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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### immoral

*adj.* not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality

*synonym* : unethical, wicked, corrupt

(1) **immoral** behavior, (2) politically **immoral**

It is **immoral** to cheat on a test.

### pluralist

*n.* a person who believes in or advocates for pluralism, which is the acceptance and tolerance of different opinions, beliefs, or practices, particularly in politics, religion, or society

*synonym* : advocate, proponent, advocator

(1) political **pluralist**, (2) **pluralist** democracy

The conference was organized by a **pluralist** coalition to represent diverse voices from the community.

### peel

*v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

*synonym* : pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

### dashboard

*n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business

### overview

*synonym* : control panel

(1) auto **dashboard**, (2) business **dashboard**

He noticed that the oil warning light on the **dashboard** of his car had turned on.

### commendable

*adj.* worthy of praise or approval; deserving of admiration or respect

*synonym* : applaudable, praiseworthy, laudable

(1) **commendable** effort, (2) **commendable** achievement

His **commendable** actions earned him recognition and praise from his colleagues.

### benign

*adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

*synonym* : kind, gentle, harmless

(1) **benign** tumor, (2) a **benign** smile

The lump was discovered to be **benign**, and no further treatment was needed.

### 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.

### well-being

*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

*synonym* : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

### posit

*v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

*synonym* : assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

## detrimental

*adj.* causing harm or damage

*synonym*: harmful, damaging, injurious

(1) **detrimental** eating habits, (2) **detrimental** to good health

The new policy had a **detrimental** impact on small businesses.

## 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.

## preset

*v.* to set or adjust something beforehand, often about electronic or technological devices or systems; (noun) a preconfigured setting or adjustment that is programmed into a device, system, or software

*synonym*: preconfigure, program, prearrange

(1) **preset** not to make a connection, (2) **preset** settings

I always **preset** my coffee maker the night before to have a fresh cup when I wake up.

## 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.

## 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.

## devise

*v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

*synonym* : create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

## persuasive

*adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

*synonym* : convincing, compelling, influential

(1) **persuasive** advertising, (2) **persuasive** speaker

He made a **persuasive** argument for the new policy.

## headscarf

*n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons

*synonym* : hijab, shawl, veil

(1) traditional **headscarf**, (2) **headscarf** cloth

Some women choose to wear a **headscarf** as a symbol of their cultural identity and religious beliefs.

## permissive

*adj.* allowing or characterized by a tolerance for behavior that is unorthodox or unacceptable

*synonym* : indulgent, lenient, liberal

(1) assume a **permissive** attitude, (2) **permissive** society

The school has a **permissive** dress code and allows students to wear whatever they want.

## nudge

*v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

*synonym*: bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**

The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

## aspiration

*n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

*synonym*: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

## shiver

*v.* to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly

*synonym*: quiver, tremble, shake

(1) **shiver** with delight, (2) **shiver** in fear

I **shiver** in the cold winter air as I wait for the train.

## broaden

*v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

*synonym*: expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

## materialize

*v.* to become actual or real; to take physical form or shape; to appear or come into existence in a tangible way

*synonym*: appear, manifest, emerge

(1) **materialize** a cease-fire, (2) **materialize** in the dimness

The expected profits from their new venture did not **materialize** as predicted.

## innocuous

*adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage

*synonym* : harmless, innocent, benign

(1) **innocuous** joke, (2) **innocuous** substance

The spider in the corner of the room seemed **innocuous**, but it made her uneasy.

## conspicuous

*adj.* visible or observable; likely to draw attention

*synonym* : apparent, noticeable, evident

(1) a **conspicuous** achievement, (2) **conspicuous** consumption

Her golden hair was **conspicuous** in China.

## humongous

*adj.* extremely large; gigantic; huge; excessively big

*synonym* : gigantic, enormous, colossal

(1) **humongous** appetite, (2) **humongous** amount

The new office building was **humongous** and could fit hundreds of employees comfortably.

## unintended

*adj.* not planned or meant

*synonym* : accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

## buster

*n.* a person or thing that breaks or causes something to be broken

*synonym* : breaker, destroyer, crusher

(1) crime- **buster**, (2) bug **buster**

The stress- **buster** meditation helped me relax and calm my nerves.

## axiom

*n.* a statement or principle that is regarded as being self-evidently true and does not require proof or justification; a fundamental truth upon which other truths or theories are based

*synonym* : principle, maxim, postulate

(1) self-evident **axiom**, (2) fundamental **axiom**

It is an **axiom** in mathematics that two parallel lines never intersect.

## burnout

*n.* the state of being exceedingly exhausted or unwell, either physically or mentally, as a result of overworking

*synonym*: breakdown, exhaustion, fatigue

(1) **burnout** syndrome, (2) mental **burnout**

He suffered from job **burnout** because of hard work.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. mat\_\_\_\_\_ze a cease-fire v. to become actual or real; to take physical form or shape; to appear or come into existence in a tangible way
2. com\_\_\_\_\_le achievement *adj.* worthy of praise or approval; deserving of admiration or respect
3. pr\_\_\_t not to make a connection v. to set or adjust something beforehand, often about electronic or technological devices or systems; (noun) a preconfigured setting or adjustment that is programmed into a device, system, or software
4. fundamental ax\_\_m *n.* a statement or principle that is regarded as being self-evidently true and does not require proof or justification; a fundamental truth upon which other truths or theories are based
5. business da\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
6. a sense of wel\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
7. auto da\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview

ANSWERS: 1. materialize, 2. commendable, 3. preset, 4. axiom, 5. dashboard, 6. well-being, 7. dashboard



8. br\_\_\_\_\_n their horizon *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
9. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
10. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
11. p\_\_l a fruit *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
12. hu\_\_\_\_\_us amount *adj.* extremely large; gigantic; huge; excessively big
13. em\_\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
14. the mi\_\_\_\_\_t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
15. flexible mi\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
16. per\_\_\_\_\_ve speaker *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
17. crime-bu\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person or thing that breaks or causes something to be broken
18. be\_\_\_\_n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
19. 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: 8. broaden, 9. empower, 10. determinant, 11. peel, 12. humongous, 13. empower, 14. mindset, 15. mindset, 16. persuasive, 17. buster, 18. benign, 19. bombard

20. mat\_\_\_\_\_ze in the dimness      *v.* to become actual or real; to take physical form or shape; to appear or come into existence in a tangible way
21. de\_\_\_e a literary plot      *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
22. com\_\_\_\_\_le effort      *adj.* worthy of praise or approval; deserving of admiration or respect
23. in\_\_\_\_\_us substance      *adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage
24. per\_\_\_\_\_ve advertising      *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
25. give a person a nu\_\_\_e      *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
26. the wel\_\_\_\_\_ng of a nation      *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
27. po\_\_t the existence of life after death      *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
28. a con\_\_\_\_\_us achievement      *adj.* visible or observable; likely to draw attention
29. 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
30. po\_\_t the premise      *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

ANSWERS: 20. materialize, 21. devise, 22. commendable, 23. innocuous, 24. persuasive, 25. nudge, 26. well-being, 27. posit, 28. conspicuous, 29. bombard, 30. posit

31. sh\_\_\_r in fear *v.* to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly
32. assume a per\_\_\_\_\_ve attitude *adj.* allowing or characterized by a tolerance for behavior that is unorthodox or unacceptable
33. no asp\_\_\_\_\_on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
34. sh\_\_\_r with delight *v.* to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly
35. he\_\_\_\_\_rf cloth *n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
36. in\_\_\_\_\_us joke *adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage
37. bug bu\_\_\_r *n.* a person or thing that breaks or causes something to be broken
38. pl\_\_\_\_\_st democracy *n.* a person who believes in or advocates for pluralism, which is the acceptance and tolerance of different opinions, beliefs, or practices, particularly in politics, religion, or society
39. political pl\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who believes in or advocates for pluralism, which is the acceptance and tolerance of different opinions, beliefs, or practices, particularly in politics, religion, or society
40. p\_\_l off easily *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
41. bu\_\_\_\_\_t syndrome *n.* the state of being exceedingly exhausted or unwell, either physically or mentally, as a result of overworking

ANSWERS: 31. shiver, 32. permissive, 33. aspiration, 34. shiver, 35. headscarf, 36. innocuous, 37. buster, 38. pluralist, 39. pluralist, 40. peel, 41. burnout

42. politically im\_\_\_\_\_l *adj.* not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality
43. traditional he\_\_\_\_\_rf *n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
44. asp\_\_\_\_\_on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
45. uni\_\_\_\_\_ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
46. pr\_\_\_\_t settings *v.* to set or adjust something beforehand, often about electronic or technological devices or systems; (noun) a preconfigured setting or adjustment that is programmed into a device, system, or software
47. br\_\_\_\_\_n students' knowledge *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
48. nu\_\_e price levels up *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
49. uni\_\_\_\_\_ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
50. con\_\_\_\_\_us consumption *adj.* visible or observable; likely to draw attention
51. a be\_\_\_\_n smile *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
52. det\_\_\_\_\_al eating habits *adj.* causing harm or damage
53. 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

ANSWERS: 42. immoral, 43. headscarf, 44. aspiration, 45. unintended, 46. preset, 47. broaden, 48. nudge, 49. unintended, 50. conspicuous, 51. benign, 52. detrimental, 53. determinant

54. im\_\_\_\_l behavior *adj.* not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality
55. hu\_\_\_\_\_us appetite *adj.* extremely large; gigantic; huge; excessively big
56. det\_\_\_\_\_al to good health *adj.* causing harm or damage
57. de\_\_\_e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
58. mental bu\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* the state of being exceedingly exhausted or unwell, either physically or mentally, as a result of overworking
59. per\_\_\_\_\_ve society *adj.* allowing or characterized by a tolerance for behavior that is unorthodox or unacceptable
60. self-evident ax\_\_m *n.* a statement or principle that is regarded as being self-evidently true and does not require proof or justification; a fundamental truth upon which other truths or theories are based

ANSWERS: 54. immoral, 55. humongous, 56. detrimental, 57. devise, 58. burnout, 59. permissive, 60. axiom

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The stress-\_\_\_\_\_ meditation helped me relax and calm my nerves.  
*n.* a person or thing that breaks or causes something to be broken
2. Some women choose to wear a \_\_\_\_\_ as a symbol of their cultural identity and religious beliefs.  
*n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
3. We should \_\_\_\_\_ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.  
*v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
4. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to cheat on a test.  
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ANSWERS: 1. buster, 2. headscarf, 3. posit, 4. immoral, 5. conspicuous, 6. benign, 7. axiom, 8. burnout

9. He noticed that the oil warning light on the \_\_\_\_\_ of his car had turned on.
- n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
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- v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
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- v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
12. He has an \_\_\_\_\_ to become a doctor.
- n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
13. They had to \_\_\_\_\_ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.
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16. We are responsible for the care and \_\_\_\_\_ of all our employees.  
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21. The new office building was \_\_\_\_\_ and could fit hundreds of employees comfortably.  
*adj.* extremely large; gigantic; huge; excessively big
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ANSWERS: 16. well-being, 17. innocuous, 18. unintended, 19. pluralist, 20. peeled, 21. humongous, 22. determinant, 23. materialize



24. 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

25. He made a \_\_\_\_\_ argument for the new policy.

*adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

26. The new policy had a \_\_\_\_\_ impact on small businesses.

*adj.* causing harm or damage

27. His \_\_\_\_\_ actions earned him recognition and praise from his colleagues.

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ANSWERS: 24. empowered, 25. persuasive, 26. detrimental, 27. commendable, 28. preset, 29. nudged, 30. shiver