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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### chairperson

*n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings

*synonym*: director, head, leader

(1) vice **chairperson**, (2) the meeting elected a **chairperson**

The **chairperson** has the authority to approve or deny any request.

### 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.

### shave

*v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

*synonym*: trim, cut down, prune

(1) **shave** my head, (2) **shave** cheese

That supermarket tried to **shave** certain costs by saving electricity.

### whit

*n.* a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all

*synonym*: bit, atom, smidgen

(1) a **whit** of evidence, (2) not a **whit** of difference

His argument had a **whit** of truth, but it was primarily exaggerated.

## Jewish

*adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

*synonym* : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

## pervert

*v.* to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society

*synonym* : distort, corrupt, twist

(1) **pervert** justice, (2) **pervert** young men

The teacher warned the students not to **pervert** the story's meaning by twisting the facts.

## rerun

*n.* the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again

*synonym* : repeat, replay, re-airing

(1) **rerun** episode, (2) **rerun** of a TV show

I missed the episode of my favorite show, so I hope they will air a **rerun** soon.

## foreground

*n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer

(1) **foreground** segmentation, (2) **foreground** galaxy

A happy group of friends occupies the **foreground** of the picture.

## intuition

*n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

*synonym* : instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

## undesirable

*adj.* not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance

*synonym* : objectionable, distasteful, unwanted

(1) **undesirable** outcome, (2) **undesirable** behavior

The smell of the garbage was very **undesirable**.

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
2. Je\_\_\_h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
3. pe\_\_\_\_\_t justice *v.* to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society
4. creative in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
5. not a w\_\_t of difference *n.* a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all
6. a w\_\_t of evidence *n.* a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all
7. vice cha\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
8. sh\_\_e my head *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

ANSWERS: 1. excite, 2. Jewish, 3. pervert, 4. intuition, 5. whit, 6. whit, 7. chairperson, 8. shave

9. Je\_\_\_h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
10. de\_\_\_\_s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
11. sh\_\_e cheese *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
12. re\_\_n episode *n.* the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again
13. de\_\_\_\_s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
14. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
15. und\_\_\_\_\_le outcome *adj.* not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance
16. in\_\_\_\_\_on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
17. re\_\_n of a TV show *n.* the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again

ANSWERS: 9. Jewish, 10. depress, 11. shave, 12. rerun, 13. depress, 14. excite, 15. undesirable, 16. intuition, 17. rerun

18. und\_\_\_\_\_le behavior *adj.* not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance
19. for\_\_\_\_\_nd segmentation *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
20. pe\_\_\_\_\_t young men *v.* to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society
21. for\_\_\_\_\_nd galaxy *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
22. the meeting elected a cha\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings

ANSWERS: 18. undesirable, 19. foreground, 20. pervert, 21. foreground, 22. chairperson

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The smell of the garbage was very \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance
2. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
3. A happy group of friends occupies the \_\_\_\_\_ of the picture.  
*n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
4. His argument had a \_\_\_\_\_ of truth, but it was primarily exaggerated.  
*n.* a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all
5. 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
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ has the authority to approve or deny any request.  
*n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
7. My friend is a \_\_\_\_\_ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.  
*adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
8. I missed the episode of my favorite show, so I hope they will air a \_\_\_\_\_ soon.  
*n.* the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again

ANSWERS: 1. undesirable, 2. excited, 3. foreground, 4. whit, 5. depressed, 6. chairperson, 7. Jewish, 8. rerun

9. The teacher warned the students not to \_\_\_\_\_ the story's meaning by twisting the facts.
- v. to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society
10. That supermarket tried to \_\_\_\_\_ certain costs by saving electricity.
- v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
11. Some studies suggest that people's \_\_\_\_\_ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
- n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

ANSWERS: 9. pervert, 10. shave, 11. intuitions