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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### mammal

*n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

(1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**

Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

### numb

*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

*synonym* : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

### dung

*n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement

*synonym* : excrement, droppings, manure

(1) ball of **dung**, (2) **dung** the land

You can see the horse **dung** on the country road.

### pollinate

*v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others

*synonym* :

fertilize, propagate

(1) **pollinate** plants, (2) **pollinate** fruit trees

Without bees to **pollinate** the flowers, many crops would not exist.

## **inhabitant**

*n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

*synonym*: dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

## **caterpillar**

*n.* the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth

*synonym*: larva, grub, worm

(1) **caterpillar** of a butterfly, (2) **caterpillar** in a cocoon

The woolly bear **caterpillar** munched on leaves all day.

## **locust**

*n.* a type of grasshopper that can travel in large swarms and cause extensive damage to crops; can also refer to various other insects such as cicadas or katydids

*synonym*: grasshopper, cicada, cricket

(1) **locust** army, (2) **locust** plague

The **locust** infestation destroyed the crops, causing widespread famine.

## **pupa**

*n.* the intermediate stage in the development of an insect between the larva and the adult

*synonym*: chrysalis, cocoon, pupae

(1) **pupa** stage, (2) emerge from a **pupa**

The **pupa** of the moth was hidden deep inside the cocoon.

## **delicacy**

*n.* something appealing, refined, or subtle in taste, texture, or appearance; a food item that is considered rare, costly, or requiring special preparation; sensitivity or tact in dealing with others or handling delicate situations

*synonym*: delectable, daintiness, refinement

(1) **delicacy** of flavor, (2) seafood **delicacy**

She enjoyed the **delicacy** of the French cuisine at the fancy

restaurant.

## cochineal

*n.* a scale insect that is used to produce a red dye called carmine; the dye itself

*synonym*: carmine dye, insect dye

(1) **cochineal** dye, (2) **cochineal** extract

The red dye in the fabric was derived from the **cochineal** insect.

## cactus

*n.* a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers

*synonym*: desert plant, succulent, thornbush

(1) small **cactus**, (2) potted **cactus**

The hiker got pricked by a **cactus** needle while walking.

## canary

*n.* a small, typically yellow songbird that is often kept as a pet or used to denote the presence of gas or other hazards in a mine

(1) **canary** bird, (2) **canary** yellow

The **canary** in the coal mine was used as an early warning system for miners about dangerous gases.

## confer

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym*: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## devote

*v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

*synonym*: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

## medicinal

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

*synonym*: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

## proliferate

v. to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner

*synonym*: multiply, spread, propagate

(1) **proliferate** cells, (2) **proliferate** weeds

The number of COVID cases continued to **proliferate** in many countries worldwide.

## swine

n. a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat

*synonym*: pig, hog, porker

(1) **swine** flu, (2) **swine** industry

The farmer raises **swine** on his farm for the market.

## manure

n. organic matter, such as animal dung or decaying plant material, used as fertilizer to improve the fertility of soil; animal waste material used as fertilizer

*synonym*: fertilizer, dung, compost

(1) composted **manure**, (2) animal **manure**

The farmers used cow **manure** to create compost for their crops.

## ammonia

n. a compound of nitrogen and hydrogen that forms a gas with a strong smell, used as cleaning substances, fertilizers, and explosives

(1) **ammonia** water, (2) inhale **ammonia** fumes

The advent of **ammonia** fertilizers markedly increased agricultural productivity.

## malign

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence

*synonym*: defame, vilify, (adjective) evil

(1) **malign** influence, (2) **malign** the politician in the media

The article **maligned** the company's reputation with false accusations.

## grasshopper

*n.* large jumping insect; used to symbolize restlessness or ephemerality

*synonym* : locust, katydid, cricket

(1) **grasshopper** mice, (2) **grasshopper** species

The **grasshopper** leaped from one blade of grass to another.

## rainforest

*n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

## abundantly

*adv.* in large quantities; plentifully

*synonym* : plentifully, copiously, lavishly

(1) **abundantly** clear, (2) **abundantly** available

The policy change resulted in an **abundantly** positive outcome for the company.

## crayfish

*n.* a freshwater crustacean resembling a small lobster typically found in streams, rivers, and lakes and often used as a popular food source

*synonym* : crawfish, crawdad, freshwater lobster

(1) freshwater **crayfish**, (2) cooked **crayfish**

The seafood restaurant is known for its delicious **crayfish** dish.

## mindset

*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

*synonym* : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. sw__e flu                          | <i>n.</i> a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat   |
| 2. am____a water                      | <i>n.</i> a compound of nitrogen and hydrogen that forms a gas with a strong smell, used as cleaning substances, fertilizers, and explosives   |
| 3. the mi____t in an education system | <i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone  |
| 4. abu_____ly clear                   | <i>adv.</i> in large quantities; plentifully   |
| 5. ca___y yellow                      | <i>n.</i> a small, typically yellow songbird that is often kept as a pet or used to denote the presence of gas or other hazards in a mine  |
| 6. de___e all of my energies          | <i>v.</i> to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose   |
| 7. the early inh_____nts of Europe    | <i>n.</i> a person or an animal that lives in a particular place   |
| 8. ca___y bird                        | <i>n.</i> a small, typically yellow songbird that is often kept as a pet or used to denote the presence of gas or other hazards in a mine  |
| 9. po_____te plants                   | <i>v.</i> to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others |

ANSWERS: 1. swine, 2. ammonia, 3. mindset, 4. abundantly, 5. canary, 6. devote, 7. inhabitant, 8. canary, 9. pollinate

10. cooked cr\_\_\_\_sh *n.* a freshwater crustacean resembling a small lobster typically found in streams, rivers, and lakes and often used as a popular food source
11. inhale am\_\_\_\_a fumes *n.* a compound of nitrogen and hydrogen that forms a gas with a strong smell, used as cleaning substances, fertilizers, and explosives
12. co\_\_\_\_r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
13. po\_\_\_\_te fruit trees *v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
14. cat\_\_\_\_ar of a butterfly *n.* the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
15. potted ca\_\_\_\_s *n.* a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers
16. pro\_\_\_\_te weeds *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
17. sw\_\_e industry *n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
18. animal ma\_\_\_\_e *n.* organic matter, such as animal dung or decaying plant material, used as fertilizer to improve the fertility of soil; animal waste material used as fertilizer

ANSWERS: 10. crayfish, 11. ammonia, 12. confer, 13. pollinate, 14. caterpillar, 15. cactus, 16. proliferate, 17. swine, 18. manure

19. p\_\_a stage *n.* the intermediate stage in the development of an insect between the larva and the adult
20. abu\_\_\_\_\_ly available *adv.* in large quantities; plentifully
21. cat\_\_\_\_\_ar in a cocoon *n.* the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
22. inh\_\_\_\_\_nt tax *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
23. co\_\_\_\_\_al dye *n.* a scale insect that is used to produce a red dye called carmine; the dye itself
24. gra\_\_\_\_\_er mice *n.* large jumping insect; used to symbolize restlessness or ephemerality
25. rai\_\_\_\_\_st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
26. de\_\_\_\_\_cy of flavor *n.* something appealing, refined, or subtle in taste, texture, or appearance; a food item that is considered rare, costly, or requiring special preparation; sensitivity or tact in dealing with others or handling delicate situations
27. freshwater cr\_\_\_\_\_sh *n.* a freshwater crustacean resembling a small lobster typically found in streams, rivers, and lakes and often used as a popular food source
28. seafood de\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* something appealing, refined, or subtle in taste, texture, or appearance; a food item that is considered rare, costly, or requiring special preparation; sensitivity or tact in dealing with others or handling delicate situations

ANSWERS: 19. pupa, 20. abundantly, 21. caterpillar, 22. inhabitant, 23. cochineal, 24. grasshopper, 25. rainforest, 26. delicacy, 27. crayfish, 28. delicacy



29. d\_\_g the land *n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement
30. n\_\_b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
31. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
32. flexible mi\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
33. tropical rai\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
34. small ca\_\_\_\_s *n.* a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers
35. gra\_\_\_\_\_er species *n.* large jumping insect; used to symbolize restlessness or ephemerality
36. me\_\_\_\_\_al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
37. de\_\_\_e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
38. co\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
39. lo\_\_\_t plague *n.* a type of grasshopper that can travel in large swarms and cause extensive damage to crops; can also refer to various other insects such as cicadas or katydids

ANSWERS: 29. dung, 30. numb, 31. medicinal, 32. mindset, 33. rainforest, 34. cactus, 35. grasshopper, 36. medicinal, 37. devote, 38. confer, 39. locust

40. emerge from a p\_\_a *n.* the intermediate stage in the development of an insect between the larva and the adult
41. ma\_\_\_n the politician in the media *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
42. composted ma\_\_\_e *n.* organic matter, such as animal dung or decaying plant material, used as fertilizer to improve the fertility of soil; animal waste material used as fertilizer
43. lo\_\_\_t army *n.* a type of grasshopper that can travel in large swarms and cause extensive damage to crops; can also refer to various other insects such as cicadas or katydids
44. a n\_\_b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
45. ball of d\_\_g *n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement
46. a sort of ma\_\_\_l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
47. co\_\_\_\_\_al extract *n.* a scale insect that is used to produce a red dye called carmine; the dye itself
48. pro\_\_\_\_\_te cells *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner

ANSWERS: 40. pupa, 41. malign, 42. manure, 43. locust, 44. numb, 45. dung, 46. mammal, 47. cochineal, 48. proliferate

49. a primitive ma\_\_\_l

*n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

50. ma\_\_\_n influence

*v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence

ANSWERS: 49. mammal, 50. malign

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The red dye in the fabric was derived from the \_\_\_\_\_ insect.  
*n.* a scale insect that is used to produce a red dye called carmine; the dye itself
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.  
*v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
3. The advent of \_\_\_\_\_ fertilizers markedly increased agricultural productivity.  
*n.* a compound of nitrogen and hydrogen that forms a gas with a strong smell, used as cleaning substances, fertilizers, and explosives
4. The number of COVID cases continued to \_\_\_\_\_ in many countries worldwide.  
*v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
5. The wooly bear \_\_\_\_\_ munched on leaves all day.  
*n.* the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ infestation destroyed the crops, causing widespread famine.  
*n.* a type of grasshopper that can travel in large swarms and cause extensive damage to crops; can also refer to various other insects such as cicadas or katydids
7. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.  
*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 1. cochineal, 2. devoted, 3. ammonia, 4. proliferate, 5. caterpillar, 6. locust, 7. confer

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ leaped from one blade of grass to another.  
*n.* large jumping insect; used to symbolize restlessness or ephemerality
9. The farmers used cow \_\_\_\_\_ to create compost for their crops.  
*n.* organic matter, such as animal dung or decaying plant material, used as fertilizer to improve the fertility of soil; animal waste material used as fertilizer
10. She enjoyed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the French cuisine at the fancy restaurant.  
*n.* something appealing, refined, or subtle in taste, texture, or appearance; a food item that is considered rare, costly, or requiring special preparation; sensitivity or tact in dealing with others or handling delicate situations
11. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the moth was hidden deep inside the cocoon.  
*n.* the intermediate stage in the development of an insect between the larva and the adult
13. The policy change resulted in an \_\_\_\_\_ positive outcome for the company.  
*adv.* in large quantities; plentifully
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the coal mine was used as an early warning system for miners about dangerous gases.  
*n.* a small, typically yellow songbird that is often kept as a pet or used to denote the presence of gas or other hazards in a mine
15. Marine \_\_\_\_\_ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.  
*n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

ANSWERS: 8. grasshopper, 9. manure, 10. delicacy, 11. numb, 12. pupa, 13. abundantly, 14. canary, 15. mammal

16. The hiker got pricked by a \_\_\_\_\_ needle while walking.

*n.* a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers

17. The farmer raises \_\_\_\_\_ on his farm for the market.

*n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat

18. His family is the oldest \_\_\_\_\_ of the island.

*n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

19. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

20. You can see the horse \_\_\_\_\_ on the country road.

*n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement

21. The article \_\_\_\_\_ the company's reputation with false accusations.

*v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way;  
(adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence

22. The destruction of the \_\_\_\_\_ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

*n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

23. The seafood restaurant is known for its delicious \_\_\_\_\_ dish.

*n.* a freshwater crustacean resembling a small lobster typically found in streams, rivers, and lakes and often used as a popular food source

ANSWERS: 16. cactus, 17. swine, 18. inhabitant, 19. medicinal, 20. dung, 21. maligned, 22. rainforest, 23. crayfish

24. Without bees to \_\_\_\_\_ the flowers, many crops would not exist.
- v. to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
25. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial \_\_\_\_\_ in each individual.
- n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

ANSWERS: 24. pollinate, 25. mindset