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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### oversea

*adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

*synonym*: foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

### interconnect

*v.* to connect similar things

*synonym*: interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

### tantalum

*n.* a hard, blue-gray metallic element with the symbol "Ta" and atomic number 73 often used in the production of electronic components and alloys due to its high melting point and conductivity properties

(1) **tantalum** capacitor, (2) **tantalum** alloy

The mining of **tantalum** in some regions has led to environmental degradation.

### colt

*n.* a young male horse, usually under four years old; a young, inexperienced person, particularly in a certain

field or sport

*synonym* : foal, yearling, freshman

(1) **colt** training, (2) spooked **colt**

The young **colt** galloped across the field, kicking up clouds of dust.

## corrosive

*adj.* having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive

*synonym* : destructive, erosive, caustic

(1) **corrosive** substance, (2) **corrosive** effect

The **corrosive** acid ate away at the metal pipes.

## unimaginable

*adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

*synonym* : unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

## enslave

*v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

*synonym* : coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

## instill

*v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually

*synonym* : implant, ingrain, inculcate

(1) **instill** confidence, (2) **instill** medication into my eye

The teacher attempted to **instill** the importance of hard work in her students.

## depopulate

*v.* to decrease the population of a place, often because of disease, war, or other disasters; to remove people from a place, often forcibly

*synonym* : empty, desolate, evacuate

(1) **depopulate** town, (2) **depopulate** an area

The famine caused the village to **depopulate** as people migrated to find food.

## enlist

*v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

*synonym*: join, sign up, appoint

(1) **enlist** in a cause, (2) **enlist** for a soldier

He decided to **enlist** in the military after graduating from high school.

## dreadfully

*adv.* extremely; causing or inspiring dread or fear; in a way that is very bad, unpleasant, or unfortunate

*synonym*: terribly, dismally, awfully

(1) **dreadfully** nervous, (2) **dreadfully** hot weather

The speaker's **dreadfully** boring presentation put everyone to sleep.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## splinter

*n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger

*synonym*: shard, fragment, sliver

(1) **splinter** cell, (2) remove a **splinter**

The car window shattered into a million little **splinters** during the crash.

## illicit

*adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable

*synonym*: illegal, unlawful, prohibited

(1) **illicit** drugs, (2) **illicit** trade

He was arrested for his **illicit** activities in the black market.

## disguise

*v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

*synonym*: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

## headquarter

*n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

*synonym*: base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency **headquarter**

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

## diaspora

*n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

*synonym*: scattering, dispersion, migration

(1) **diaspora** migration, (2) **diaspora** community

The **diaspora** of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.

## Catholic

*adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

## undemocratic

*adj.* against to or not based on the principles of democracy

*synonym*: totalitarian, authoritarian, autocratic

(1) in an **undemocratic** manner, (2) **undemocratic** government

It is **undemocratic** to rule an area without an electoral

mandate.

## paradox

*n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

*synonym*: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

## oppress

*v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

*synonym*: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

## bribery

*n.* the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage

*synonym*: graft, bribe

(1) **bribery** scandal, (2) vulnerable to **bribery**

He is currently under accusation of fraud and **bribery**.

## unveil

*v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time

*synonym*: reveal, uncover, expose

(1) **unveil** a monument, (2) **unveil** a comprehensive plan

The company plans to **unveil** its new product at the trade show next week.

## smartphone

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

## homesick

*adj.* feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time

*synonym* : nostalgic, longing, yearning

(1) suffer from **homesick**, (2) **homesick** for home  
The military personnel stationed overseas often feel **homesick** for their loved ones.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. di____ra community                                | <i>n.</i> the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland              |
| 2. en____t for a soldier                             | <i>v.</i> to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization                 |
| 3. human activities int_____ect with the environment | <i>v.</i> to connect similar things  |
| 4. in____l confidence                                | <i>v.</i> to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually                          |
| 5. di____se his voice                                | <i>v.</i> to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others               |
| 6. en____t in a cause                                | <i>v.</i> to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization                 |
| 7. in____l medication into my eye                    | <i>v.</i> to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually                          |
| 8. un____l a monument                                | <i>v.</i> to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time        |
| 9. il____t trade                                     | <i>adj.</i> forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable     |
| 10. directly int_____ect with those systems          | <i>v.</i> to connect similar things  |
| 11. ind_____us student                               | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort                                |
| 12. uni_____ble depths                               | <i>adj.</i> beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision |

ANSWERS: 1. diaspora, 2. enlist, 3. interconnect, 4. instill, 5. disguise, 6. enlist, 7. instill, 8. unveil, 9. illicit, 10. interconnect, 11. industrious, 12. unimaginable

13. c\_\_t training *n.* a young male horse, usually under four years old; a young, inexperienced person, particularly in a certain field or sport
14. ov\_\_\_\_\_a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
15. ta\_\_\_\_\_um capacitor *n.* a hard, blue-gray metallic element with the symbol "Ta" and atomic number 73 often used in the production of electronic components and alloys due to its high melting point and conductivity properties
16. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
17. di\_\_\_\_\_se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
18. suffer from ho\_\_\_\_\_ck *adj.* feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time
19. co\_\_\_\_\_ve effect *adj.* having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive
20. dre\_\_\_\_\_ly nervous *adv.* extremely; causing or inspiring dread or fear; in a way that is very bad, unpleasant, or unfortunate
21. ta\_\_\_\_\_um alloy *n.* a hard, blue-gray metallic element with the symbol "Ta" and atomic number 73 often used in the production of electronic components and alloys due to its high melting point and conductivity properties

ANSWERS: 13. colt, 14. oversea, 15. tantalum, 16. smartphone, 17. disguise, 18. homesick, 19. corrosive, 20. dreadfully, 21. tantalum



22. op\_\_\_\_s the people with force      *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
23. vulnerable to br\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage
24. il\_\_\_\_t drugs      *adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable
25. sp\_\_\_\_er cell      *n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger
26. sma\_\_\_\_ne addict      *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
27. dre\_\_\_\_ly hot weather      *adv.* extremely; causing or inspiring dread or fear; in a way that is very bad, unpleasant, or unfortunate
28. the Ca\_\_\_\_ic Church      *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
29. French pa\_\_\_\_x      *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
30. ca\_\_\_\_ic in his tastes      *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

ANSWERS: 22. oppress, 23. bribery, 24. illicit, 25. splinter, 26. smartphone, 27. dreadfully, 28. Catholic, 29. paradox, 30. Catholic

31. for ov\_\_\_\_\_a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
32. op\_\_\_\_\_s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
33. un\_\_\_\_l a comprehensive plan *v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
34. an emergency hea\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
35. spooked c\_\_t *n.* a young male horse, usually under four years old; a young, inexperienced person, particularly in a certain field or sport
36. dep\_\_\_\_\_te town *v.* to decrease the population of a place, often because of disease, war, or other disasters; to remove people from a place, often forcibly
37. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
38. co\_\_\_\_\_ve substance *adj.* having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive
39. di\_\_\_\_\_ra migration *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
40. br\_\_\_\_\_y scandal *n.* the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage

ANSWERS: 31. oversea, 32. oppress, 33. unveil, 34. headquarter, 35. colt, 36. depopulate, 37. industrious, 38. corrosive, 39. diaspora, 40. bribery

41. und\_\_\_\_\_tic government *adj.* against to or not based on the principles of democracy
42. in an und\_\_\_\_\_tic manner *adj.* against to or not based on the principles of democracy
43. uni\_\_\_\_\_ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
44. en\_\_\_\_\_e poor peasants *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
45. en\_\_\_\_\_e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
46. dep\_\_\_\_\_te an area *v.* to decrease the population of a place, often because of disease, war, or other disasters; to remove people from a place, often forcibly
47. ho\_\_\_\_\_ck for home *adj.* feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time
48. administrative hea\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
49. the pa\_\_\_\_\_x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
50. remove a sp\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger

ANSWERS: 41. undemocratic, 42. undemocratic, 43. unimaginable, 44. enslave, 45. enslave, 46. depopulate, 47. homesick, 48. headquarter, 49. paradox, 50. splinter

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Historically, many countries have often \_\_\_\_\_ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
  - v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
  
2. The complexity of scientific theories was \_\_\_\_\_ for most people.
  - adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
  
3. The car window shattered into a million little \_\_\_\_\_ during the crash.
  - n. a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger
  
4. He decided to \_\_\_\_\_ in the military after graduating from high school.
  - v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
  
5. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.
  - adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
  
6. The young \_\_\_\_\_ galloped across the field, kicking up clouds of dust.
  - n. a young male horse, usually under four years old; a young, inexperienced person, particularly in a certain field or sport
  
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.
  - n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

ANSWERS: 1. oppressed, 2. unimaginable, 3. splinters, 4. enlist, 5. industrious, 6. colt, 7. diaspora

8. The mining of \_\_\_\_\_ in some regions has led to environmental degradation.  
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9. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to rule an area without an electoral mandate.  
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*v.* to connect similar things
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ acid ate away at the metal pipes.  
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12. There are many theories to explain this \_\_\_\_\_.  
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ANSWERS: 8. tantalum, 9. undemocratic, 10. interconnect, 11. corrosive, 12. paradox, 13. enslaved, 14. dreadfully, 15. oversea

16. Sociologists are now interested in \_\_\_\_\_ world peace.

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21. He was arrested for his \_\_\_\_\_ activities in the black market.

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22. The teacher attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ the importance of hard work in her students.

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23. The company plans to \_\_\_\_\_ its new product at the trade show next week.

*v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time

24. The military personnel stationed overseas often feel \_\_\_\_\_ for their loved ones.

*adj.* feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time

ANSWERS: 16. catholic, 17. bribery, 18. headquarters, 19. depopulate, 20. smartphones, 21. illicit, 22. instill, 23. unveil, 24. homesick

25. Later it turned out that the politician \_\_\_\_\_ the fact from the public.
- v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

ANSWERS: 25. disguised