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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### pervasive

*adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

*synonym*: extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic  
Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

### 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.

### ops

*n.* (a shortened form of "operations") the various functions and activities performed by an organization or business to achieve its goals

*synonym*: operations, management, logistics

(1) special **ops**, (2) **ops** team

The military has a dedicated cyber **ops** division tasked with protecting national security.

### sudoku

*n.* a logic-based, combinatorial number-placement puzzle that typically consists of a 9x9 grid divided into nine 3x3 sub-grids and requires the solver to fill in each empty

square with a number from 1-9, with the constraint that no number can appear more than once in a row, column, or sub-grid

*synonym*: number puzzle, logic game, brain teaser

(1) the difficulty level of **sudoku**, (2) solve a **sudoku**

I enjoy solving **sudoku** puzzles in my free time.

## binge

*n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

*synonym*: spree, overindulgence, splurge

(1) **binge** on social media, (2) alcohol **binge**

She stayed up all night **binge-watching** her favorite TV show.

## bombard

*v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

*synonym*: bomb, shoot, blitz

(1) **bombard** him with questions, (2) **bombard** a fort with heavy shells

Overprotective parents often **bombard** their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.

## eyesight

*n.* the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness

*synonym*: vision, sight, eyes

(1) impaired **eyesight**, (2) acute **eyesight**

His excellent **eyesight** allowed him to spot the bird in the dense foliage.

## indulge

*v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat

*synonym*: pamper, gratify, entertain

(1) **indulge** in debauchery, (2) **indulge** children

She **indulged** in a warm bath after a long day at work.

## magnify

v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

*synonym*: enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display  
Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

## retrain

v. to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or technology

*synonym*: educate, instruct

(1) **retrain** employees, (2) **retrain** skills

She plans to **retrain** in a new field after retiring from her current career.

## distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

*synonym*: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

## determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym*: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym*: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only

## improvisation.

### courtyard

*n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

*synonym*: patio, garden, atrium

(1) quiet **courtyard**, (2) spacious **courtyard**

The hotel's beautiful **courtyard** was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.

### recess

*n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court

*synonym*: break, interval, pause

(1) a court **recess**, (2) during noon **recess**

The company decided to take a **recess** and reconvene the meeting later that day.

### doom

*n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

*synonym*: judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

### parietal

*adj.* relating to or situated near the wall of a body cavity; of, relating to, or involving the walls or outer surfaces of an organ or structure

*synonym*: cerebral, skull, cranial

(1) **parietal** cortex, (2) **parietal** bone

The **parietal** lobe of the brain is responsible for processing sensory information.

### lobe

*n.* a rounded projection or division, especially of the brain, lung, or liver

*synonym*: part, section, division

(1) **lobe** of the liver, (2) frontal **lobe**

The lungs are divided into five **lobes**.

## cingulate

*n.* a part of the brain situated in the medial aspect of the cerebral cortex that is an integral part of the limbic system, which is involved with emotion formation and processing, learning, and memory

(1) a posterior **cingulate**, (2) ventral **cingulate** cortex

Researchers found marked differences in the anterior **cingulate** of the brain between species.

## counterintuitive

*adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest

*synonym*: unreasonable, paradoxical, nonsensical

(1) **counterintuitive** results, (2) **counterintuitive** behavior

The **counterintuitive** nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

## multitasking

*n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

*synonym*: juggling, multihandling, parallelism

(1) computer **multitasking**, (2) **multitasking** ability

She could finish all her work on time because of her **multitasking** skills.

## revered

*v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities

*synonym*: respected, admired, honored

(1) **revered** figure, (2) the most **revered** President

The **revered** teacher was loved by her students.

## abysmal

*adj.* extremely bad or unsuccessful, to the degree of being bottomless or unfathomable

*synonym*: dreadful, terrible, appalling

(1) **abysmal** performance, (2) **abysmal** living conditions

The company's **abysmal** sales performance led to layoffs and budget cuts.

## cognition

*n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the

## mind

*synonym*: awareness, understanding, comprehension

(1) social **cognition**, (2) **cognition** disorder

The professor focused on the research of infant **cognition**.

## rehabilitate

*v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

*synonym*: reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

## crux

*n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

*synonym*: heart, core, essence

(1) main **crux**, (2) the **crux** of the argument

The **crux** of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.

## 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**.

## cringe

*v.* to move back or away from someone or something because you are afraid or shocked; to shrink as in fear, disgust, or embarrassment

*synonym*: shrink, cower, quiver

(1) **cringe** with fear, (2) **cringe** at the thought of an accident

The dog **cringed** at its master voice.

## mindless

*adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed

*synonym*: senseless, thoughtless, irresponsible

(1) **mindless** task, (2) **mindless** entertainment  
**Mindless** scrolling on social media can be a time waster.

## long-lasting

*adj.* existing or continuing for a long time

*synonym*: enduring, abiding, durable

(1) **long-lasting** battery, (2) a **long-lasting** friendship  
They finally decided to solve the **long-lasting** problem.

## grandchild

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

*synonym*: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

## amblyopia

*n.* a visual disorder, also known as lazy eye, characterized by reduced or dimmed vision in one eye that is not correctable by glasses or contact lenses, usually caused by an underlying developmental problem during childhood

*synonym*: lazy eye, strabismus, squint

(1) **amblyopia** treatment, (2) **amblyopia** screening

Early detection of **amblyopia** symptoms can lead to more effective treatments.

## broccoli

*n.* a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family

(1) frozen **broccoli**, (2) **broccoli** sprout

He didn't like **broccoli** floret and avoided eating it.

## 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.

## deft

*adj.* skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness

*synonym* : skillful, dexterous, adept

(1) **deft** handling of the problem, (2) **deft** touch

The **deft** musician played the complex piece flawlessly.

## irresistible

*adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling

*synonym* : resistless, overpowering, compelling

(1) **irresistible** charm, (2) **irresistible** force

The aroma of freshly baked cookies was **irresistible** to her.

## doable

*adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

*synonym* : realizable, accomplishable, achievable

(1) make a **doable** plan, (2) **doable** in daily life

This project is **doable** despite the tight schedule.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. a\_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
2. di\_\_\_\_ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
3. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
4. di\_\_\_\_ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
5. the c\_\_x of the argument *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
6. am\_\_\_\_\_ia screening *n.* a visual disorder, also known as lazy eye, characterized by reduced or dimmed vision in one eye that is not correctable by glasses or contact lenses, usually caused by an underlying developmental problem during childhood
7. the pe\_\_\_\_\_ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
8. bo\_\_\_\_d a fort with heavy shells *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

ANSWERS: 1. aft, 2. distract, 3. determinant, 4. distract, 5. crux, 6. amblyopia, 7. pervasive, 8. bombard

9. reh\_\_\_\_\_ate wildlife *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
10. computer mul\_\_\_\_\_ing *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
11. re\_\_\_\_\_n employees *v.* to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or technology
12. lon\_\_\_\_\_ing battery *adj.* existing or continuing for a long time
13. in\_\_\_\_\_e in debauchery *v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat
14. ab\_\_\_\_\_l performance *adj.* extremely bad or unsuccessful, to the degree of being bottomless or unfathomable
15. during noon re\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
16. am\_\_\_\_\_ia treatment *n.* a visual disorder, also known as lazy eye, characterized by reduced or dimmed vision in one eye that is not correctable by glasses or contact lenses, usually caused by an underlying developmental problem during childhood

ANSWERS: 9. rehabilitate, 10. multitasking, 11. retrain, 12. long-lasting, 13. indulge, 14. abysmal, 15. recess, 16. amblyopia

17. co\_\_\_\_\_on disorder *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
18. the difficulty level of su\_\_\_u *n.* a logic-based, combinatorial number-placement puzzle that typically consists of a 9x9 grid divided into nine 3x3 sub-grids and requires the solver to fill in each empty square with a number from 1-9, with the constraint that no number can appear more than once in a row, column, or sub-grid
19. cou\_\_\_\_\_ive behavior *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
20. reh\_\_\_\_\_ate prisoners *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
21. re\_\_\_\_\_d figure *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
22. ma\_\_\_\_\_y the image for display *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
23. irr\_\_\_\_\_ble charm *adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
24. social co\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

ANSWERS: 17. cognition, 18. sudoku, 19. counterintuitive, 20. rehabilitate, 21. revered, 22. magnify, 23. irresistible, 24. cognition

25. bo\_\_\_\_d him with questions      *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
26. ma\_\_\_\_y the danger      *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
27. pa\_\_\_\_al cortex      *adj.* relating to or situated near the wall of a body cavity; of, relating to, or involving the walls or outer surfaces of an organ or structure
28. main c\_\_x      *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
29. ab\_\_\_\_l living conditions      *adj.* extremely bad or unsuccessful, to the degree of being bottomless or unfathomable
30. mi\_\_\_\_ss task      *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
31. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
32. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
33. re\_\_\_\_n skills      *v.* to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or technology

ANSWERS: 25. bombard, 26. magnify, 27. parietal, 28. crux, 29. abysmal, 30. mindless, 31. improvisation, 32. industrious, 33. retrain

34. frozen br\_\_\_\_li *n.* a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family
35. spacious co\_\_\_\_rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
36. impaired ey\_\_\_\_ht *n.* the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness
37. prophet of d\_\_m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
38. a\_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
39. ind\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
40. mi\_\_\_\_ss entertainment *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
41. alcohol bi\_\_e *n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence
42. special o\_s *n.* (a shortened form of "operations") the various functions and activities performed by an organization or business to achieve its goals
43. economic d\_\_m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

ANSWERS: 34. broccoli, 35. courtyard, 36. eyesight, 37. doom, 38. aft, 39. industrious, 40. mindless, 41. binge, 42. ops, 43. doom

44. o\_s team *n.* (a shortened form of "operations") the various functions and activities performed by an organization or business to achieve its goals
45. solve a su\_\_\_u *n.* a logic-based, combinatorial number-placement puzzle that typically consists of a 9x9 grid divided into nine 3x3 sub-grids and requires the solver to fill in each empty square with a number from 1-9, with the constraint that no number can appear more than once in a row, column, or sub-grid
46. a court re\_\_\_s *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
47. d\_\_t handling of the problem *adj.* skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness
48. mul\_\_\_\_\_ing ability *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
49. cr\_\_\_e with fear *v.* to move back or away from someone or something because you are afraid or shocked; to shrink as in fear, disgust, or embarrassment
50. l\_\_e of the liver *n.* a rounded projection or division, especially of the brain, lung, or liver
51. bi\_\_e on social media *n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

ANSWERS: 44. ops, 45. sudoku, 46. recess, 47. deft, 48. multitasking, 49. cringe, 50. lobe, 51. binge

52. pa\_\_\_\_al bone *adj.* relating to or situated near the wall of a body cavity; of, relating to, or involving the walls or outer surfaces of an organ or structure
53. in\_\_\_\_e children *v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat
54. d\_\_t touch *adj.* skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness
55. a posterior ci\_\_\_\_te *n.* a part of the brain situated in the medial aspect of the cerebral cortex that is an integral part of the limbic system, which is involved with emotion formation and processing, learning, and memory
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59. frontal l\_\_e *n.* a rounded projection or division, especially of the brain, lung, or liver
60. ventral ci\_\_\_\_te cortex *n.* a part of the brain situated in the medial aspect of the cerebral cortex that is an integral part of the limbic system, which is involved with emotion formation and processing, learning, and memory

ANSWERS: 52. parietal, 53. indulge, 54. deft, 55. cingulate, 56. pervasive, 57. courtyard, 58. determinant, 59. lobe, 60. cingulate

61. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
62. begin to r\_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
63. the most re\_\_\_\_\_d President *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
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71. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
72. r\_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
73. do\_\_\_e in daily life *adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

ANSWERS: 61. grandchild, 62. rot, 63. revered, 64. long-lasting, 65. cringe, 66. broccoli, 67. counterintuitive, 68. irresistible, 69. eyesight, 70. improvisation, 71. grandchild, 72. rot, 73. doable



74. make a do\_\_\_e plan

*adj.* possible to do; capable of existing,  
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ANSWERS: 74. doable

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The organization works to \_\_\_\_\_ drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.  
*v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
2. The grandparents take care of their \_\_\_\_\_ while the parents are at work.  
*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ lobe of the brain is responsible for processing sensory information.  
*adj.* relating to or situated near the wall of a body cavity; of, relating to, or involving the walls or outer surfaces of an organ or structure
4. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ sales performance led to layoffs and budget cuts.  
*adj.* extremely bad or unsuccessful, to the degree of being bottomless or unfathomable
5. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
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ANSWERS: 1. rehabilitate, 2. grandchild, 3. parietal, 4. abysmal, 5. industrious, 6. determinant, 7. magnify

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ANSWERS: 8. ops, 9. multitasking, 10. recess, 11. eyesight, 12. cingulate, 13. aft, 14. sudoku

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29. She plans to \_\_\_\_\_ in a new field after retiring from her current career.

*v.* to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or technology

30. The \_\_\_\_\_ nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

*adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest

ANSWERS: 23. distract, 24. crux, 25. deft, 26. amblyopia, 27. binge-watching, 28. doom, 29. retrain, 30. counterintuitive

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*v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities

33. Overprotective parents often \_\_\_\_\_ their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.

*v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

34. Suspicion and worry were \_\_\_\_\_ in our minds.

*adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

35. She \_\_\_\_\_ in a warm bath after a long day at work.

*v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat

36. This project is \_\_\_\_\_ despite the tight schedule.

*adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

37. They finally decided to solve the \_\_\_\_\_ problem.

*adj.* existing or continuing for a long time

ANSWERS: 31. rot, 32. revered, 33. bombard, 34. pervasive, 35. indulged, 36. doable, 37. long-lasting