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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### kindle

*v.* to start a fire; to light

*synonym*: ignite, light, start

(1) **kindle** strife, (2) **kindle** a passion

He **kindled** a fire in the fireplace to warm the room.

### savory

*adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet

*synonym*: delicious, tasty, appetizing

(1) **savory** dish, (2) a **savory** omelet

The **savory** aroma of roasted chicken filled the kitchen.

### dandy

*n.* a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good

*synonym*: fop, dapper, (adjective) excellent

(1) in a **dandy** manner, (2) fine and **dandy**

He was a positive **dandy** and always dressed in the finest clothing.

### remake

*v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

*synonym*:

revamp, redo, reproduce

(1) video game **remake**, (2) **remake** song

The director plans to **remake** the classic movie with a modern twist.

## electrocution

*n.* death or serious injury caused by electric shock; the act of killing or injuring someone with electricity

*synonym*: shock, high voltage, burning

(1) fatal **electrocution**, (2) **electrocution** victim

The construction worker was rushed to the hospital after suffering from **electrocution** on the job site.

## 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.

## digestive

*adj.* relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food

(1) **digestive** juices, (2) a **digestive** enzyme

A nutritious diet improves **digestive** functions.

## transpire

*v.* to happen or be revealed

*synonym*: occur, happen, take place

(1) **transpire** as expected, (2) **transpire** in the news

It finally **transpired** that an employee had stolen the missing money.

## cultivate

*v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants

*synonym*: boost, foster, nurture

(1) **cultivate** a field, (2) **cultivate** relationships

University is a great place to **cultivate** our minds and expertise.

## intellect

*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

*synonym*: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

## roam

*v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

*synonym*: wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

## foodie

*n.* a person who has a passionate interest in food, especially in trying new and exotic dishes

*synonym*: gourmet, epicure, gastronome

(1) **foodie** culture, (2) **foodie** destination

She considered herself a **foodie** and loved trying new restaurants and dishes.

## doe

*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

*synonym*: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

## 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.

## ferment

*v.* to experience a chemical change or action that results in the production of alcohol or effervescence of gases;  
(noun) a state of agitated activity or change, especially

in the context of social or political movements

*synonym*: ripen, simmer, (noun) agitation

(1) **ferment** sugar into ethanol, (2) political **ferment**

The dough was left to **ferment** overnight to give the bread its distinctive flavor.

## mash

*v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

*synonym*: crush, grind, pulverize

(1) **mash** his words, (2) potato **mash**

She **mashed** the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth and creamy.

## mashup

*n.* a combination or fusion of different elements, often referring to the blending or remixing of different songs, video clips, or other media forms

*synonym*: mixture, blend, combination

(1) music **mashup**, (2) art **mashup**

The DJ created an amazing **mashup** of popular songs at the party.

## mockumentary

*n.* (a portmanteau of the words "mock" and "documentary") a type of film or television program that uses a documentary-style format to parody or satirize a particular subject or genre

*synonym*: mock documentary, fake documentary, parody documentary

(1) **mockumentary** film, (2) **mockumentary** style

The film was a hilarious **mockumentary** that parodied reality TV shows.

## famine

*n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

*synonym*: hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

## nonstop

*adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination

*synonym*: continuous, ceaseless, endless

(1) a **nonstop** run, (2) **nonstop** talk

We tend to choose **nonstop** flights when we travel.

## toxin

*n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

*synonym*: poison, venom, contaminant

(1) **toxin** exposure, (2) **toxin** production

Mold exposure can release dangerous **toxins** into the air.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. fatal ele_____ion           | <i>n.</i> death or serious injury caused by electric shock; the act of killing or injuring someone with electricity  |
| 2. tr_____re in the news       | <i>v.</i> to happen or be revealed   |
| 3. r__m freely                 | <i>v.</i> to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander  |
| 4. pr_____e species            | <i>n.</i> any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans   |
| 5. di_____ve juices            | <i>adj.</i> relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food   |
| 6. buck and d_e                | <i>n.</i> a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit  |
| 7. potato m__h                 | <i>v.</i> to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water   |
| 8. pr_____e sanctuary          | <i>n.</i> any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans   |
| 9. fe_____t sugar into ethanol | <i>v.</i> to experience a chemical change or action that results in the production of alcohol or effervescence of gases; (noun) a state of agitated activity or change, especially in the context of social or political movements |

ANSWERS: 1. electrocution, 2. transpire, 3. roam, 4. primate, 5. digestive, 6. doe, 7. mash, 8. primate, 9. ferment

10. di\_\_\_\_l information      *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
11. art ma\_\_\_\_p      *n.* a combination or fusion of different elements, often referring to the blending or remixing of different songs, video clips, or other media forms
12. a sa\_\_\_\_y omelet      *adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet
13. r\_\_m the countryside      *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
14. ki\_\_\_\_e a passion      *v.* to start a fire; to light
15. m\_\_h his words      *v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water
16. music ma\_\_\_\_p      *n.* a combination or fusion of different elements, often referring to the blending or remixing of different songs, video clips, or other media forms
17. moc\_\_\_\_\_\_ary film      *n.* (a portmanteau of the words "mock" and "documentary") a type of film or television program that uses a documentary-style format to parody or satirize a particular subject or genre
18. re\_\_\_\_e song      *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

ANSWERS: 10. distill, 11. mashup, 12. savory, 13. roam, 14. kindle, 15. mash, 16. mashup, 17. mockumentary, 18. remake

19. fine and da\_\_y *n.* a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good
20. human in \_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
21. fa\_\_\_e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
22. no\_\_\_\_\_p talk *adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination
23. to\_\_n production *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
24. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
25. d\_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
26. cu\_\_\_\_\_te relationships *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
27. video game re\_\_\_e *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

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28. tr\_\_\_\_\_re as expected *v.* to happen or be revealed
29. sa\_\_\_y dish *adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet
30. coal fa\_\_\_e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
31. a no\_\_\_\_\_p run *adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination
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33. ki\_\_\_e strife *v.* to start a fire; to light
34. fo\_\_\_e culture *n.* a person who has a passionate interest in food, especially in trying new and exotic dishes
35. fo\_\_\_e destination *n.* a person who has a passionate interest in food, especially in trying new and exotic dishes
36. di\_\_\_\_\_l a liquid *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
37. cu\_\_\_\_\_te a field *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
38. a di\_\_\_\_\_ve enzyme *adj.* relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food
39. ele\_\_\_\_\_ion victim *n.* death or serious injury caused by electric shock; the act of killing or injuring someone with electricity

ANSWERS: 28. transpire, 29. savory, 30. famine, 31. nonstop, 32. mockumentary, 33. kindle, 34. foodie, 35. foodie, 36. distill, 37. cultivate, 38. digestive, 39. electrocution

40. to\_\_n exposure                      *n.*    a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
41. political fe\_\_\_\_t                    *v.*    to experience a chemical change or action that results in the production of alcohol or effervescence of gases; (noun) a state of agitated activity or change, especially in the context of social or political movements
42. in a da\_\_y manner                    *n.*    a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good

ANSWERS: 40. toxin, 41. ferment, 42. dandy

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.  
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