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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### appertain

*v.* to belong or be connected to something; to be relevant or applicable to something; to be a natural or indispensable part of something

*synonym* : pertain, belong, relate

(1) **appertain** to matters, (2) **appertain** to the case

The constitution protects the rights that **appertain** to every citizen.

### cutout

*n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing

*synonym* : silhouette, shape, form

(1) **cutout** from magazines, (2) **cutout** of flowers

The artist used a star **cutout** to make a unique art piece.

### pave

*v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

*synonym* : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more

polished appearance.

## maneuver

*n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

*synonym*: gimmick, trick, action

(1) political **maneuvers**, (2) made a great **maneuver**

In this class, we learn the basic **maneuver** of the plane.

## crux

*n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

*synonym*: heart, core, essence

(1) main **crux**, (2) the **crux** of the argument

The **crux** of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.

## rot

*v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

*synonym*: perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

## paralyze

*v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

*synonym*: immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

## traverse

*v.* to cross or move through a land or water area

*synonym*: cross, pass through, travel over

(1) **traverse** the region, (2) **traverse** a vast extent of sea

Approximately 1000 automobiles **traverse** the bridge every day.

## pivot

*n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

*synonym* : center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

## ubiquitous

*adj.* being or existing everywhere at once

*synonym* : universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

## gazillion

*adj.* extremely large or many, used to express that something is abundant or exists in such large quantities that it's hyperbolically beyond count

*synonym* : countless, myriad, innumerable

(1) watch a **gazillion** movies, (2) a **gazillion** possibilities

I have a **gazillion** things to do before the end of the day.

## stow

*v.* to pack or store something safely and securely, especially on a ship or aircraft; to hide or conceal something

*synonym* : store, pack, stash

(1) **stow** all electronic, (2) **stow** away goods

Please **stow** your luggage in the overhead compartment before takeoff.

## doorway

*n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

*synonym* : entrance, portal, gateway

(1) a wide **doorway**, (2) **doorway** to success

He leaned against the **doorway**, waiting for her to come home.

## excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym* : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## quantify

v. to express or measure something in numerical terms  
*synonym*: measure, express, determine

(1) **quantify** the results, (2) **quantify** blood flow

He tried to **quantify** the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.

## commercialize

v. to make something available for sale or use on a large scale

*synonym*: monetize, capitalize, marketize

(1) **commercialize** my patents, (2) **commercialize** idea

The company is trying to **commercialize** its new product.

## disseminate

v. to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse

*synonym*: spread, circulate, propagate

(1) **disseminate** propaganda, (2) **disseminate** knowledge

It is important to **disseminate** accurate information to the public to prevent false rumors from spreading.

## innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

*synonym*: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

## pinnacle

n. the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success

*synonym*: summit, peak, apex

(1) architectural **pinnacle**, (2) reached the **pinnacle**

Climbing to the **pinnacle** of the mountain is a challenge that many outdoor enthusiasts strive to achieve.

## determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym* : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|------|--|
| 1. r_t with age                 | v.   | to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually   |
| 2. center-pi__t irrigation      | n.   | a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances |
| 3. ubi_____us across ecosystems | adj. | being or existing everywhere at once   |
| 4. ex___e rebellion             | v.   | to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager  |
| 5. in_____te a new method       | v.   | to introduce new methods, ideas, or products   |
| 6. the c__x of the argument     | n.   | the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue  |
| 7. tr_____se the region         | v.   | to cross or move through a land or water area  |
| 8. s__w all electronic          | v.   | to pack or store something safely and securely, especially on a ship or aircraft; to hide or conceal something                               |
| 9. ubi_____us computing         | adj. | being or existing everywhere at once   |
| 10. dis_____te propaganda       | v.   | to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse  |
| 11. qu_____fy the results       | v.   | to express or measure something in numerical terms   |

ANSWERS: 1. rot, 2. pivot, 3. ubiquitous, 4. excite, 5. innovate, 6. crux, 7. traverse, 8. stow, 9. ubiquitous, 10. disseminate, 11. quantify

12. a ga\_\_\_\_\_on possibilities *adj.* extremely large or many, used to express that something is abundant or exists in such large quantities that it's hyperbolically beyond count
13. pa\_\_\_\_\_ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
14. political ma\_\_\_\_\_ers *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
15. p\_\_e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
16. s\_\_w away goods *v.* to pack or store something safely and securely, especially on a ship or aircraft; to hide or conceal something
17. com\_\_\_\_\_ize idea *v.* to make something available for sale or use on a large scale
18. p\_\_e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
19. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
20. architectural pi\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success

ANSWERS: 12. gazillion, 13. paralyze, 14. maneuver, 15. pave, 16. stow, 17. commercialize, 18. pave, 19. determinant, 20. pinnacle

21. reached the pi\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success
22. ap\_\_\_\_\_in to matters *v.* to belong or be connected to something; to be relevant or applicable to something; to be a natural or indispensable part of something
23. cu\_\_\_\_t from magazines *n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing
24. pi\_\_t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
25. begin to r\_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
26. in\_\_\_\_\_te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
27. qu\_\_\_\_\_fy blood flow *v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms
28. pa\_\_\_\_\_ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
29. main c\_\_x *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

ANSWERS: 21. pinnacle, 22. appertain, 23. cutout, 24. pivot, 25. rot, 26. innovate, 27. quantify, 28. paralyze, 29. crux



30. com\_\_\_\_\_ize my patents                    *v.*    to make something available for sale or use on a large scale
31. watch a ga\_\_\_\_\_on movies                    *adj.*    extremely large or many, used to express that something is abundant or exists in such large quantities that it's hyperbolically beyond coun
32. cu\_\_\_\_t of flowers                    *n.*    a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing
33. do\_\_\_\_\_y to success                    *n.*    an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
34. ap\_\_\_\_\_in to the case                    *v.*    to belong or be connected to something; to be relevant or applicable to something; to be a natural or indispensable part of something
35. tr\_\_\_\_\_se a vast extent of sea                    *v.*    to cross or move through a land or water area
36. made a great ma\_\_\_\_\_er                    *n.*    a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
37. ex\_\_\_\_\_e the crowd                    *v.*    to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
38. dis\_\_\_\_\_te knowledge                    *v.*    to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse

ANSWERS: 30. commercialize, 31. gazillion, 32. cutout, 33. doorway, 34. appertain, 35. traverse, 36. maneuver, 37. excite, 38. disseminate

39. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields      *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
40. a wide do\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

ANSWERS: 39. determinant, 40. doorway

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Sugar is \_\_\_\_\_ in food.  
*adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
2. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently \_\_\_\_\_ the emerging technologies.  
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*n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success
4. Please \_\_\_\_\_ your luggage in the overhead compartment before takeoff.  
*v.* to pack or store something safely and securely, especially on a ship or aircraft; to hide or conceal something
5. In this class, we learn the basic \_\_\_\_\_ of the plane.  
*n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
6. The company is trying to \_\_\_\_\_ its new product.  
*v.* to make something available for sale or use on a large scale
7. The constitution protects the rights that \_\_\_\_\_ to every citizen.  
*v.* to belong or be connected to something; to be relevant or applicable to something; to be a natural or indispensable part of something

ANSWERS: 1. ubiquitous, 2. innovate, 3. pinnacle, 4. stow, 5. maneuver, 6. commercialize, 7. appertain

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ANSWERS: 8. doorway, 9. gazillion, 10. traverse, 11. excited, 12. pivot, 13. paved, 14. paralyzed, 15. rot, 16. crux

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- v. to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
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ANSWERS: 17. disseminate, 18. quantify, 19. determinant, 20. cutout