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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### storytelling

*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

*synonym*: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

### villain

*n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

*synonym*: scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

(1) evil **villain**, (2) authoritarian **villain**

The **villain** in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

### eerie

*adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural

*synonym*: bizarre, creepy, dreadful

(1) **eerie** silence, (2) the **eerie** whistle of dropping bombs

The street was entirely silent and a bit **eerie**.

### suspense

*n.* a state of uncertain or anxious anticipation or waiting; a feeling of excitement or apprehension that arises from the uncertainty of an outcome

*synonym*: tension, anticipation, excitement

(1) **suspense** thriller, (2) **suspense-filled** movie

The mystery novel was full of **suspense**, keeping readers on the edge of their seats until the end.

## **misunderstand**

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way  
*synonym*: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

## **overhear**

v. to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge

*synonym*: catch, eavesdrop

(1) happen to **overhear** a conversation, (2) accidentally **overheard** their talk

She was inside at the time and **overheard** the conversation.

## **hallway**

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

*synonym*: foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor

He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

## **rev**

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym*: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## **hallmark**

n. a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing

*synonym*: symbol, authentication, indication

(1) the **hallmark** of a good scientist, (2) the **hallmark** of modern life

A clear and simple expression is the **hallmark** of good writing.

**writ**

*n.* a written legal order or command

*synonym*: legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. evil vi_____n                        | <i>n.</i> a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel   |
| 2. a w__t of summons                    | <i>n.</i> a written legal order or command  |
| 3. the head of a ha_____y               | <i>n.</i> an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open   |
| 4. the ha_____rk of modern life         | <i>n.</i> a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing  |
| 5. courtroom sto_____ing                | <i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories  |
| 6. low-r_v engine                       | <i>n.</i> a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute |
| 7. happen to ov_____ar a conversation   | <i>v.</i> to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge   |
| 8. sto_____ing performance              | <i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories  |
| 9. ee__e silence                        | <i>adj.</i> strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural   |
| 10. the ee__e whistle of dropping bombs | <i>adj.</i> strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural   |
| 11. authoritarian vi_____n              | <i>n.</i> a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel   |

ANSWERS: 1. villain, 2. writ, 3. hallway, 4. hallmark, 5. storytelling, 6. rev, 7. overhear, 8. storytelling, 9. eerie, 10. eerie, 11. villain

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| 12. accidentally ov_____ard their talk | v. | to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge   |
| 13. wax a ha_____y floor               | n. | an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open   |
| 14. su_____se-filled movie             | n. | a state of uncertain or anxious anticipation or waiting; a feeling of excitement or apprehension that arises from the uncertainty of an outcome                   |
| 15. the ha_____rk of a good scientist  | n. | a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing  |
| 16. r_v up the crowd                   | n. | a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute |
| 17. mis_____and entirely about her     | v. | to interpret or understand something in the wrong way   |
| 18. su_____se thriller                 | n. | a state of uncertain or anxious anticipation or waiting; a feeling of excitement or apprehension that arises from the uncertainty of an outcome                   |
| 19. issue a w__t                       | n. | a written legal order or command  |
| 20. mis_____and each other             | v. | to interpret or understand something in the wrong way   |

ANSWERS: 12. overhear, 13. hallway, 14. suspense, 15. hallmark, 16. rev, 17. misunderstand, 18. suspense, 19. writ, 20. misunderstand

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.  
*n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
2. He was served with a \_\_\_\_\_ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.  
*n.* a written legal order or command
3. She was skilled in \_\_\_\_\_ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.  
*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
4. The street was entirely silent and a bit \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
5. He dashed down a \_\_\_\_\_ to a bathroom.  
*n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
6. She was inside at the time and \_\_\_\_\_ the conversation.  
*v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
7. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ the meaning of freedom.  
*v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
8. The mystery novel was full of \_\_\_\_\_ keeping readers on the edge of their seats until the end.  
*n.* a state of uncertain or anxious anticipation or waiting; a feeling of excitement or apprehension that arises from the uncertainty of an outcome

ANSWERS: 1. villain, 2. writ, 3. storytelling, 4. eerie, 5. hallway, 6. overheard, 7. misunderstand, 8. suspense,

9. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
10. A clear and simple expression is the \_\_\_\_\_ of good writing.
- n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing

ANSWERS: 9. rev, 10. hallmark