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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### amaze

*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

*synonym*: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

### crumb

*n.* a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something

*synonym*: fragment, particle, bit

(1) **crumb** of information, (2) bread **crumb**

My dog found a **crumb** on the floor and quickly ate 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.

### lurk

*v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

*synonym*: hide, creep, stalk

(1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness

In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.

## visualize

*v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

*synonym*: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

## collusion

*n.* secret or illegal cooperation or conspiracy, especially for a deceitful or fraudulent purpose

*synonym*: conspiracy, plot, complicity

(1) political **collusion**, (2) criminal **collusion**

The investigation found evidence of **collusion** between the two companies to manipulate the market.

## quizzical

*adj.* expressing puzzlement, questioning, or curiosity through a facial expression or demeanor; having an appearance or manner that suggests confusion or mild skepticism

*synonym*: puzzled, curious, questioning

(1) give a **quizzical** look, (2) **quizzical** smile

The doctor gave a **quizzical** expression after seeing the patient's unusual symptoms.

## pedantic

*adj.* overly concerned with formal rules, details, or precision; characterized by a narrow, ostentatious display of knowledge or learning

*synonym*: donnish, precise, meticulous

(1) **pedantic** writer, (2) **pedantic** approach

His **pedantic** attention to detail made him an excellent proofreader.

## explode

*v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

*synonym*: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

## stalk

- v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

*synonym*: follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room

The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking the shot

## enrage

- v. to make someone extremely angry

*synonym*: anger, incense, infuriate

(1) **enrage** the international community, (2) **enrage** critics

The news of the betrayal **enraged** him.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. st\_\_k of celery  
v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
2. ex\_\_\_\_\_e in popularity  
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
3. bread cr\_\_b  
n. a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something
4. cr\_\_b of information  
n. a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something
5. ex\_\_\_\_\_e in anger  
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
6. pe\_\_\_\_\_ic approach  
adj. overly concerned with formal rules, details, or precision; characterized by a narrow, ostentatious display of knowledge or learning
7. en\_\_\_e critics  
v. to make someone extremely angry

ANSWERS: 1. stalk, 2. explode, 3. crumb, 4. crumb, 5. explode, 6. pedantic, 7. enrage

8. am\_\_e everyone      *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
9. l\_\_ked behind the words      *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
10. qu\_\_\_\_\_al smile      *adj.* expressing puzzlement, questioning, or curiosity through a facial expression or demeanor; having an appearance or manner that suggests confusion or mild skepticism
11. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
12. criminal co\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* secret or illegal cooperation or conspiracy, especially for a deceitful or fraudulent purpose
13. st\_\_k from the room      *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
14. political co\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* secret or illegal cooperation or conspiracy, especially for a deceitful or fraudulent purpose
15. l\_\_k in the darkness      *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
16. en\_\_\_e the international community      *v.* to make someone extremely angry

ANSWERS: 8. amaze, 9. lurk, 10. quizzical, 11. industrious, 12. collusion, 13. stalk, 14. collusion, 15. lurk, 16. enrage

17. vi\_\_\_\_\_ze data  
v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
18. pe\_\_\_\_\_ic writer  
*adj.* overly concerned with formal rules, details, or precision; characterized by a narrow, ostentatious display of knowledge or learning
19. vi\_\_\_\_\_ze flying through space  
v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
20. give a qu\_\_\_\_\_al look  
*adj.* expressing puzzlement, questioning, or curiosity through a facial expression or demeanor; having an appearance or manner that suggests confusion or mild skepticism
21. am\_\_e and entertain visitors  
v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
22. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 17. visualize, 18. pedantic, 19. visualize, 20. quizzical, 21. amaze, 22. industrious

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The doctor gave a \_\_\_\_\_ expression after seeing the patient's unusual symptoms.  
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2. His \_\_\_\_\_ attention to detail made him an excellent proofreader.  
*adj.* overly concerned with formal rules, details, or precision; characterized by a narrow, ostentatious display of knowledge or learning
3. The investigation found evidence of \_\_\_\_\_ between the two companies to manipulate the market.  
*n.* secret or illegal cooperation or conspiracy, especially for a deceitful or fraudulent purpose
4. In the city, the risk of traffic accidents \_\_\_\_\_ at every corner.  
*v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
5. The old building \_\_\_\_\_ in a fiery inferno.  
*v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
6. The magician's tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the audience.  
*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
7. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 1. quizzical, 2. pedantic, 3. collusion, 4. lurks, 5. exploded, 6. amazed, 7. industrious

8. The hunter quietly \_\_\_\_\_ the deer for hours before taking the shot
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9. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the layout of the new house in her mind.
- v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
10. My dog found a \_\_\_\_\_ on the floor and quickly ate it.
- n. a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something
11. The news of the betrayal \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- v. to make someone extremely angry

ANSWERS: 8. stalked, 9. visualize, 10. crumb, 11. enraged