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# **Advanced Words Only**

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# **Session 1: Word List**

exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym: banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) exile community, (2) political exile

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

passe

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 no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) passe entertainment, (2) passe trend

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

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

tyrannical

adj. using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way

*synonym*: despotic, oppressive, authoritarian

(1) a **tyrannical** government, (2) a **tyrannical** parent **Tyrannical** Hollywood film moguls can easily rule the movie star's career.

# slogan

 a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

synonym: catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan** 

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

# exemplary

adj. setting a positive example for others to follow synonym: ideal, illustrative, admirable

(1) **exemplary** behavior, (2) **exemplary** customer service He exhibited exceptional and **exemplary** bravery.

# bravery

- n. courage in the face of dangersynonym: courage, valor, heroism
- (1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

#### dictator

 a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

*synonym*: autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

liberate

to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

### topple

v. to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing

synonym: overturn, capsize, upset

(1) topple communist rule, (2) topple off a ledge

The statue was old and unstable, so it easily **toppled** over.

# tyrant

 a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

synonym: despot, dictator, autocrat

(1) a domestic tyrant, (2) tyrant regime

The **tyrant's** rule was marked by oppression and fear.

# tyranny

 a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

synonym: despotism, oppression, dictatorship

(1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority

The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.

#### devastation

 the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

synonym: destruction, ruin, havoc

(1) financial **devastation**, (2) **devastation** to life

The economic recession caused **devastation** in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

aft

- *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
- (1) aft cabin, (2) aft view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

#### cofounder

- one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
- (1) cofounder of the university, (2) late cofounder

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

# sociopolitical

adj. relating to both social and political aspects of society; having to do with how politics and social issues are interconnected or influence each other

synonym: social, political, community-based

(1) **sociopolitical** issues, (2) **sociopolitical** unrest The **sociopolitical** climate of the country has led to a rise in protests and demonstrations.

# 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.

#### elector

- n. a person who has the right to vote in an electionsynonym: voter, constituent, citizen
- presidential elector, (2) qualified for an elector
   The elector cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

# stipulate

 to specify or require something as a condition of an agreement or arrangement

synonym: specify, require, demand

(1) **stipulate** conditions, (2) **stipulate** the deadline The contract **stipulates** that the work must be completed within six months.

# euphoria

 a feeling of intense happiness, excitement, or delight; a state of extreme joy or pleasure

synonym: elevation, bliss, elation

(1) experience **euphoria**, (2) **euphoria-inducing** drug Winning the lottery brought a feeling of **euphoria** to the lucky winner.

#### desecrate

v. to treat a sacred or cherished object or place with disrespect or irreverence; to violate, damage, or defile something that is considered sacred or holy

synonym: violate, disrespect, profane

(1) **desecrate** a grave, (2) **desecrate** a holy site It is disrespectful to **desecrate** someone's place of worship or memorial.

# mosque

- a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
- (1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

#### consulate

n. the office or building of a consul, a government official who represents their country's interests in a foreign city; the period of time during which a consul serves in their office

synonym: embassy, mission, delegation

(1) **consulate** office, (2) foreign **consulate**The **consulate** staff are always friendly and helpful, no matter how busy they are.

#### assassination

n. the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

synonym: murder, killing, execution

(1) failed **assassination** attempt, (2) **assassination** plot The **assassination** of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.

#### militia

 a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs

synonym: reserves

(1) militia groups, (2) armed militiaMilitia suddenly occupied the presidential palace.

# disrespect

an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

*synonym*: impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

#### mindset

 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.

#### intolerant

adj. the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects

synonym: failure, impotence, shortcoming

(1) an **intolerant** person, (2) **intolerant** of criticism His **intolerant** attitude towards other cultures made it difficult for him to get along with others.

# prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

# polarization

 the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

synonym: polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

# alchemy

n. a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious

synonym: sorcery, magic, transmutation

(1) **alchemy** experiment, (2) **alchemy** of emotions Today, the study of **alchemy** remains an important part of the history of science and philosophy

#### intertwine

- v. to twist together or become twisted together synonym: interweave, interlace, entwine
- (1) **intertwine** thread, (2) **intertwine** story

  The vines **intertwine** to form a thick canopy overhead.

#### masculine

adj. having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

synonym: male, mannish, manly

(1) wear **masculine** attire, (2) **masculine** beauty

Her allure lies in her **masculine** rather than feminine beauty.

#### merciful

 adj. having or showing compassion, kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or harm; characterized by leniency or clemency

synonym: compassionate, kind, lenient

(1) **merciful** gesture, (2) **merciful** punishment The **merciful** judge decided to give the defendant a lighter sentence.

#### **Arabic**

- the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
- (1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

### womb

 the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth synonym: uterus, matrice

innocence.

(1) tumor of **womb**, (2) **womb** transplant

The fertilized egg implanted itself in the **womb**.

# symbolize

v. to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something

synonym: represent, signify, emblemize

(1) symbolize hope, (2) symbolize freedomIn many cultures, the color white symbolizes purity and

# encompass

- v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirelysynonym: surround, encircle, include
- (1) **encompass** a broad range, (2) **encompass** the enemy The optimal solution that would **encompass** all these elements has yet to be proposed.

#### emanate

 to emit, send out something; to express a quality or feeling

synonym: radiate, exude, give off

- (1) emanate light, (2) emanate happiness
- The fragrance of flowers **emanated** from the garden.

### envelop

- v. to surround and cover completely; to encasesynonym: wrap, cover, surround
- (1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

nourish

v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

synonym: feed, sustain, nurture

nourish damaged skin, (2) nourish hope
 The mother used her breast milk to nourish the baby.

# **Session 2: Spelling**

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2. ex\_\_\_\_ry behavior adj. setting a positive example for others to

follow

3. qualified for an el\_\_\_r 

n. a person who has the right to vote in an

election

4. br\_\_\_y against the enemy n. courage in the face of danger

n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops

before birth

6. the sacred mo\_\_e 

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually

has a minaret (= slender tower with

balconies)

7. ty\_\_t regime n. a ruler who uses their power cruelly and

oppressively; a cruel and oppressive

person

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8. me\_\_\_ul punishment adj. having or showing compassion,

kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or

harm; characterized by leniency or

clemency

9. eu\_\_\_\_ia-inducing drug n. a feeling of intense happiness,

excitement, or delight; a state of

extreme joy or pleasure

ANSWERS: 1. symbolize, 2. exemplary, 3. elector, 4. bravery, 5. womb, 6. mosque, 7. tyrant, 8. merciful, 9. euphoria

10.	stte the deadline	<i>v</i> .	to specify or require something as a condition of an agreement or arrangement
11.	prize tasks	<i>v</i> .	to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
12.	exe community	n.	the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
13.	armed mia	n.	a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs
14.	lite people from oppression	<i>v</i> .	to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
15.	dete a grave	ν.	to treat a sacred or cherished object or place with disrespect or irreverence; to violate, damage, or defile something that is considered sacred or holy
16.	intne thread	ν.	to twist together or become twisted together
17.	presidential elr	n.	a person who has the right to vote in an election
18.	pae entertainment	adj.	no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
19.	advertising sln	n.	a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
20.	political exe	n.	the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

ANSWERS: 10. stipulate, 11. prioritize, 12. exile, 13. militia, 14. liberate, 15. desecrate, 16. intertwine, 17. elector, 18. passe, 19. slogan, 20. exile

21.	noh damaged skin	v.	to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
22.	mia groups	n.	a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs
23.	eme light	v.	to emit, send out something; to express a quality or feeling
24.	experience euia	n.	a feeling of intense happiness, excitement, or delight; a state of extreme joy or pleasure
25.	eme happiness	v.	to emit, send out something; to express a quality or feeling
26.	toe off a ledge	v.	to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
27.	tyy of the majority	n.	a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
28.	a dior with enormous powers	n.	a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
29.	brutal tyy	n.	a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
30.	exry customer service	adj.	setting a positive example for others to follow

ANSWERS: 21. nourish, 22. militia, 23. emanate, 24. euphoria, 25. emanate, 26. topple, 27. tyranny, 28. dictator, 29. tyranny, 30. exemplary

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ANSWERS: 31. Arabic, 32. masculine, 33. passe, 34. masculine, 35. alchemy, 36. devastation, 37. sociopolitical, 38. consulate

39.	assion plot	n.	the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
40.	bry under fire	n.	courage in the face of danger
41.	mean no disct	n.	an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
42.	moze a stiff joint	v.	to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
43.	toe communist rule	v.	to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
44.	flexible mit	n.	the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
45.	polion effect	n.	the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
46.	prize people over cars	ν.	to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
47.	meul gesture	adj.	having or showing compassion, kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or harm; characterized by leniency or clemency
48.	lite potential	ν.	to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
49.	aly experiment	n.	a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious

ANSWERS: 39. assassination, 40. bravery, 41. disrespect, 42. mobilize, 43. topple, 44. mindset, 45. polarization, 46. prioritize, 47. merciful, 48. liberate, 49. alchemy

50.	syze freedom	v.	to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something
51.	late coer	n.	one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
52.	a tyral government	adj.	using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
53.	coer of the university	n.	one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
54.	enss the enemy	ν.	to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number o or different types of things entirely
55.	a_t cabin	adj.	(the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
56.	enp the whole world	<i>v</i> .	to surround and cover completely; to encase
57.	domed moe	n.	a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
58.	intnt of criticism	adj.	the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects
59.	a domestic tyt	n.	a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

ANSWERS: 50. symbolize, 51. cofounder, 52. tyrannical, 53. cofounder, 54. encompass, 55. aft, 56. envelop, 57. mosque, 58. intolerant, 59. tyrant

ANSWERS: 60. mobilize, 61. envelop, 62. consulate, 63. mindset, 64. Arabic, 65. nourish, 66. aft, 67. disrespect, 68. stipulate, 69. intertwine

70.	soccal unrest	adj.	relating to both social and political aspects of society; having to do with how politics and social issues are interconnected or influence each other
71.	a tyral parent	adj.	using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
72.	enss a broad range	ν.	to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
73.	tumor of wb	n.	the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
74.	dete a holy site	v.	to treat a sacred or cherished object or place with disrespect or irreverence; to violate, damage, or defile something that is considered sacred or holy
75.	failed assion attempt	n.	the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
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79.	dielectric polion	n.	the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

ANSWERS: 70. sociopolitical, 71. tyrannical, 72. encompass, 73. womb, 74. desecrate, 75. assassination, 76. slogan, 77. devastation, 78. empower, 79. polarization

80. an int\_\_\_\_nt person

adj. the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects

81. em\_\_\_r my life

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

82. military di\_\_\_\_or

 a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

ANSWERS: 80. intolerant, 81. empower, 82. dictator

# **Session 3: Fill in the Blanks**

1.	He exhibited exceptional and bravery.
adj	setting a positive example for others to follow
2. v.	In many cultures, the color white purity and innocence.  to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something
3. v.	The vines to form a thick canopy overhead. to twist together or become twisted together
4.	His attitude towards other cultures made it difficult for him to get along with others.
adj	the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects
5.	The country was ruled by a that oppressed its citizens.
n.	a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
6.	Her allure lies in her rather than feminine beauty.
adj	having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
7.	The king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.
n.	the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
	SWERS: 1. exemplary, 2. symbolizes, 3. intertwine, 4. intolerant, 5. tyranny, 6. sculine, 7. exiled

ANSWERS: 31. liberated, 32. prioritized, 33. polarization, 34. alchemy, 35. elector, 36. consulate, 37. Tyrannical

ANSWERS: 38. disrespectful, 39. dictator, 40. cofounder, 41. bravery