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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

*synonym*: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

### augment

v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

*synonym*: boost, increase, expand

(1) **augment** the reality, (2) **augment** immunity

Economic factors and monetary policy **augmented** inflation.

### blush

v. to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty

*synonym*: flush, redden, glow

(1) **blush** bright red, (2) **blush** for my mistake

She **blushed** when the boy complimented her.

### shiver

v. to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly

*synonym*: quiver, tremble, shake

(1) **shiver** with delight, (2) **shiver** in fear

I **shiver** in the cold winter air as I wait for the train.

- wig** *n.* a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume  
*synonym* : hairpiece, toupee, hair system  
(1) curly **wig**, (2) blonde **wig**  
She decided to wear a pink **wig** to the costume party.
- provoke** *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect  
*synonym* : stimulate, incite, encourage  
(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction  
Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.
- obsess** *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else  
*synonym* : torment, beset, engross  
(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear  
He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.
- blur** *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision  
*synonym* : smudge, smear, fuzz  
(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**  
The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.
- obsessive** *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors  
*synonym* : compulsive, fixated, besetting  
(1) **obsessive-compulsive** disorder, (2) **obsessive** thoughts  
Her **obsessive** behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

## 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.

## coexist

v. to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

*synonym* : cohabit, accompany, synchronize

(1) **coexist** with nature, (2) **coexist** with diversity

The different species can **coexist** in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.

## reprogram

v. to modify or recreate a program

*synonym* : recreate, modify, revamp

(1) **reprogram** a device, (2) **reprogram** a database

He **reprogrammed** the computer's operating system to remove the safeguard.

## revert

v. to return to a previous state or condition; to reply

*synonym* : return, go back, restore

(1) **revert** to a heavy smoker, (2) **revert** to the original subject

After trying the new software, I **reverted** to the old version.

## primal

*adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

*synonym* : original, fundamental, basic

(1) **primal** eras, (2) **primal** fear

The **primal** instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.

## perspire

v. to sweat; to produce moisture on the skin as a result of physical exertion, heat, or stress

*synonym* : sweat, exude

(1) **perspire** heavily, (2) **perspire** under pressure  
Whenever I think about speaking in front of an audience, I start to **perspire**.

## atomizer

*n.* a device used to convert a liquid into a fine spray or mist, typically by means of pressure or a stream of air or gas

*synonym*: sprayer, mister, nebulizer

(1) nasal **atomizer**, (2) paint **atomizer**

She used the perfume **atomizer** to spritz a fine mist of fragrance on her neck.

## instinctively

*adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training

*synonym*: inherently, intuitively, naturally

(1) **instinctively** grabbed the knife, (2) **instinctively** bad with children

Some researchers claim that even humans can **instinctively** sense earthquakes.

## limitless

*adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

*synonym*: boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential

The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

## boundless

*adj.* having no limits; limitless

*synonym*: limitless, indefinite, bottomless

(1) **boundless** imagination, (2) **boundless** energy

The **boundless** ocean stretched before them as far as the eye could see.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. ins\_\_\_\_\_ely grabbed the knife  
*adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
3. re\_\_\_t to the original subject  
*v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
4. 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
5. ob\_\_\_s over her weight  
*v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
6. sh\_\_\_r in fear  
*v.* to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly
7. sh\_\_\_r with delight  
*v.* to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly
8. bl\_\_h for my mistake  
*v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
9. b\_\_r image  
*n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
10. ob\_\_\_\_\_ve thoughts  
*adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

ANSWERS: 1. redefine, 2. instinctively, 3. revert, 4. redefine, 5. obsess, 6. shiver, 7. shiver, 8. blush, 9. blur, 10. obsessive

11. blonde w\_g *n.* a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume
12. curly w\_g *n.* a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume
13. he is ob\_\_\_sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
14. li\_\_\_\_\_ss potential *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
15. co\_\_\_\_\_t with nature *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
16. pr\_\_\_\_\_e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
17. au\_\_\_\_\_t immunity *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
18. co\_\_\_\_\_t with diversity *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
19. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
20. pr\_\_\_l fear *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
21. nasal at\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a device used to convert a liquid into a fine spray or mist, typically by means of pressure or a stream of air or gas

ANSWERS: 11. wig, 12. wig, 13. obsess, 14. limitless, 15. coexist, 16. provoke, 17. augment, 18. coexist, 19. fascinate, 20. primal, 21. atomizer

22. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
23. ob\_\_\_\_\_ve-compulsive disorder *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
24. bo\_\_\_\_\_ss energy *adj.* having no limits; limitless
25. pr\_\_\_l eras *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
26. au\_\_\_\_\_t the reality *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
27. pe\_\_\_\_\_re under pressure *v.* to sweat; to produce moisture on the skin as a result of physical exertion, heat, or stress
28. motion b\_\_\_r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
29. re\_\_\_\_\_am a device *v.* to modify or recreate a program
30. pe\_\_\_\_\_re heavily *v.* to sweat; to produce moisture on the skin as a result of physical exertion, heat, or stress
31. for a li\_\_\_\_\_ss time *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
32. pr\_\_\_\_\_e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
33. paint at\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a device used to convert a liquid into a fine spray or mist, typically by means of pressure or a stream of air or gas

ANSWERS: 22. fascinate, 23. obsessive, 24. boundless, 25. primal, 26. augment, 27. perspire, 28. blur, 29. reprogram, 30. perspire, 31. limitless, 32. provoke, 33. atomizer

34. bo\_\_\_\_\_ss imagination *adj.* having no limits; limitless
35. bl\_\_h bright red *v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
36. ins\_\_\_\_\_ely bad with children *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
37. re\_\_\_t to a heavy smoker *v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
38. re\_\_\_\_\_am a database *v.* to modify or recreate a program

ANSWERS: 34. boundless, 35. blush, 36. instinctively, 37. revert, 38. reprogram



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She used the perfume \_\_\_\_\_ to spritz a fine mist of fragrance on her neck.  
*n.* a device used to convert a liquid into a fine spray or mist, typically by means of pressure or a stream of air or gas
  
2. Economic factors and monetary policy \_\_\_\_\_ inflation.  
*v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
  
3. Her behavior \_\_\_\_\_ a quarrel between the couple.  
*v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
  
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ ocean stretched before them as far as the eye could see.  
*adj.* having no limits; limitless
  
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ when the boy complimented her.  
*v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
  
6. He \_\_\_\_\_ the computer's operating system to remove the safeguard.  
*v.* to modify or recreate a program
  
7. She decided to wear a pink \_\_\_\_ to the costume party.  
*n.* a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume
  
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.  
*adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

ANSWERS: 1. atomizer, 2. augmented, 3. provoked, 4. boundless, 5. blushed, 6. reprogrammed, 7. wig, 8. primal

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14. He's utterly \_\_\_\_\_ with his promotion.
- v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
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*adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

ANSWERS: 17. fascinated, 18. shiver, 19. limitless