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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### checkpoint

*n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check

(1) **checkpoint** security, (2) military **checkpoint**

The airport security **checkpoint** was crowded with passengers waiting to board their flights.

### afterward

*adv.* after the time mentioned

*synonym* : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

### balk

*v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

*synonym* : hesitate, recoil, shy away

(1) **balk** at extra work, (2) **balk** in fear

After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't **balk** at trying again.

### dazzling

*adj.* shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting

*synonym* : astonishing, breathtaking, flashy

(1) **dazzling** debut, (2) **dazzling** views

Last night, the team delivered a **dazzling** performance.

## shotgun

*n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot

*synonym*: scattergun, blunderbuss

(1) a **shotgun** marriage, (2) a 12-gauge **shotgun**

The robbers used a **shotgun** to threaten the store clerk.

## pellet

*n.* a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic

*synonym*: bead, ball, bullet

(1) the form of a small **pellet**, (2) **pellet** stove

The **pellet** gun was used to shoot small metal balls.

## escalate

*v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

*synonym*: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

## feces

*n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement

*synonym*: poop, stool, excrement

(1) **feces** sample, (2) human **feces**

Proper disposal of **feces** is essential for maintaining public health and sanitation.

## rot

*v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

*synonym*: perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

## capsicum

*n.* a genus of flowering plants in the nightshade family, including various species of chili peppers, bell peppers,

and other spicy peppers

*synonym* : pepper, chili, paprika

(1) **capsicum** pepper, (2) **capsicum** extract

I added some chopped **capsicum** to my stir-fry for an extra kick of flavor.

## firearm

*n.* a weapon that is designed to be fired and uses an explosive charge to propel a projectile, such as a bullet or a shell

*synonym* : gun, weapon

(1) stolen **firearm**, (2) legal **firearms**

I am a responsible **firearm** owner who follows all safety protocols.

## criminology

*n.* the scientific study of crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system encompassing a wide range of disciplines, including sociology, psychology, law, and statistics, among others

*synonym* : criminalistics, forensic science, penology

(1) forensic **criminology**, (2) behavioral **criminology**

The professor of **criminology** conducted an extensive study on the relationship between poverty and crime.

## Arthurian

*adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances

The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

## stab

*v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

*synonym* : poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

## indiscriminately

*adv.* done without any distinction or selection; randomly or without careful consideration

*synonym* : haphazardly, randomly, willy-nilly

(1) act **indiscriminately**, (2) lay off employees

### **indiscriminately**

The soldiers fired their weapons **indiscriminately** during the battle.

## siege

*n.* the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it

*synonym* : blockade, encirclement, barricade

(1) hostage **siege**, (2) lay **siege** to his house

People began storing up food and supplies for the **siege**.

## anesthetic

*n.* a substance that is administered to a person or an animal to produce a loss of sensation or consciousness so that medical or surgical procedures can be performed without causing pain

*synonym* : sedative, anesthesia, painkiller

(1) **anesthetic** injection, (2) local **anesthetic**

The dentist administered an **anesthetic** to numb the patient's mouth before the procedure.

## inhale

*v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke

*synonym* : breathe in, take in, draw in

(1) **inhale** the smoke, (2) **inhale** the aroma

He **inhaled** deeply, trying to calm down.

## 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.

## contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

*synonym*: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

## pique

n. a feeling of irritation or resentment, often caused by a perceived slight or insult; (verb) to cause to feel resentment or indignation

*synonym*: irritation, resentment, annoyance

(1) out of **pique**, (2) **pique** the curiosity

He slammed the door in a fit of **pique**.

## aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

## 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.

## zap

v. to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force

*synonym*: destroy, kill, exterminate

(1) **zap** a huge target, (2) **zap** bar code

They provided allies with powerful weapons that could **zap** the enemy from thousands of miles away.

## restrain

v. to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or

impulses

*synonym* : restrict, limit, control

(1) **restrain** from violence, (2) **restrain** a child

The police had to **restrain** the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. da\_\_\_\_ng debut *adj.* shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting
2. forensic cri\_\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the scientific study of crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system encompassing a wide range of disciplines, including sociology, psychology, law, and statistics, among others
3. a\_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
4. stolen fi\_\_\_\_m *n.* a weapon that is designed to be fired and uses an explosive charge to propel a projectile, such as a bullet or a shell
5. go there af\_\_\_\_rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
6. b\_\_k in fear *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
7. che\_\_\_\_nt security *n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
8. act ind\_\_\_\_\_\_ely *adv.* done without any distinction or selection; randomly or without careful consideration

ANSWERS: 1. dazzling, 2. criminology, 3. aft, 4. firearm, 5. afterward, 6. balk, 7. checkpoint, 8. indiscriminately

9. military che\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
10. re\_\_\_\_\_in a child *v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
11. r\_\_t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
12. s\_\_b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
13. begin to r\_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
14. out of pi\_\_e *n.* a feeling of irritation or resentment, often caused by a perceived slight or insult; (verb) to cause to feel resentment or indignation
15. ca\_\_\_\_\_um extract *n.* a genus of flowering plants in the nightshade family, including various species of chili peppers, bell peppers, and other spicy peppers
16. es\_\_\_\_\_te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
17. the Ar\_\_\_\_\_an cycle *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

ANSWERS: 9. checkpoint, 10. restrain, 11. riot, 12. stab, 13. rot, 14. pique, 15. capsicum, 16. escalate, 17. Arthurian



18. s\_\_b at the enemy with a knife      *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
19. da\_\_\_\_ng views      *adj.* shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting
20. a few years af\_\_\_\_rd      *adv.* after the time mentioned
21. r\_t with age      *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
22. in\_\_\_e the smoke      *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
23. hostage si\_\_e      *n.* the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it
24. s\_\_n fish      *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
25. Ar\_\_\_\_an romances      *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
26. con\_\_\_\_te his ego      *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
27. local ane\_\_\_\_ic      *n.* a substance that is administered to a person or an animal to produce a loss of sensation or consciousness so that medical or surgical procedures can be performed without causing pain
28. re\_\_\_\_in from violence      *v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

ANSWERS: 18. stab, 19. dazzling, 20. afterward, 21. rot, 22. inhale, 23. siege, 24. stun, 25. Arthurian, 26. contaminate, 27. anesthetic, 28. restrain

29. human fe\_\_s *n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
30. to es\_\_\_\_te *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
31. the form of a small pe\_\_\_\_t *n.* a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic
32. 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
33. pe\_\_\_\_t stove *n.* a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic
34. fe\_\_s sample *n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
35. z\_p a huge target *v.* to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force
36. a 12-gauge sh\_\_\_\_n *n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot
37. in\_\_\_\_e the aroma *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
38. a sh\_\_\_\_n marriage *n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot
39. pi\_\_e the curiosity *n.* a feeling of irritation or resentment, often caused by a perceived slight or insult; (verb) to cause to feel resentment or indignation

ANSWERS: 29. feces, 30. escalate, 31. pellet, 32. riot, 33. pellet, 34. feces, 35. zap, 36. shotgun, 37. inhale, 38. shotgun, 39. pique

40. lay si\_\_e to his house *n.* the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it
41. 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
42. b\_\_k at extra work *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
43. behavioral cri\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the scientific study of crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system encompassing a wide range of disciplines, including sociology, psychology, law, and statistics, among others
44. ane\_\_\_\_\_ic injection *n.* a substance that is administered to a person or an animal to produce a loss of sensation or consciousness so that medical or surgical procedures can be performed without causing pain
45. a\_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
46. con\_\_\_\_\_te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
47. legal fi\_\_\_\_\_ms *n.* a weapon that is designed to be fired and uses an explosive charge to propel a projectile, such as a bullet or a shell

ANSWERS: 40. siege, 41. stun, 42. balk, 43. criminology, 44. anesthetic, 45. aft, 46. contaminate, 47. firearm

48. ca\_\_\_\_um pepper *n.* a genus of flowering plants in the nightshade family, including various species of chili peppers, bell peppers, and other spicy peppers
49. lay off employees  
ind\_\_\_\_\_ely *adv.* done without any distinction or selection; randomly or without careful consideration
50. z\_p bar code *v.* to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force

ANSWERS: 48. capsicum, 49. indiscriminately, 50. zap

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I am a responsible \_\_\_\_\_ owner who follows all safety protocols.
  - n.* a weapon that is designed to be fired and uses an explosive charge to propel a projectile, such as a bullet or a shell
  
2. After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't \_\_\_\_\_ at trying again.
  - v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
  
3. He slammed the door in a fit of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* a feeling of irritation or resentment, often caused by a perceived slight or insult; (verb) to cause to feel resentment or indignation
  
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
  - adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
  
5. They provided allies with powerful weapons that could \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy from thousands of miles away.
  - v.* to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force
  
6. Proper disposal of \_\_\_\_\_ is essential for maintaining public health and sanitation.
  - n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
  
7. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will \_\_\_\_\_.
  - v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

ANSWERS: 1. firearm, 2. balk, 3. pique, 4. aft, 5. zap, 6. feces, 7. rot

8. The robbers used a \_\_\_\_\_ to threaten the store clerk.
- n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot
9. 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
10. He was \_\_\_\_\_ many times with scissors.
- v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
11. People began storing up food and supplies for the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it
12. The airport security \_\_\_\_\_ was crowded with passengers waiting to board their flights.
- n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.
- adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
- n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
15. He \_\_\_\_\_ deeply, trying to calm down.
- v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke

ANSWERS: 8. shotgun, 9. stunned, 10. stabbed, 11. siege, 12. checkpoint, 13. Arthurian, 14. riots, 15. inhaled

16. The soldiers fired their weapons \_\_\_\_\_ during the battle.  
*adv.* done without any distinction or selection; randomly or without careful consideration
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ gun was used to shoot small metal balls.  
*n.* a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic
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20. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* after the time mentioned
21. The dentist administered an \_\_\_\_\_ to numb the patient's mouth before the procedure.  
*n.* a substance that is administered to a person or an animal to produce a loss of sensation or consciousness so that medical or surgical procedures can be performed without causing pain
22. Last night, the team delivered a \_\_\_\_\_ performance.  
*adj.* shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting
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ANSWERS: 16. indiscriminately, 17. pellet, 18. criminology, 19. capsicum, 20.

afterward, 21. anesthetic, 22. dazzling, 23. restrain



24. The situation quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and turned violent.

- v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

25. We strive not to \_\_\_\_\_ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

- v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

ANSWERS: 24. escalated, 25. contaminate