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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### horrify

*v.* to shock or disgust greatly

*synonym*: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

### superficial

*adj.* existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely

*synonym*: shallow, facile, cursory

(1) **superficial** wound, (2) **superficial** knowledge

The journalist's **superficial** reporting should have captured the full scope of the issue.

### barring

*adv.* excepting or excluding something or someone; in the absence of something or someone

*synonym*: except, apart from

(1) **barring** bad weather, (2) **barring** unexpected circumstances

**Barring** any unforeseeable technical issues, the project should be completed by next week.

### immutable

*adj.* unchanging; permanent or unalterable

*synonym*: unchanging, constant, permanent

(1) **immutable** love, (2) **immutable** characteristics  
The laws of physics are **immutable**; they never change.

## fearless

*adj.* having no fear; brave

*synonym*: brave, courageous, daring

(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

## 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.

## scout

*n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

*synonym*: scoutmaster, explorer, surveyor

(1) boy **scout**, (2) **scout** troop

The company sent a **scout** to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.

## slender

*adj.* thin and delicate, often in an attractive way

*synonym*: lanky, skinny, slim

(1) **slender** body, (2) a long **slender** leaf

He has a **slender** income.

## 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**.

## commend

*v.* to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust

or hand over something to someone else

*synonym* : praise, applaud, compliment

(1) **commend** a job well done, (2) **commend** him for his bravery

The coach **commended** the team for fighting until the end and never giving up.

## ninja

*n.* a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan

*synonym* : assassin, spy

(1) **ninja** costume, (2) **ninja** warrior

The skilled **ninja** moved stealthily through the shadows to carry out their mission.

## cardiothoracic

*adj.* relating to the heart and lungs or the surgical procedures and treatments involving these organs

*synonym* : heart-lung

(1) **cardiothoracic** surgeon, (2) **cardiothoracic** complications

He underwent a successful **cardiothoracic** surgery to repair his damaged heart valve.

## vogue

*n.* the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture

*synonym* : trend, style, fashion

(1) current **vogue**, (2) follow **vogue** trends

Bellbottoms were in **vogue** during the 1970s but are not as popular today.

## akin

*adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin

*synonym* : similar, related, alike

(1) **akin** to anger, (2) **akin** to the prior experiences

Her interests are **akin** to mine.

## distill

v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements

*synonym*: extract, condense, purify

(1) **distill** a liquid, (2) **distill** information

She decided to **distill** her thoughts into a more manageable list.

## retouch

v. to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools

*synonym*: edit, revise, touch up

(1) **retouch** photo, (2) **retouch** painting

She had her portrait **retouched** to remove blemishes.

## slumber

n. a state of sleep, especially a light sleep; (verb) to be asleep, or to take a nap

*synonym*: sleep, doze, snooze

(1) fall into a **slumber**, (2) **slumber** in class

She couldn't resist the temptation to **slumber** on the couch after lunch.

## hairstyle

n. the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head

*synonym*: hairdo, coiffure, haircut

(1) modern **hairstyle**, (2) bob **hairstyle**

My sister got a new **hairstyle** for her job interview.

## stylist

n. a person who specializes in creating or maintaining a specific style, especially in hairdressing or fashion; someone who has a talent for arranging or presenting things in an attractive or distinctive way

*synonym*: hairdresser, designer, fashionista

(1) personal **stylist**, (2) fashion **stylist**

She visited her favorite **stylist** for a new haircut and fashion advice.

## frisk

v. to search for someone or something in a quick, lively manner, often to discover something hidden or suspicious; to frolic or skip about in a lively or playful

manner

*synonym* : search, pat down, romp

(1) **frisk** around the yard, (2) **frisk** his pockets

The security guard stopped and **frisked** the suspicious-looking person at the entrance to the building.

## backstage

*adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life

*synonym* : behind-the-scenes, offstage, private

(1) **backstage** access, (2) **backstage** crew

The **backstage** preparations for the concert took hours to complete.

## insecure

*adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

*synonym* : uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

## thigh

*n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg

*synonym* : thigh-bone, femur, upper leg

(1) **thigh** muscle, (2) chicken **thigh**

The marathon runner felt a cramp in her **thigh** at the 20th mile.

## 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.

## unpack

*v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail,

often to clarify or understand it better

*synonym*: dissect, unwrap, unbox

(1) **unpack** a crate, (2) **unpack** a concept

I need to **unpack** my suitcase and put my clothes away.

## 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.

## passee

*adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

*synonym*: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

## takeaway

*n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

*synonym*: conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ho\_\_\_\_y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
2. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
3. bob ha\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head
4. ba\_\_\_\_\_ge access *adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life
5. a\_\_n to the prior experiences *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
6. fr\_\_k his pockets *v.* to search for someone or something in a quick, lively manner, often to discover something hidden or suspicious; to frolic or skip about in a lively or playful manner
7. re\_\_\_\_\_h painting *v.* to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools
8. chicken th\_\_h *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
9. ho\_\_\_\_y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
10. di\_\_\_\_\_l information *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements

ANSWERS: 1. horrify, 2. industrious, 3. hairstyle, 4. backstage, 5. akin, 6. frisk, 7. retouch, 8. thigh, 9. horrify, 10. distill

11. a\_\_n to anger *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
12. 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
13. 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
14. sl\_\_\_\_r body *adj.* thin and delicate, often in an attractive way
15. fe\_\_\_\_ss attitude *adj.* having no fear; brave
16. ta\_\_\_\_ay pizza *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
17. pa\_\_e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
18. issue a w\_\_t *n.* a written legal order or command
19. car\_\_\_\_\_cic surgeon *adj.* relating to the heart and lungs or the surgical procedures and treatments involving these organs
20. re\_\_\_\_h photo *v.* to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools
21. a long sl\_\_\_\_r leaf *adj.* thin and delicate, often in an attractive way

ANSWERS: 11. akin, 12. oppress, 13. oppress, 14. slender, 15. fearless, 16. takeaway, 17. passe, 18. writ, 19. cardiothoracic, 20. retouch, 21. slender



22. co\_\_\_\_d him for his bravery      *v.* to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else
23. modern ha\_\_\_\_\_le      *n.* the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head
24. fr\_\_k around the yard      *v.* to search for someone or something in a quick, lively manner, often to discover something hidden or suspicious; to frolic or skip about in a lively or playful manner
25. pa\_\_e entertainment      *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
26. fe\_\_\_\_\_ss bravery      *adj.* having no fear; brave
27. sup\_\_\_\_\_al wound      *adj.* existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely
28. in\_\_\_\_\_re attachment      *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
29. un\_\_\_k a crate      *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
30. follow vo\_\_e trends      *n.* the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture
31. personal st\_\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a person who specializes in creating or maintaining a specific style, especially in hairdressing or fashion; someone who has a talent for arranging or presenting things in an attractive or distinctive way

ANSWERS: 22. commend, 23. hairstyle, 24. frisk, 25. passe, 26. fearless, 27. superficial, 28. insecure, 29. unpack, 30. vogue, 31. stylist

32. ba\_\_\_\_g unexpected circumstances     *adv.* excepting or excluding something or someone; in the absence of something or someone
33. current vo\_\_e     *n.* the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture
34. fall into a sl\_\_\_\_r     *n.* a state of sleep, especially a light sleep; (verb) to be asleep, or to take a nap
35. ta\_\_\_\_ay message     *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
36. ba\_\_\_\_ge crew     *adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life
37. ba\_\_\_\_g bad weather     *adv.* excepting or excluding something or someone; in the absence of something or someone
38. ni\_\_a warrior     *n.* a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan
39. sup\_\_\_\_al knowledge     *adj.* existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely
40. un\_\_\_k a concept     *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

ANSWERS: 32. barring, 33. vogue, 34. slumber, 35. takeaway, 36. backstage, 37. barring, 38. ninja, 39. superficial, 40. unpack

41. fashion st\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a person who specializes in creating or maintaining a specific style, especially in hairdressing or fashion; someone who has a talent for arranging or presenting things in an attractive or distinctive way
42. th\_\_h muscle      *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
43. sc\_\_t troop      *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
44. co\_\_\_\_d a job well done      *v.* to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else
45. boy sc\_\_t      *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
46. a sk\_\_\_\_\_al attitude      *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
47. im\_\_\_\_\_le love      *adj.* unchanging; permanent or unalterable
48. di\_\_\_\_\_l a liquid      *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements

ANSWERS: 41. stylist, 42. thigh, 43. scout, 44. commend, 45. scout, 46. skeptical, 47. immutable, 48. distill

49. an in\_\_\_\_\_re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
50. im\_\_\_\_\_le characteristics *adj.* unchanging; permanent or unalterable
51. ni\_\_a costume *n.* a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan
52. sl\_\_\_\_\_r in class *n.* a state of sleep, especially a light sleep; (verb) to be asleep, or to take a nap
53. car\_\_\_\_\_cic complications *adj.* relating to the heart and lungs or the surgical procedures and treatments involving these organs
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55. a w\_\_t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
56. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 49. insecure, 50. immutable, 51. ninja, 52. slumber, 53. cardiothoracic, 54. skeptical, 55. writ, 56. industrious

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
2. The main \_\_\_\_\_ from the meeting was the need for better communication.  
*n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
3. She visited her favorite \_\_\_\_\_ for a new haircut and fashion advice.  
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ANSWERS: 1. industrious, 2. takeaway, 3. stylist, 4. passe, 5. oppressed, 6. vogue, 7. commended

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*n.* a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan
11. The laws of physics are \_\_\_\_\_ they never change.  
*adj.* unchanging; permanent or unalterable
12. The journalist's \_\_\_\_\_ reporting should have captured the full scope of the issue.  
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23. Her interests are \_\_\_\_\_ to mine.  
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ANSWERS: 16. backstage, 17. hairstyle, 18. unpack, 19. distill, 20. Barring, 21. frisked, 22. slender, 23. akin

24. She couldn't resist the temptation to \_\_\_\_\_ on the couch after lunch.  
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25. He underwent a successful \_\_\_\_\_ surgery to repair his damaged heart valve.  
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ANSWERS: 24. slumber, 25. cardiothoracic, 26. fearless, 27. writ, 28. scout