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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### stereotype

*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

### expel

*v.* to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country

*synonym*: deport, oust, dislodge

(1) **expel** him from his native country, (2) **expel** air from the lungs

He took a big drag of his cigarette and slowly **expelled** the smoke.

### overcrowded

*adj.* containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable

*synonym*: packed, congested, jammed

(1) **overcrowded** refugee camp, (2) **overcrowded** with passengers

The school district is facing a problem with **overcrowded** classrooms.

## hyperactive

*adj.* excessively or abnormally active, restless, or easily excitable, particularly about children or animals with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

*synonym* : hyperkinetic, overactive, restless

(1) **hyperactive** child, (2) **hyperactive** imagination

The **hyperactive** dog was running around the house, knocking things over.

## playbook

*n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

*synonym* : strategy, game plan, manual

(1) **playbook** strategy, (2) political **playbook**

The coach's **playbook** helped the team win the championship.

## baccalaureate

*n.* an academic degree conferred upon completion of undergraduate studies, typically a bachelor's degree; a religious service or sermon delivered to a graduating class

*synonym* : bachelor's degree, graduation

(1) **baccalaureate** program, (2) international **baccalaureate**

After years of hard work, she finally received her **baccalaureate** degree in Chemistry.

## gamble

*v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

*synonym* : bet, venture, wager

(1) **gamble** \$100 on the race, (2) **gamble** away my fortune

Will you **gamble** on the result of the fight?

## synchronize

*v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

*synonym* : coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

- ax**
- n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
- synonym* : hatchet, chopper, tomahawk
- (1) chop wood with an **ax**, (2) an **ax** in the toolbox
- He used an **ax** to chop the firewood for the campfire.
- testament**
- n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
- synonym* : proof, testimony, testimonial
- (1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality
- His wealth is a **testament** to his success.
- bully**
- n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
- synonym* : tormentor, intimidator, aggressor
- (1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak
- The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.
- scout**
- n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
- synonym* : scoutmaster, explorer, surveyor
- (1) boy **scout**, (2) **scout** troop
- The company sent a **scout** to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.
- tornado**
- n.* a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
- synonym* : whirlwind, twister, cyclone
- (1) **tornado** alley, (2) **tornado** warning
- The deadly **tornado** that hit the town yesterday destroyed

many buildings and injured several people.

## **cub**

*n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy

*synonym* : young, male child, boy

(1) a tiger **cub**, (2) the arrival of a **cub**

The **cub** reporter covered the murder case for the first time.

## **compress**

*v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

*synonym* : condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

## **mindset**

*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

*synonym* : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

## **flashcard**

*n.* a card with a word, picture, or other information on one side, used as an aid in learning

(1) **flashcard** study, (2) **flashcard** game

She used **flashcards** to help her study for her vocabulary test.

## **glorify**

*v.* to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position

*synonym* : exalt, celebrate, honor

(1) **glorify** god, (2) **glorify** violence

Religious leaders often **glorify** their messengers to

encourage people to follow their teachings.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. gl\_\_\_\_y god *v.* to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position
2. ove\_\_\_\_\_ed with passengers *adj.* containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable
3. the arrival of a c\_b *n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
4. ga\_\_\_e \$100 on the race *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
5. co\_\_\_\_\_ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
6. the mi\_\_\_\_\_t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
7. sc\_\_t troop *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
8. international bac\_\_\_\_\_ate *n.* an academic degree conferred upon completion of undergraduate studies, typically a bachelor's degree; a religious service or sermon delivered to a graduating class

ANSWERS: 1. glorify, 2. overcrowded, 3. cub, 4. gamble, 5. compress, 6. mindset, 7. scout, 8. baccalaureate

9. ga\_\_\_e away my fortune *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
10. fl\_\_\_\_\_rd study *n.* a card with a word, picture, or other information on one side, used as an aid in learning
11. te\_\_\_\_\_nt to the superior quality *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
12. ex\_\_l air from the lungs *v.* to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country
13. fl\_\_\_\_\_rd game *n.* a card with a word, picture, or other information on one side, used as an aid in learning
14. bac\_\_\_\_\_ate program *n.* an academic degree conferred upon completion of undergraduate studies, typically a bachelor's degree; a religious service or sermon delivered to a graduating class
15. chop wood with an ax *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
16. ex\_\_l him from his native country *v.* to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country
17. hyp\_\_\_\_\_ve imagination *adj.* excessively or abnormally active, restless, or easily excitable, particularly about children or animals with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
18. boy sc\_\_t *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

ANSWERS: 9. gamble, 10. flashcard, 11. testament, 12. expel, 13. flashcard, 14. baccalaureate, 15. ax, 16. expel, 17. hyperactive, 18. scout

19. political pl\_\_\_\_ok *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
20. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
21. to\_\_\_\_o alley *n.* a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
22. bu\_\_y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
23. hyp\_\_\_\_\_ve child *adj.* excessively or abnormally active, restless, or easily excitable, particularly about children or animals with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
24. a tiger c\_b *n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
25. co\_\_\_\_ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
26. avoid ste\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

ANSWERS: 19. playbook, 20. synchronize, 21. tornado, 22. bully, 23. hyperactive, 24. cub, 25. compress, 26. stereotype



27. bu\_\_y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
28. an ax in the toolbox *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
29. ove\_\_\_\_\_ed refugee camp *adj.* containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable
30. gl\_\_\_\_\_y violence *v.* to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position
31. give properties by te\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
32. negative ste\_\_\_\_\_pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
33. to\_\_\_\_\_o warning *n.* a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
34. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

ANSWERS: 27. bully, 28. ax, 29. overcrowded, 30. glorify, 31. testament, 32. stereotype, 33. tornado, 34. synchronize

35. flexible mi\_\_\_\_t

*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

36. pl\_\_\_\_ok strategy

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ANSWERS: 35. mindset, 36. playbook

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company sent a \_\_\_\_\_ to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.
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3. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly \_\_\_\_\_.
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ANSWERS: 1. scout, 2. bully, 3. synchronized, 4. ax, 5. baccalaureate, 6. hyperactive

7. Religious leaders often \_\_\_\_\_ their messengers to encourage people to follow their teachings.
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18. The school district is facing a problem with \_\_\_\_\_ classrooms.

*adj.* containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable

ANSWERS: 15. playbook, 16. compressed, 17. stereotypes, 18. overcrowded