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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- gulf** *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land  
*synonym*: chasm, divide, abyss  
(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream  
The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
- Arabic** *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language  
(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language  
I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.
- medicinal** *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease  
*synonym*: curative, therapeutic, healing  
(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**  
The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- grandparent** *n.* a parent of one's father or mother  
(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age  
She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

## Muslim

*n.* a follower of the religion of Islam

*synonym* : Islamic, believer

(1) predominantly **Muslim** country, (2) **Muslim** culture

The **Muslim** community in the city is small but growing.

## modernize

*v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system

*synonym* : develop, update, upgrade

(1) **modernize** infrastructure, (2) **modernize** agriculture

The company plans to **modernize** its outdated technology and software to improve efficiency.

## 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.

## morph

*v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

*synonym* : alter, modify, transform

(1) **morph** into a different shape, (2) **morph** into something entirely different

This company **morphed** into an enterprise company.

## bandwagon

*n.* a popular or fashionable trend or cause that attracts a large number of people who want to be part of it, often without considering its merits or drawbacks

*synonym* : trend, fad, craze

(1) get on the **bandwagon**, (2) **bandwagon** effect

Many people jumped on the health food **bandwagon** after realizing its benefits.

## 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.

## monolingual

*adj.* being able to speak or use only one language

*synonym*: unilingual

(1) **monolingual** policies, (2) **monolingual** country

The lack of exposure to foreign languages made her a **monolingual** speaker.

## gatekeeper

*n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

*synonym*: guardian, watchman, custodian

(1) **gatekeeper** role, (2) information **gatekeeper**

The company's **gatekeeper** **screened** all incoming phone calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.

## prophecy

*n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader

*synonym*: prediction, foretelling, divination

(1) **prophecy** fulfillment, (2) **prophecy** of doom

The fortune teller's **prophecy** that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.

## equate

*v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous

*synonym*: associate, liken, relate

(1) **equate** mistakes with failure, (2) **equate** to legal responsibility

It isn't very reasonable to **equate** money with happiness.

## intelligentsia

*n.* the educated and intellectual elite of society, particularly those involved in cultural or artistic pursuits

*synonym* : intellectuals, intelligents, savants

(1) members of **intelligentsia**, (2) artistic **intelligentsia**

The voices of the political and academic **intelligentsia** dominated the debate.

## dyslexia

*n.* a neurological condition that affects a person's ability to read, write, and spell, often despite normal or above-average intelligence, effective teaching, and adequate motivation, which is characterized by difficulty in the phonological coding of written words, poor phonological awareness, and poor reading fluency and decoding skills

*synonym* : reading disability, word blindness, dysgraphia

(1) student with **dyslexia**, (2) diagnosis of **dyslexia**

Educators need to understand how **dyslexia** affects students' reading abilities.

## explode

*v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

*synonym* : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

## prohibitive

*adj.* tending to or effectively preventing or inhibiting an action, choice, or possibility due to being too expensive, difficult, or unreasonable; serving as a deterrent or barrier

*synonym* : exorbitant, expensive, obstructive

(1) **prohibitive** cost, (2) **prohibitive** regulations

The **prohibitive** import tariff made it hard for the local market to offer competitive prices.

## forelimb

*n.* the limb or appendage located at the front of the body, typically used for grasping, manipulation, or movement, such as the arms in humans or the wings in birds

*synonym* : foreleg, limb, arm

(1) broken **forelimb**, (2) **forelimb** development

Like humans, primates' **forelimbs** are specialized for tool use and complex movement.

## hind

*adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal

*synonym*: back, rear, posterior

(1) **hind** toe, (2) **hind** paw

The farmer noticed a **hind** leg injury on one of his cows and called the vet for help.

## germ

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym*: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## coop

*v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

*synonym*: birdcage, enclosure, cage

(1) fly the **coop**, (2) chicken **coop**

The farmer put a **coop** over the hens.

## 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.

## shepherd

*n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

*synonym*: herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

## **kerosene**

*n.* a flammable, colorless, or pale yellow liquid derived from the distillation of petroleum, used as a fuel for lamps, stoves, and heaters

*synonym* : fuel oil, lamp oil, coal oil

(1) **kerosene** stove, (2) burning **kerosene**

The lamp in the cabin burned **kerosene** for light.

## **electrify**

*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym* : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

## **far-reaching**

*adj.* having a wide or significant impact or influence

*synonym* : extensive, widespread, broad

(1) achieve **far-reaching** reform, (2) **far-reaching** consequences

The **far-reaching** effects of the policy change are still being felt.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. get on the ba_____on       | <i>n.</i> a popular or fashionable trend or cause that attracts a large number of people who want to be part of it, often without considering its merits or drawbacks      |
| 2. Ar___c cuisine             | <i>n.</i> the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language         |
| 3. great-gra_____nt           | <i>n.</i> a parent of one's father or mother   |
| 4. far_____ing consequences   | <i>adj.</i> having a wide or significant impact or influence   |
| 5. the cr_____or's claims     | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money  |
| 6. mo_____ze agriculture      | <i>v.</i> to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system                      |
| 7. broken fo_____mb           | <i>n.</i> the limb or appendage located at the front of the body, typically used for grasping, manipulation, or movement, such as the arms in humans or the wings in birds |
| 8. g__f stream                | <i>n.</i> a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land   |
| 9. achieve far_____ing reform | <i>adj.</i> having a wide or significant impact or influence   |

ANSWERS: 1. bandwagon, 2. Arabic, 3. grandparent, 4. far-reaching, 5. creditor, 6. modernize, 7. forelimb, 8. gulf, 9. far-reaching

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 10. sheep without a sh____rd         | <i>n.</i> a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area   |
| 11. sh____rd boy                     | <i>n.</i> a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area   |
| 12. chicken c__p                     | <i>v.</i> a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry  |
| 13. el____fy a manufacturing process | <i>v.</i> to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something  |
| 14. ke____ne stove                   | <i>n.</i> a flammable, colorless, or pale yellow liquid derived from the distillation of petroleum, used as a fuel for lamps, stoves, and heaters   |
| 15. traditional me____al             | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease  |
| 16. fly the c__p                     | <i>v.</i> a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry  |
| 17. pro____ve regulations            | <i>adj.</i> tending to or effectively preventing or inhibiting an action, choice, or possibility due to being too expensive, difficult, or unreasonable; serving as a deterrent or barrier  |
| 18. fo____mb development             | <i>n.</i> the limb or appendage located at the front of the body, typically used for grasping, manipulation, or movement, such as the arms in humans or the wings in birds  |
| 19. gat____er role                   | <i>n.</i> a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest |

ANSWERS: 10. shepherd, 11. shepherd, 12. coop, 13. electrify, 14. kerosene, 15. medicinal, 16. coop, 17. prohibitive, 18. forelimb, 19. gatekeeper



20. information gat\_\_\_\_\_er
- n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
21. bankrupt cr\_\_\_\_\_or
- n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
22. mon\_\_\_\_\_al country
- adj.* being able to speak or use only one language
23. h\_\_d toe
- adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal
24. a\_t cabin
- adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
25. pr\_\_\_\_\_cy of doom
- n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
26. student with dy\_\_\_\_\_ia
- n.* a neurological condition that affects a person's ability to read, write, and spell, often despite normal or above-average intelligence, effective teaching, and adequate motivation, which is characterized by difficulty in the phonological coding of written words, poor phonological awareness, and poor reading fluency and decoding skills
27. diagnosis of dy\_\_\_\_\_ia
- n.* a neurological condition that affects a person's ability to read, write, and spell, often despite normal or above-average intelligence, effective teaching, and adequate motivation, which is characterized by difficulty in the phonological coding of written words, poor phonological awareness, and poor reading fluency and decoding skills

ANSWERS: 20. gatekeeper, 21. creditor, 22. monolingual, 23. hind, 24. aft, 25. prophecy, 26. dyslexia, 27. dyslexia

28. ex\_\_\_\_\_e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
29. ba\_\_\_\_\_on effect *n.* a popular or fashionable trend or cause that attracts a large number of people who want to be part of it, often without considering its merits or drawbacks
30. members of int\_\_\_\_\_sia *n.* the educated and intellectual elite of society, particularly those involved in cultural or artistic pursuits
31. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
32. eq\_\_\_e to legal responsibility *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
33. em\_\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
34. me\_\_\_\_\_al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
35. ex\_\_\_\_\_e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
36. pr\_\_\_\_\_cy fulfillment *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
37. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
38. mon\_\_\_\_\_al policies *adj.* being able to speak or use only one language

ANSWERS: 28. explode, 29. bandwagon, 30. intelligentsia, 31. empower, 32. equate, 33. empower, 34. medicinal, 35. explode, 36. prophecy, 37. electrify, 38. monolingual

39. mo\_\_\_\_\_ze infrastructure      *v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system
40. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m      *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
41. predominantly Mu\_\_\_m country      *n.* a follower of the religion of Islam
42. mo\_\_h into a different shape      *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
43. Ar\_\_\_c language      *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
44. pro\_\_\_\_\_ve cost      *adj.* tending to or effectively preventing or inhibiting an action, choice, or possibility due to being too expensive, difficult, or unreasonable; serving as a deterrent or barrier
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. mo\_\_h into something entirely different      *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
47. burning ke\_\_\_\_ne      *n.* a flammable, colorless, or pale yellow liquid derived from the distillation of petroleum, used as a fuel for lamps, stoves, and heaters

ANSWERS: 39. modernize, 40. germ, 41. Muslim, 42. morph, 43. Arabic, 44. prohibitive, 45. aft, 46. morph, 47. kerosene

48. g\_\_f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
49. Mu\_\_\_m culture *n.* a follower of the religion of Islam
50. h\_\_d paw *adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal
51. eq\_\_\_e mistakes with failure *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
52. artistic int\_\_\_\_\_sia *n.* the educated and intellectual elite of society, particularly those involved in cultural or artistic pursuits
53. person of gra\_\_\_\_\_nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
54. a g\_\_m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 48. gulf, 49. Muslim, 50. hind, 51. equate, 52. intelligentsia, 53. grandparent, 54. germ

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This company \_\_\_\_\_ into an enterprise company.
  - v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
  
2. 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
  
3. Like humans, primates' \_\_\_\_\_ are specialized for tool use and complex movement.
  - n. the limb or appendage located at the front of the body, typically used for grasping, manipulation, or movement, such as the arms in humans or the wings in birds
  
4. The lack of exposure to foreign languages made her a \_\_\_\_\_ speaker.
  - adj. being able to speak or use only one language
  
5. The farmer put a \_\_\_\_\_ over the hens.
  - v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
  
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ import tariff made it hard for the local market to offer competitive prices.
  - adj. tending to or effectively preventing or inhibiting an action, choice, or possibility due to being too expensive, difficult, or unreasonable; serving as a deterrent or barrier
  
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ effects of the policy change are still being felt.
  - adj. having a wide or significant impact or influence

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8. The \_\_\_\_\_ community in the city is small but growing.  
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12. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.  
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ANSWERS: 8. Muslim, 9. grandparents, 10. creditor, 11. exploded, 12. germ, 13. Gulf, 14. hind, 15. prophecy

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