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# **Advanced Words Only**

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# **Session 1: Word List**

#### **swampy**

adj. characterized by marshes, bogs, or other wetlands that are often overgrown with dense vegetation

*synonym*: marshy, boggy, mucky

(1) **swampy** grounds, (2) **swampy** terrain

The hiking trail was closed due to the **swampy** conditions caused by heavy rain.

#### farmland

- n. land used for farming or agricultural purposessynonym: agriculture, cropland
- (1) farmland acreage, (2) fertile farmland

The government is encouraging farmers to expand their **farmland** to increase food production.

### sparsely

 adv. occurring, existing, or situated at wide intervals; in a scattered or thinly populated manner; with a low density or concentration

synonym: rarely, thinly

(1) **sparsely** attended, (2) **sparsely** decorated

The town was **sparsely** populated, with only a few houses scattered around the area.

#### demise

n. death or the end of something

synonym: death, passing, end

(1) demise of bureaucracy, (2) meet their demise

The sudden **demise** of the king was a shock to everyone and threw the kingdom into chaos.

### philanthropy

the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy** Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

### disrepair

 a state of decay, damage, or neglect that results in the deterioration of the quality, function, or appearance of something, particularly a structure or object

synonym: dilapidation, decay, deterioration

(1) building in **disrepair**, (2) equipment in **disrepair**The abandoned building fell into **disrepair** after years of neglect.

#### barbecue

 a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

synonym: grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) barbecue sauce, (2) barbecue grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

#### stark

*adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications *synonym*: crude, blunt, desolate

(1) stark landscape, (2) stark truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

#### understatement

an expression that describes something as less important or serious than it really is

synonym: minimization, underplay, underrating

(1) with a certain **understatement**, (2) master of **understatement** 

It's just a small fire, the firefighter said, in a classic understatement.

#### 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.

#### bleak

adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

synonym: miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

### renegade

 a person who deserts and betrays an organization, country, religious group, or set of principles

synonym: traitor, deserter, insurgent

(1) **renegade** group, (2) **renegade** soldier

He was a **renegade** from the organization who decided to expose the truth.

# visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym: prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) visionary business, (2) visionary ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

#### miller

 a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill

synonym: grinder, pulverizer, crusher

(1) miller flour, (2) water miller

The **miller's** work was a vital component of the local economy, providing flour to the bakeries and farmers in the area.

#### matte

- adj. having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossysynonym: dull, flat, lusterless
- (1) **matte** coating, (2) photo with a **matte** finish.

  The body of his car has a **matte** finish.

#### weld

v. to join two or more pieces of metal together by heating their edges until they melt and fuse

synonym: fuse, join, bond

(1) **weld** a team of such people, (2) **weld** two broken pipes He learned how to **weld** metal in his high school shop class.

#### hands-on

 adj. actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something

synonym: practical, involved, hands-in

(1) **hands-on** activity, (2) take a **hands-on** approach The **hands-on** workshop allowed attendees to work with tools and materials, developing their skills in a hands-on environment.

### opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

#### untouched

- adj. not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any waysynonym: untarnished, pristine, intact
- (1) **untouched** wilderness, (2) **untouched** landscape
  The abandoned house was **untouched** for years, with vines growing all over it.

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#### improvisation

 the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation** He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

#### convivial

 adj. friendly, lively, and enjoyable in a social gathering or atmosphere; characterized by good company and cheerful sociability

synonym: festive, sociable, jovial

(1) **convivial** personality, (2) **convivial** gathering The **convivial** atmosphere of the dinner party made everyone feel comfortable and relaxed.

#### cocreate

- v. to create something by working with others
- (1) **cocreate** our life, (2) **cocreate** a relationship We form partnerships to **cocreate** customer value.

#### chalk

 a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

synonym: white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

#### squat

v. to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground

synonym: crouch, hunch, sit

(1) squat behind a tree, (2) squat exerciseI need to squat down to pick up the pen from the floor.

#### 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.

#### envision

 to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

synonym: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success We cannot **envision** her as President.

#### fabricate

- v. to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone
- synonym: manufacture, assemble, falsify
- (1) **fabricate** a chemical, (2) **fabricate** an excuse

  The detective discovered that the witness had **fabricated** her story about the crime.

#### antidote

- *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
- synonym: remedy, treatment, restorative
- (1) the **antidote** to the poison, (2) the **antidote** for aging Knowledge is the **antidote** to fear.

#### orient

- v. to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
- synonym: position, align, adjust
- (1) **orient** my thinking, (2) the exotic flavor of the **Orient** She took a moment to **orient** herself in the unfamiliar city.

#### infuse

- ν. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
- synonym: instill, fill, permeate
- (1) **infuse** with spirit, (2) **infuse** life with meaning She **infused** fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

#### nebulous

adj. hazy, vague, or ill-defined; of or relating to or resembling a nebula (= an immense cloud of gas and dust in interstellar space)

synonym: vague, cloudy, hazy

(1) **nebulous** concept, (2) **nebulous** material

The plan was **nebulous** and needed more specific details.

#### writ

n. a written legal order or commandsynonym: legal document, order, legal process

(1) a writ of summons, (2) issue a writ

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

#### arduous

adj. requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring, often involving physical or mental labor

synonym: challenging, difficult, strenuous

(1) arduous task, (2) an arduous journey

The climb up the mountain was **arduous** and took us hours to complete.

#### convoluted

*adj.* extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand *synonym*: intricate, complex, bending

(1) **convoluted** plot, (2) **convoluted** legal language

James Joyce's books are full of long, **convoluted** sentences.

## ethnography

 the study of social groups and cultures, often conducted through observation, interviews, and analysis of primary sources; a written account of such a study

synonym: anthropology, cultural analysis

(1) **ethnography** research, (2) **ethnography** methods

The book is a rich and detailed **ethnography** of the cultural practices of a group of people.

# brainstorming

- a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
- (1) brainstorming session, (2) do a brainstorming about a

new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

#### visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

*synonym*: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

#### industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) industrious worker, (2) industrious student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

### untapped

adj. not yet used or exploited

synonym: unexplored, untouched, untried

(1) untapped market, (2) untapped potential

The forest held many **untapped** resources that could be used for commercial purposes.

# humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) humming sound, (2) humming bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

#### reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

reinvent local dishes, (2) reinvent our life
 They have tried to reinvent their grocery stores.

# **Session 2: Spelling**

1.	the exotic flavor of the Ort	v.	to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
2.	neus concept	adj.	hazy, vague, or ill-defined; of or relating to or resembling a nebula (= an immense cloud of gas and dust in interstellar space)
3.	sqt behind a tree	ν.	to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground
4.	coal personality	adj.	friendly, lively, and enjoyable in a social gathering or atmosphere; characterized by good company and cheerful sociability
5.	the ante to the poison	n.	a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
6.	cote our life	<i>v</i> .	to create something by working with others
7.	uned landscape	adj.	not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way

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ANSWERS: 1. orient, 2. nebulous, 3. squat, 4. convivial, 5. antidote, 6. cocreate, 7. untouched

8.	ort my thinking	ν.	to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
9.	photo with a mae finish	adj.	having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
10.	ars task	adj.	requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring, often involving physical or mental labor
11.	rent our life	<i>v</i> .	to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
12.	coned plot	adj.	extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand
13.	water mir	n.	a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill
14.	wd two broken pipes	v.	to join two or more pieces of metal together by heating their edges until they melt and fuse
15.	private phiopy	n.	the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
16.	enon the project's success	<i>v</i> .	to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
17.	chk on a blackboard	n.	a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
18.	rede soldier	n.	a person who deserts and betrays an organization, country, religious group, or set of principles

ANSWERS: 8. orient, 9. matte, 10. arduous, 11. reinvent, 12. convoluted, 13. miller, 14. weld, 15. philanthropy, 16. envision, 17. chalk, 18. renegade

19.	vize flying through space	<i>v</i> .	to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
20.	viry business	adj.	having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
21.	coal gathering	adj.	friendly, lively, and enjoyable in a social gathering or atmosphere; characterized by good company and cheerful sociability
22.	exe rebellion	<i>v</i> .	to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
23.	jazz impion	n.	the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
24.	hug sound	adj.	producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
25.	with a certain undent	n.	an expression that describes something as less important or serious than it really is
26.	an ars journey	adj.	requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring, often involving physical or mental labor
27.	uned wilderness	adj.	not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
28.	enon the future	<i>v</i> .	to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
29.	ine life with meaning	<i>v</i> .	to fill something with a particular quality feeling, or influence; to imbue

ANSWERS: 19. visualize, 20. visionary, 21. convivial, 22. excite, 23. improvisation, 24. humming, 25. understatement, 26. arduous, 27. untouched, 28. envision, 29. infuse

30.	fate a chemical	v.	to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone
31.	dee of bureaucracy	n.	death or the end of something
32.	stk landscape	adj.	empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
33.	indus student	adj.	hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
34.	stk truth	adj.	empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
35.	phiopy organization	n.	the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
36.	a wt of summons	n.	a written legal order or command
37.	coned legal language	adj.	extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand
38.	neus material	adj.	hazy, vague, or ill-defined; of or relating to or resembling a nebula (= an immense cloud of gas and dust in interstellar space)
39.	viry ideas	adj.	having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
40.	opne occasion	adj.	suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
41.	prospects were blk	adj.	unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

ANSWERS: 30. fabricate, 31. demise, 32. stark, 33. industrious, 34. stark, 35. philanthropy, 36. writ, 37. convoluted, 38. nebulous, 39. visionary, 40. opportune, 41. bleak

42.	sply decorated	adv.	occurring, existing, or situated at wide intervals; in a scattered or thinly populated manner; with a low density or concentration
43.	fertile fand	n.	land used for farming or agricultural purposes
44.	issue a wt	n.	a written legal order or command
45.	an opne remark	adj.	suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
46.	mae coating	adj.	having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
47.	vize data	<i>v</i> .	to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
48.	cote a relationship	<i>v</i> .	to create something by working with others
49.	ethhy research	n.	the study of social groups and cultures, often conducted through observation, interviews, and analysis of primary sources; a written account of such a study
50.	baue sauce	n.	a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
51.	swy terrain	adj.	characterized by marshes, bogs, or other wetlands that are often overgrown with dense vegetation

ANSWERS: 42. sparsely, 43. farmland, 44. writ, 45. opportune, 46. matte, 47. visualize, 48. cocreate, 49. ethnography, 50. barbecue, 51. swampy

52.	building in diir	n.	a state of decay, damage, or neglect that results in the deterioration of the quality, function, or appearance of something, particularly a structure or object
53.	fand acreage	n.	land used for farming or agricultural purposes
54.	sply attended	adv.	occurring, existing, or situated at wide intervals; in a scattered or thinly populated manner; with a low density or concentration
55.	do a braing about a new product	n.	a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
56.	equipment in diir	n.	a state of decay, damage, or neglect that results in the deterioration of the quality, function, or appearance of something, particularly a structure or object
57.	rent local dishes	ν.	to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
58.	the ante for aging	n.	a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
59.	hug bird	adj.	producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
60.	pae entertainment	adj.	no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

ANSWERS: 52. disrepair, 53. farmland, 54. sparsely, 55. brainstorming, 56. disrepair, 57. reinvent, 58. antidote, 59. humming, 60. passe

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ANSWERS: 61. miller, 62. weld, 63. improvisation, 64. hands-on, 65. demise, 66. chalk, 67. industrious, 68. squat

ground

physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees

bent and the thighs parallel to the

69.	uned potential	adj.	not yet used or exploited
70.	take a haon approach	adj.	actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something
71.	ine with spirit	v.	to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
72.	master of undent	n.	an expression that describes something as less important or serious than it really is
73.	swy grounds	adj.	characterized by marshes, bogs, or other wetlands that are often overgrown with dense vegetation
74.	ethhy methods	n.	the study of social groups and cultures, often conducted through observation, interviews, and analysis of primary sources; a written account of such a study
75.	pae trend	adj.	no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
76.	exe the crowd	<i>v</i> .	to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
77.	braing session	n.	a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
78.	uned market	adj.	not yet used or exploited
79.	baue grill	n.	a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

ANSWERS: 69. untapped, 70. hands-on, 71. infuse, 72. understatement, 73. swampy, 74. ethnography, 75. passe, 76. excite, 77. brainstorming, 78. untapped, 79. barbecue

- 80. bl\_\_k future
- 81. fa\_\_\_\_te an excuse
- 82. re\_\_\_\_de group

- adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
- v. to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone
- a person who deserts and betrays an organization, country, religious group, or set of principles

ANSWERS: 80. bleak, 81. fabricate, 82. renegade

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

1.	Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on
n.	the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
2.	He was a from the organization who decided to expose the truth.
n.	a person who deserts and betrays an organization, country, religious group, or set of principles
3.	The plan was and needed more specific details.
ad	<ul><li>hazy, vague, or ill-defined; of or relating to or resembling a nebula (= an immense cloud of gas and dust in interstellar space)</li></ul>
4.	James Joyce's books are full of long, sentences.
ad	j. extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand
5.	She tried to the layout of the new house in her mind.
<i>v</i> .	to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
6.	We form partnerships to customer value.
<i>v</i> .	to create something by working with others
7.	Many companies employ as a good way of generating innovative ideas.
n.	a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
8.	They have tried to their grocery stores.
<i>v</i> .	to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
	ISWERS: 1. philanthropy, 2. renegade, 3. nebulous, 4. convoluted, 5. visualize, 6. create, 7. brainstorming, 8. reinvent

- v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
- 11. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.
  - adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
- 12. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ her as President.
  - v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
- 13. The sudden \_\_\_\_\_ of the king was a shock to everyone and threw the kingdom into chaos.
  - n. death or the end of something
- 14. The town was \_\_\_\_\_ populated, with only a few houses scattered around the area.
- adv. occurring, existing, or situated at wide intervals; in a scattered or thinly populated manner; with a low density or concentration
- 15. The detective discovered that the witness had \_\_\_\_\_ her story about the crime.
  - v. to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone
- 16. The \_\_\_\_\_ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.
- adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

ANSWERS: 9. barbecue, 10. excited, 11. industrious, 12. envision, 13. demise, 14. sparsely, 15. fabricated, 16. visionary

17. ¯	The climb up the mountain was and took us hours to complete.
adj.	requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring, often involving physical or mental labor
18. <sup>-</sup>	The abandoned house was for years, with vines growing all over it.
adj.	not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
19. \$	She took a moment to herself in the unfamiliar city.
v.	to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
	The government is encouraging farmers to expand their to increase food production.
n.	land used for farming or agricultural purposes
21. <sup>-</sup>	The body of his car has a finish.
adj.	having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
	He was served with a of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n.	a written legal order or command
23. l	Knowledge is the to fear.
n.	a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison of disease
24. l	He learned how to metal in his high school shop class.
<i>v</i> .	to join two or more pieces of metal together by heating their edges until they melt and fuse
	SWERS: 17. arduous, 18. untouched, 19. orient, 20. farmland, 21. matte, 22. writ, antidote, 24. weld

ANSWERS: 25. bleak, 26. chalk, 27. convivial, 28. passe, 29. understatement, 30. ethnography, 31. opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular

purpose

ANSWERS: 32. swampy, 33. untapped, 34. improvisation, 35. infused, 36. miller's, 37. squat, 38. stark

39.	The of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
adj.	producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
40.	The abandoned building fell into after years of neglect.
n.	a state of decay, damage, or neglect that results in the deterioration of the quality, function, or appearance of something, particularly a structure or object
	The workshop allowed attendees to work with tools and materials, developing their skills in a hands-on environment.
adj.	actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something

ANSWERS: 39. humming, 40. disrepair, 41. hands-on