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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### wane

*v.* to decrease in size, strength, or intensity

*synonym*: decrease, diminish, fade

(1) **wane** over time, (2) **wane** in popularity

The fragrance of this material **wanes** over weeks to months.

### zoology

*n.* the scientific study of animals, including their classification, habits, behavior, physiology, and evolution

*synonym*: animal science, biology, zoography

(1) **zoology** book, (2) **zoology** professor

She's studying **zoology** at university and hopes to work at a zoo someday.

### chimpanzee

*n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

*synonym*: ape, chimp, pan troglodytes

(1) **chimpanzee** behavior, (2) **chimpanzee** society

Many zoos have **chimpanzee** exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

### reconcile

*v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

*synonym*: harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute

Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

## bonobo

*n.* a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament

*synonym* : ape, chimpanzee, monkey

(1) endangered **bonobo**, (2) **bonobo** habitat

The **bonobo** sanctuary is dedicated to protecting and rehabilitating these endangered primates.

## humming

*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

*synonym* : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

## empathy

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym* : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## creditor

*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

## pillar

*n.* a tall, vertical column or support structure that helps to hold up other parts of a building or structure; a person or thing regarded as providing essential support or core strength to something

*synonym* : column, post, support

(1) **pillar** of society, (2) **pillar** decoration

The **pillar** of smoke rising from the building signaled a massive fire.

## reciprocity

*n.* a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges

*synonym* : mutuality, interchange, exchange

(1) **reciprocity** relationship, (2) **reciprocity** exchange

The policy of **reciprocity** between the two countries allowed for visa-free travel.

## primate

*n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans

*synonym* : ape, monkey, lemur

(1) **primate** species, (2) **primate** sanctuary

Many scientists study **primate** behavior and intelligence.

## 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**.

## clumsy

*adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome

*synonym* : awkward, ungainly, inept

(1) **clumsy** at sports, (2) **clumsy** attempt

The **clumsy** waiter accidentally spilled a tray of drinks on a customer.

## mammal

*n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

(1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**

Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

## ape

*n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons

*synonym* : monkey, primate, simian

(1) jungle **ape**, (2) play the **ape**

The scientist studied the behavior of **apes** in the wild.

## yawn

v. to involuntarily open one's mouth wide and exhale due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen; (noun) an involuntary reflex act of opening one's mouth wide and inhaling deeply due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen

*synonym*: gape, stretch, open

(1) **yawn** in sleepiness, (2) lazy **yawn**

He couldn't help but **yawn** during the long and boring presentation.

## contagion

n. the spread of a disease or harmful influence from one person or thing to another

*synonym*: infection, disease, transmission

(1) a **contagion** of fear, (2) **contagion** effect

The government has implemented measures to prevent the **contagion** of COVID-19, such as social distancing and mandatory mask-wearing.

## animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

*synonym*: invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

## underlie

v. to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below

*synonym*: govern, control, determine

(1) **underlie** the theory of the big bang, (2) **underlie** the current economic deadlock

His bitter experiences **underlie** his moral principles.

## consolation

n. the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment

*synonym*: comfort, condolence, solacing

(1) a letter of **consolation**, (2) ask for **consolation** money

Your company has been a great **consolation** to me.

## instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

*synonym*: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

## altruism

n. the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

*synonym*: selflessness, philanthropy, generosity

(1) acts of **altruism**, (2) **altruism** in society

His act of volunteering at the homeless shelter was a clear example of practical **altruism**.

## spit

v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

*synonym*: expectorate, saliva, spew

(1) **spit** a bullet, (2) **spit** a mouthful of saliva

She tried to **spit** out the gum that she had been chewing.

## intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

*synonym*: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

## 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.

## cucumber

n. a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable

(1) a **cucumber** face mask, (2) several varieties of **cucumbers**

I like to slice **cucumber** and put it on my sandwiches.

## inequity

*n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice

*synonym*: injustice, unfairness, bias

(1) **inequity** in education, (2) market **inequity**

There's an **inequity** in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.

## videotape

*n.* a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape

*synonym*: videocassette, tape, recording

(1) **videotape** evidence, (2) rewind **videotape**

We watched a **videotape** of our family vacation from years ago.

## anthropology

*n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

## rethink

*v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

*synonym*: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------------------|------|---|
| 1. lazy y__n                        | v.   | to involuntarily open one's mouth wide and exhale due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen; (noun) an involuntary reflex act of opening one's mouth wide and inhaling deeply due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen |
| 2. effectively int_____te a thief   | v.   | to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do   |
| 3. s__t a bullet                    | v.   | to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth  |
| 4. re_____k the role of the manager | v.   | to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it   |
| 5. hu_____g bird                    | adj. | producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee   |
| 6. int_____te an opponent           | v.   | to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do   |
| 7. full of em_____y                 | n.   | the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation  |
| 8. several varieties of cu_____ers  | n.   | a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable   |
| 9. bankrupt cr_____or               | n.   | a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money   |

ANSWERS: 1. yawn, 2. intimidate, 3. spit, 4. rethink, 5. humming, 6. intimidate, 7. empathy, 8. cucumber, 9. creditor

10. re\_\_\_\_k a marketing plan      *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
11. in\_\_\_\_ct a computer      *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
12. y\_\_n in sleepiness      *v.* to involuntarily open one's mouth wide and exhale due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen; (noun) an involuntary reflex act of opening one's mouth wide and inhaling deeply due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen
13. play the a\_e      *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
14. s\_\_t a mouthful of saliva      *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
15. pi\_\_\_\_r decoration      *n.* a tall, vertical column or support structure that helps to hold up other parts of a building or structure; a person or thing regarded as providing essential support or core strength to something
16. a letter of con\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
17. cl\_\_\_y at sports      *adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome
18. rewind vi\_\_\_\_\_pe      *n.* a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape

ANSWERS: 10. rethink, 11. instruct, 12. yawn, 13. ape, 14. spit, 15. pillar, 16. consolation, 17. clumsy, 18. videotape



19. in\_\_\_\_\_ct a student      *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
20. a co\_\_\_\_\_on of fear      *n.* the spread of a disease or harmful influence from one person or thing to another
21. cl\_\_\_\_y attempt      *adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome
22. bo\_\_\_\_o habitat      *n.* a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament
23. pr\_\_\_\_\_e sanctuary      *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
24. zo\_\_\_\_\_y professor      *n.* the scientific study of animals, including their classification, habits, behavior, physiology, and evolution
25. acts of al\_\_\_\_\_sm      *n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity
26. ask for con\_\_\_\_\_on money      *n.* the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
27. rec\_\_\_\_\_ty exchange      *n.* a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges
28. un\_\_\_\_\_ie the theory of the big bang      *v.* to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below

ANSWERS: 19. instruct, 20. contagion, 21. clumsy, 22. bonobo, 23. primate, 24. zoology, 25. altruism, 26. consolation, 27. reciprocity, 28. underlie

29. rec\_\_\_\_\_ty relationship *n.* a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges
30. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
31. un\_\_\_\_\_ie the current economic deadlock *v.* to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below
32. re\_\_\_\_\_le a dispute *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
33. a sort of ma\_\_\_\_l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
34. in\_\_\_\_\_ty in education *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
35. a primitive ma\_\_\_\_l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
36. ant\_\_\_\_\_ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
37. em\_\_\_\_\_y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
38. social ant\_\_\_\_\_ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 29. reciprocity, 30. synchronize, 31. underlie, 32. reconcile, 33. mammal, 34. inequity, 35. mammal, 36. anthropology, 37. empathy, 38. anthropology

39. w\_\_e in popularity *v.* to decrease in size, strength, or intensity
40. w\_\_e over time *v.* to decrease in size, strength, or intensity
41. a cu\_\_\_\_er face mask *n.* a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable
42. the wel\_\_\_\_\_ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
43. chi\_\_\_\_\_ee behavior *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
44. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
45. pi\_\_\_r of society *n.* a tall, vertical column or support structure that helps to hold up other parts of a building or structure; a person or thing regarded as providing essential support or core strength to something
46. re\_\_\_\_\_le these differences *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
47. the cr\_\_\_\_or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
48. an\_\_\_\_\_e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
49. hu\_\_\_\_\_g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

ANSWERS: 39. wane, 40. wane, 41. cucumber, 42. well-being, 43. chimpanzee, 44. synchronize, 45. pillar, 46. reconcile, 47. creditor, 48. animate, 49. humming

50. a sense of wel\_\_\_\_\_ng                      *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
51. jungle a\_e                                      *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
52. vi\_\_\_\_\_pe evidence                      *n.* a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape
53. market in\_\_\_\_\_ty                      *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
54. co\_\_\_\_\_on effect                      *n.* the spread of a disease or harmful influence from one person or thing to another
55. pr\_\_\_\_\_e species                      *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
56. an\_\_\_\_\_e the body                      *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
57. zo\_\_\_\_\_y book                      *n.* the scientific study of animals, including their classification, habits, behavior, physiology, and evolution
58. endangered bo\_\_\_o                      *n.* a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament
59. chi\_\_\_\_\_ee society                      *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

ANSWERS: 50. well-being, 51. ape, 52. videotape, 53. inequity, 54. contagion, 55. primate, 56. animate, 57. zoology, 58. bonobo, 59. chimpanzee

60. al\_\_\_\_sm in society

*n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

ANSWERS: 60. altruism

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His bitter experiences \_\_\_\_\_ his moral principles.  
*v.* to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below
  
2. I asked the lawyer to initiate \_\_\_\_\_ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.  
*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
  
3. I like to slice \_\_\_\_\_ and put it on my sandwiches.  
*n.* a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable
  
4. The areas of \_\_\_\_\_ and psychology are significantly related to one another.  
*n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
  
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of smoke rising from the building signaled a massive fire.  
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6. We watched a \_\_\_\_\_ of our family vacation from years ago.  
*n.* a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape
  
7. The positive attitude of the supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ the discussion.  
*v.* to make something full of interest and energy

ANSWERS: 1. underlie, 2. creditor, 3. cucumber, 4. anthropology, 5. pillar, 6. videotape, 7. animated

8. Many zoos have \_\_\_\_\_ exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.
- n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
9. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.
- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
10. His act of volunteering at the homeless shelter was a clear example of practical \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity
11. The boss tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his subordinate with threats.
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12. We have to \_\_\_\_\_ our company's product lineup for further growth.
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13. We are responsible for the care and \_\_\_\_\_ of all our employees.
- n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
14. He couldn't help but \_\_\_\_\_ during the long and boring presentation.
- v.* to involuntarily open one's mouth wide and exhale due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen; (noun) an involuntary reflex act of opening one's mouth wide and inhaling deeply due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen

ANSWERS: 8. chimpanzee, 9. Empathy, 10. altruism, 11. intimidate, 12. rethink, 13. well-being, 14. yawn

15. There's an \_\_\_\_\_ in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.  
*n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
16. The policy of \_\_\_\_\_ between the two countries allowed for visa-free travel.  
*n.* a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges
17. She's studying \_\_\_\_\_ at university and hopes to work at a zoo someday.  
*n.* the scientific study of animals, including their classification, habits, behavior, physiology, and evolution
18. Marine \_\_\_\_\_ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.  
*n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ waiter accidentally spilled a tray of drinks on a customer.  
*adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome
20. Sometimes it is challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ science and religion.  
*v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
21. Your company has been a great \_\_\_\_\_ to me.  
*n.* the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
22. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ out the gum that she had been chewing.  
*v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

ANSWERS: 15. inequity, 16. reciprocity, 17. zoology, 18. mammal, 19. clumsy, 20. reconcile, 21. consolation, 22. spit



23. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.  
*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
24. The scientist studied the behavior of \_\_\_\_\_ in the wild.  
*n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
25. The facility manager \_\_\_\_\_ the security guards to be on high alert.  
*v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
26. The government has implemented measures to prevent the \_\_\_\_\_ of COVID-19, such as social distancing and mandatory mask-wearing.  
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27. The \_\_\_\_\_ sanctuary is dedicated to protecting and rehabilitating these endangered primates.  
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ANSWERS: 23. humming, 24. apes, 25. instructed, 26. contagion, 27. bonobo, 28. wanes, 29. synchronized, 30. primate

ANSWERS: