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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### dictator

*n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

*synonym* : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

### authoritarian

*adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

*synonym* : dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

### paralysis

*n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

*synonym* : immobility, stiffness, palsy

(1) moral **paralysis**, (2) **paralysis** in the leg

Massive demonstrations lead to total **paralysis** of transportation.

## inferiority

*n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others

*synonym* : lower status, low self-esteem, inadequacy

(1) **inferiority** complex, (2) **inferiority** mindset

The professor's scathing comments left the student with a sense of **inferiority** about their work.

## invade

*v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

*synonym* : intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

## revolt

*n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler

*synonym* : rebellion, uprising, insurgence

(1) **revolt** against existing ways of thinking, (2) **revolt** against the dictator

The people tried to **revolt** to oust the tyrant.

## sectarian

*adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints

*synonym* : denominational, factional, partisan

(1) **sectarian** violence, (2) **sectarian** tension

The political campaign descended into a **sectarian** battle between rival parties.

## troop

*n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

*synonym* : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

## 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.

## mislead

*v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true  
*synonym*: misinform, delude, belie

(1) **mislead** him into trusting her, (2) **mislead** the enemy

Our troops pulled back to **mislead** the enemy.

## idealist

*n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

*synonym*: dreamer, idealizer, visionary

(1) **idealist** at heart, (2) an **idealist** perspective

As a dedicated **idealist**, she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

## unroll

*v.* to unwind or unfurl something that has been rolled up, such as a carpet or banner; to reveal or make visible something that was previously concealed or hidden

*synonym*: unwind, unfurl, wind off

(1) **unroll** the gift wrap, (2) **unroll** paper

I **unroll** the mat before starting my yoga practice.

## voiceless

*adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak

*synonym*: mute, silent, speechless

(1) **voiceless** consonant, (2) **voiceless** minority

The **voiceless** screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.

## amplify

*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

*synonym*: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect  
You might need to **amplify** this point.

## intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

*synonym*: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

## zine

n. a self-published or independent magazine, often with a limited circulation and focused on a specific topic or subculture

*synonym*: fanzine, magazine, newsletter

(1) fashion **zine**, (2) underground **zine**

She published her **zine** to showcase her art and writing.

## rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

*synonym*: recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

## 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.

## deceive

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

*synonym*: mislead, dupe, hoodwink

(1) **deceive** to lie, (2) **deceive** skillfully

The magician's illusions were designed to **deceive** the audience into believing they saw something impossible.

## deception

*n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

*synonym* : fraud, deceit, trickery

(1) **deception** tactics, (2) **deception** in advertising

The politician was accused of **deception** for making false promises during his campaign.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## skeptical

*adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful

*synonym* : doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

## alarming

*adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

*synonym* : forbidding, concerning, disturbing

(1) **alarming** news, (2) **alarming** statistics

The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite **alarming**.

## espouse

*v.* to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry

*synonym* : adopt, support, embrace

(1) **espouse** a cause, (2) **espouse** an idea

She **espoused** the philosophy of non-violence.

## intellect

*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

*synonym* : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

## **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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. es\_\_\_\_\_e a cause  
*v.* to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry
2. un\_\_\_\_l the gift wrap  
*v.* to unwind or unfurl something that has been rolled up, such as a carpet or banner; to reveal or make visible something that was previously concealed or hidden
3. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct  
*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
4. a sk\_\_\_\_\_al attitude  
*adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
5. aut\_\_\_\_\_ian government  
*adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
6. an id\_\_\_\_\_st perspective  
*n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
7. de\_\_\_\_\_e to lie  
*v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
8. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. espouse, 2. unroll, 3. intellect, 4. skeptical, 5. authoritarian, 6. idealist, 7. deceive, 8. opportune

9. medical in\_\_\_n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
10. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
11. es\_\_\_\_\_e an idea *v.* to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry
12. a tr\_\_p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
13. military di\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
14. the members of a military tr\_\_p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
15. al\_\_\_\_\_ng statistics *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
16. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
17. pa\_\_\_\_\_is in the leg *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

ANSWERS: 9. intern, 10. opportune, 11. espouse, 12. troop, 13. dictator, 14. troop, 15. alarming, 16. intellect, 17. paralysis



18. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life                      *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
19. am\_\_\_\_\_y the effect                      *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
20. de\_\_\_\_\_on tactics                      *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
21. mi\_\_\_\_\_d him into trusting her                      *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
22. vo\_\_\_\_\_ss minority                      *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
23. de\_\_\_\_\_e skillfully                      *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
24. in\_\_\_\_\_n civilians                      *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
25. red\_\_\_\_\_er an old truth                      *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
26. underground z\_\_e                      *n.* a self-published or independent magazine, often with a limited circulation and focused on a specific topic or subculture
27. mi\_\_\_\_\_d the enemy                      *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
28. red\_\_\_\_\_er a value                      *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

ANSWERS: 18. empower, 19. amplify, 20. deception, 21. mislead, 22. voiceless, 23. deceive, 24. intern, 25. rediscover, 26. zine, 27. mislead, 28. rediscover

29. fashion z\_\_e *n.* a self-published or independent magazine, often with a limited circulation and focused on a specific topic or subculture
30. sk\_\_\_\_\_al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
31. am\_\_\_\_\_y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
32. de\_\_\_\_\_on in advertising *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
33. se\_\_\_\_\_an tension *adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints
34. se\_\_\_\_\_an violence *adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints
35. inf\_\_\_\_\_ty mindset *n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others
36. id\_\_\_\_\_st at heart *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

ANSWERS: 29. zine, 30. skeptical, 31. amplify, 32. deception, 33. sectarian, 34. sectarian, 35. inferiority, 36. idealist

37. em\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same      *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
38. in\_\_\_e other tissues      *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
39. in\_\_\_e his privacy      *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
40. al\_\_\_\_ng news      *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
41. flexible mi\_\_\_\_t      *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
42. the mi\_\_\_\_t in an education system      *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
43. moral pa\_\_\_\_is      *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
44. 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
45. re\_\_\_t against the dictator      *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
46. re\_\_\_t against existing ways of thinking      *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
47. un\_\_\_l paper      *v.* to unwind or unfurl something that has been rolled up, such as a carpet or banner; to reveal or make visible something that was previously concealed or hidden

ANSWERS: 37. empower, 38. invade, 39. invade, 40. alarming, 41. mindset, 42. mindset, 43. paralysis, 44. oppress, 45. revolt, 46. revolt, 47. unroll

48. a di\_\_\_\_\_or with enormous powers      *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
49. inf\_\_\_\_\_ty complex      *n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others
50. 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
51. aut\_\_\_\_\_ian practice      *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
52. vo\_\_\_\_\_ss consonant      *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak

ANSWERS: 48. dictator, 49. inferiority, 50. oppress, 51. authoritarian, 52. voiceless

## 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. Massive demonstrations lead to total \_\_\_\_\_ of transportation.
  - n. a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
  
3. The magician's illusions were designed to \_\_\_\_\_ the audience into believing they saw something impossible.
  - v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
  
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.
  - n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
  
5. The professor's scathing comments left the student with a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ about their work.
  - n. the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others
  
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.
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ANSWERS: 1. oppressed, 2. paralysis, 3. deceive, 4. troop, 5. inferiority, 6. authoritarian

7. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial \_\_\_\_\_ in each individual.
- n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
8. The painting was \_\_\_\_\_ in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.
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ANSWERS: 7. mindset, 8. rediscovered, 9. idealist, 10. mislead, 11. alarming, 12. interned, 13. espoused

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*n.* a self-published or independent magazine, often with a limited circulation and focused on a specific topic or subculture
20. You might need to \_\_\_\_\_ this point.  
*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
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ANSWERS: 14. voiceless, 15. deception, 16. intellect, 17. sectarian, 18. invade, 19. zine, 20. amplify, 21. dictator

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26. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 22. empowered, 23. unroll, 24. skeptical, 25. revolt, 26. opportune