\_d  
*n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
9. wo\_\_\_\_\_me development  
*adj.* causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm

ANSWERS: 1. gauntlet, 2. jackpot, 3. pitfall, 4. noxious, 5. flotsam, 6. predator, 7. recap, 8. seaweed, 9. worrisome

10. re\_\_l bad luck *v.* to force an attack or attacker to withdraw or retreat
11. ov\_\_\_\_\_lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
12. do\_\_\_\_\_n-watching tour *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
13. ocean fl\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* wreckage, debris, or other items that float on the surface of the water and are left behind by a shipwreck or accident
14. sq\_\_\_\_\_m uncomfortably *v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
15. win a ja\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome
16. po\_\_h on his land *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
17. with fr\_\_\_\_\_c haste *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
18. no\_\_\_\_\_s substances *adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings

ANSWERS: 10. repel, 11. overwhelm, 12. dolphin, 13. flotsam, 14. squirm, 15. jackpot, 16. poach, 17. frantic, 18. noxious

19. a geological e\_n *n.* (also aeon) an indefinite long period of time; the longest division of geological time scale
20. a white sea g\_\_l *n.* a seabird with long wings, short legs, and usually black and white or grey and white feathers
21. sq\_\_\_m with excitement *v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
22. po\_\_h deer *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
23. he\_\_\_d a new era *v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare
24. pi\_\_\_\_\_l to be avoided *n.* a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare
25. re\_\_l bandits *v.* to force an attack or attacker to withdraw or retreat
26. wo\_\_\_\_\_me issue *adj.* causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm
27. re\_\_p briefly *v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
28. a mir\_\_\_\_\_us encounter *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

ANSWERS: 19. eon, 20. gull, 21. squirm, 22. poach, 23. herald, 24. pitfall, 25. repel, 26. worrisome, 27. recap, 28. miraculous



29. hulking di\_\_\_\_ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
30. he\_\_\_\_d the news *v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare
31. g\_\_l family *n.* a seabird with long wings, short legs, and usually black and white or grey and white feathers
32. se\_\_\_\_d broth *n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
33. ra\_\_\_\_n fur *n.* a nocturnal mammal with a distinctive black mask-like marking around the eyes, known for its omnivorous diet, dexterous paws, and bushy tail
34. sexual pr\_\_\_\_ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
35. go through a mir\_\_\_\_us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
36. penny-a\_\_e trade *n.* a mandatory bet or contribution made by all players in a game of cards or gambling as a prerequisite for participation; any initial or essential action or investment required for a particular endeavor
37. fr\_\_\_\_c pace *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

ANSWERS: 29. dinosaur, 30. herald, 31. gull, 32. seaweed, 33. raccoon, 34. predator, 35. miraculous, 36. ante, 37. frantic

38. over the e\_ns      *n.* (also aeon) an indefinite long period of time; the longest division of geological time scale
39. do\_\_\_\_\_n show      *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
40. cunning ra\_\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a nocturnal mammal with a distinctive black mask-like marking around the eyes, known for its omnivorous diet, dexterous paws, and bushy tail
41. throw down the ga\_\_\_\_\_et      *n.* a type of protective glove covering the wrist and part of the arm, often made of leather or metal; a challenge or trial that must be endured or overcome, often a difficult or dangerous one
42. he was ov\_\_\_\_\_lmed with gratitude      *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
43. ha\_\_h a baby chick      *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
44. up the a\_\_e      *n.* a mandatory bet or contribution made by all players in a game of cards or gambling as a prerequisite for participation; any initial or essential action or investment required for a particular endeavor
45. ha\_\_h a plan      *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

ANSWERS: 38. eon, 39. dolphin, 40. raccoon, 41. gauntlet, 42. overwhelm, 43. hatch, 44. ante, 45. hatch

46. di\_\_\_\_ur fossil

*n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

ANSWERS: 46. dinosaur

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He made a \_\_\_\_\_ recovery.

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ANSWERS: 1. miraculous, 2. dinosaur, 3. gauntlet, 4. seaweed, 5. pitfalls, 6. poached, 7. gulls

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ANSWERS: 8. flotsam, 9. heralded, 10. noxious, 11. ante, 12. raccoon, 13. recap, 14. jackpot

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ANSWERS: 15. eons, 16. overwhelm, 17. predator's, 18. worrisome, 19. dolphins, 20. hatch, 21. frantic, 22. squirmed

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v. to force an attack or attacker to withdraw or retreat

ANSWERS: 23. repel