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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### apathy

*n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

*synonym*: affectlessness, dispassion, indifference

(1) **apathy** in the election, (2) political **apathy**

The global economic crisis has led to pervasive **apathy** and powerlessness.

### discotheque

*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

*synonym*: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

### billboard

*n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads

*synonym*: hoarding, signboard, advertisement

(1) **billboard** advertising, (2) digital **billboard**

The new **billboard** on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.

### privatize

*v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or

organization

*synonym* : deregulate, denationalize

(1) **privatize** post offices, (2) **privatize** healthcare

The government wants to **privatize** specific industries to boost their efficiency.

**spectator**

*n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it

*synonym* : onlooker, observer, viewer

(1) mass **spectator** sport, (2) **spectator** seat

She enjoyed watching the game as a **spectator**.

**prophecy**

*n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader

*synonym* : prediction, foretelling, divination

(1) **prophecy** fulfillment, (2) **prophecy** of doom

The fortune teller's **prophecy** that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.

**heroic**

*adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

*synonym* : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

**imperfectly**

*adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way

*synonym* : amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

**glamorous**

*adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

*synonym* : alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes

The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

## heroism

*n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause

*synonym* : bravery, valor, courage

(1) acts of **heroism**, (2) military **heroism**

The firefighter showed true **heroism** when he rescued the family from the burning building.

## regurgitate

*v.* to bring back partially digested food from the stomach to the mouth; to repeat or recite something without understanding or adding anything new or original

*synonym* : repeat, echo, restate

(1) **regurgitate** food, (2) **regurgitate** information

The biology student had to **regurgitate** all the material she had learned for the final exam.

## cynicism

*n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest

*synonym* : distrust, skepticism, pessimism

(1) **cynicism** towards politics, (2) intellectual **cynicism**

His constant **cynicism** made it difficult for him to connect with others.

## apathetic

*adj.* lacking interest, enthusiasm, or concern; indifferent or unconcerned, often in situations where one might be expected to be emotionally engaged or invested

*synonym* : indifferent, uninterested, unconcerned

(1) **apathetic** attitude, (2) **apathetic** response

She was **apathetic** about the project and didn't care if it succeeded or failed.

## quitter

*n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

*synonym*: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

## elector

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

*synonym*: voter, constituent, citizen

(1) presidential **elector**, (2) qualified for an **elector**

The **elector** cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

## redefine

*v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

*synonym*: reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

## disengage

*v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

*synonym*: withdraw, separate, detach

(1) **disengage** the clutch, (2) **disengage** socially

He **disengaged** from the conversation and walked away.

## dismantle

*v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

*synonym*: take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system

The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ap\_\_\_\_\_ic attitude  
*adj.* lacking interest, enthusiasm, or concern; indifferent or unconcerned, often in situations where one might be expected to be emotionally engaged or invested
2. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue scene  
*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
3. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue party  
*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
4. presidential el\_\_\_\_\_r  
*n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
5. di\_\_\_\_\_le a system  
*v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
6. di\_\_\_\_\_ge socially  
*v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
7. imp\_\_\_\_\_ly developed  
*adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
8. qualified for an el\_\_\_\_\_r  
*n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
9. bi\_\_\_\_\_rd advertising  
*n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
10. di\_\_\_\_\_ge the clutch  
*v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

ANSWERS: 1. apathetic, 2. discotheque, 3. discotheque, 4. elector, 5. dismantle, 6. disengage, 7. imperfectly, 8. elector, 9. billboard, 10. disengage

11. digital bi\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
12. cast gl\_\_\_\_\_us eyes *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
13. imp\_\_\_\_\_ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
14. reg\_\_\_\_\_te food *v.* to bring back partially digested food from the stomach to the mouth; to repeat or recite something without understanding or adding anything new or original
15. ap\_\_\_y in the election *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
16. sp\_\_\_\_\_or seat *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
17. he\_\_\_c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
18. reg\_\_\_\_\_te information *v.* to bring back partially digested food from the stomach to the mouth; to repeat or recite something without understanding or adding anything new or original
19. ap\_\_\_\_\_ic response *adj.* lacking interest, enthusiasm, or concern; indifferent or unconcerned, often in situations where one might be expected to be emotionally engaged or invested

ANSWERS: 11. billboard, 12. glamorous, 13. imperfectly, 14. regurgitate, 15. apathy, 16. spectator, 17. heroic, 18. regurgitate, 19. apathetic

20. pr\_\_\_\_\_ze post offices      *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
21. re\_\_\_\_\_ne customer experience      *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
22. gl\_\_\_\_\_us movie stars      *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
23. cy\_\_\_\_\_sm towards politics      *n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest
24. political ap\_\_\_\_y      *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
25. pr\_\_\_\_\_cy fulfillment      *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
26. mass sp\_\_\_\_\_or sport      *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
27. easy qu\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
28. pr\_\_\_\_\_ze healthcare      *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization

ANSWERS: 20. privatize, 21. redefine, 22. glamorous, 23. cynicism, 24. apathy, 25. prophecy, 26. spectator, 27. quitter, 28. privatize

29. di\_\_\_\_\_le a machine      *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
30. military he\_\_\_\_\_m      *n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause
31. intellectual cy\_\_\_\_\_sm      *n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest
32. a he\_\_\_\_c poem      *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
33. re\_\_\_\_\_ne our role      *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
34. serial qu\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
35. acts of he\_\_\_\_\_m      *n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause
36. pr\_\_\_\_\_cy of doom      *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader

ANSWERS: 29. dismantle, 30. heroism, 31. cynicism, 32. heroic, 33. redefine, 34. quitter, 35. heroism, 36. prophecy

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.  
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ANSWERS: 8. heroism, 9. discotheque, 10. heroic, 11. apathy, 12. disengaged, 13. cynicism, 14. billboard, 15. prophecy

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ANSWERS: 16. privatize, 17. imperfectly, 18. quitter