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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### inherit

*v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

*synonym* : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

### defy

*v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

*synonym* : challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

### disinherit

*v.* to exclude someone from inheriting or receiving an inheritance, typically by legal means; to prevent someone from receiving their expected share of an inheritance

*synonym* : disown, cut off

(1) **disinherit** a child, (2) **disinherit** a family member

He decided to **disinherit** his rebellious son after years of disagreements.

## incline

*v.* to lean or bend in a particular direction; to feel a strong willingness or preference toward something

*synonym* : lean, slant, slope

(1) **incline** towards a certain opinion, (2) **incline** my head  
I **incline** toward the idea of taking a vacation instead of working overtime.

## cyclone

*n.* a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs

*synonym* : tornado, twister, hurricane

(1) **cyclone** warning, (2) devastating **cyclone**

The **cyclone's** strong winds and rough seas severely impacted the fishing industry.

## secondly

*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

*synonym* : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

## 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.

## dowry

*n.* property or money brought by a bride to her husband on their marriage, traditionally in some cultures

*synonym* : dower, portion, settlement

(1) **dowry** payment, (2) donate a **dowry**

Traditionally, a bride's **dowry** consisted of money, property, or other valuable possessions given to the groom's family.

## racket

*n.* a loud and unpleasant noise that is often repeated or sustained over a period of time; a tool or implement used in various leisure activities or sports, such as tennis or badminton

*synonym*: dissonance, noise, paddle

(1) make a **racket**, (2) badminton **racket**

The sound of shelves crashing to the floor created a terrible **racket** in the grocery store.

## extracurricular

*adj.* outside the regular curriculum or program of courses

*synonym*: non-academic, non-curricular, outside

(1) **extracurricular** study, (2) **extracurricular** club

He was heavily involved in **extracurricular** activities and was president of the debate club.

## indefatigable

*adj.* showing tireless and persistent effort; seemingly never getting tired or lacking energy, often used to describe someone who works hard and does not give up easily

*synonym*: tireless, unwearied, inexhaustible

(1) **indefatigable** energy, (2) an **indefatigable** pursuit

Despite the long hours and difficult conditions, the rescue workers were **indefatigable** in their efforts to find survivors.

## stamina

*n.* the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively

*synonym*: endurance, staying power, resilience

(1) **stamina** training, (2) lose **stamina**

The athlete's **stamina** was tested during the grueling triathlon.

- pun** *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay  
*synonym* : joke, quip, wordplay  
(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**  
The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.
- 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.
- compassionate** *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others  
*synonym* : empathetic, sympathetic, merciful  
(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave  
My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.
- indiscriminate** *adj.* done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless  
*synonym* : random, haphazard, eclectic  
(1) **indiscriminate** violence, (2) **indiscriminate** use of force  
The **indiscriminate** spraying of pesticides is harmful to both the environment and people's health.
- burglar** *n.* a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime  
*synonym* : thief, robber, intruder  
(1) ex-convict **burglar**, (2) caught the **burglar**  
The skilled **burglar** bypassed the alarm system and entered the house without making a sound.
- ashram** *n.* a secluded religious community or retreat center where people practice yoga, meditation, and other spiritual

disciplines under the guidance of a teacher or guru  
*synonym* : meditation center, spiritual retreat, monastery

(1) meditation **ashram**, (2) live cloistered away in an **ashram**

Yoga practitioners often retreat to an **ashram** for intensive meditation and study.

## 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**.

## courageous

*adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

*synonym* : brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

## mindful

*adj.* being conscious or aware of something; paying close attention to what is happening; being focused and attentive in the present moment

*synonym* : aware, attentive, conscious

(1) **mindful** of my responsibilities, (2) **mindful** eating

Practicing **mindful** meditation can help reduce stress and improve overall well-being.

## distort

*v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

*synonym* : fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

## preach

*v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

*synonym*: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

## underserved

*adj.* inadequately or insufficiently provided with help, products, or services

(1) **underserved** market, (2) traditionally **underserved**

This area is medically **underserved**.

## ombudsperson

*n.* an official or appointed person who acts as an impartial mediator or advocate for fairness and transparency in matters involving disputes or complaints, often within an organization or institution, working to resolve conflicts and ensure that individuals' rights and concerns are considered and addressed

*synonym*: advocate, mediator

(1) **ombudsperson** role, (2) **ombudsperson** office

The student **ombudsperson** at the university helps resolve complaints and disputes between students and the administration.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. vi\_\_\_\_\_ry business *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
2. badminton ra\_\_\_\_t *n.* a loud and unpleasant noise that is often repeated or sustained over a period of time; a tool or implement used in various leisure activities or sports, such as tennis or badminton
3. 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
4. d\_\_y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
5. cy\_\_\_\_\_e warning *n.* a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs
6. caught the bu\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime
7. mi\_\_\_\_\_l eating *adj.* being conscious or aware of something; paying close attention to what is happening; being focused and attentive in the present moment

ANSWERS: 1. visionary, 2. racket, 3. redefine, 4. defy, 5. cyclone, 6. burglar, 7. mindful

8. ind\_\_\_\_\_ate use of force      *adj.* done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless
9. ind\_\_\_\_\_ate violence      *adj.* done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless
10. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
11. ext\_\_\_\_\_lar club      *adj.* outside the regular curriculum or program of courses
12. make a cou\_\_\_\_\_us decision      *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
13. make a ra\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a loud and unpleasant noise that is often repeated or sustained over a period of time; a tool or implement used in various leisure activities or sports, such as tennis or badminton
14. ind\_\_\_\_\_ble energy      *adj.* showing tireless and persistent effort; seemingly never getting tired or lacking energy, often used to describe someone who works hard and does not give up easily
15. pr\_\_\_\_h to the masses      *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
16. in\_\_\_\_\_t estate      *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
17. an ind\_\_\_\_\_ble pursuit      *adj.* showing tireless and persistent effort; seemingly never getting tired or lacking energy, often used to describe someone who works hard and does not give up easily

ANSWERS: 8. indiscriminate, 9. indiscriminate, 10. opportune, 11. extracurricular, 12. courageous, 13. racket, 14. indefatigable, 15. preach, 16. inherit, 17. indefatigable



18. witty p\_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
19. mi\_\_\_\_\_l of my responsibilities *adj.* being conscious or aware of something; paying close attention to what is happening; being focused and attentive in the present moment
20. ext\_\_\_\_\_lar study *adj.* outside the regular curriculum or program of courses
21. se\_\_\_\_\_ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
22. silly p\_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
23. st\_\_\_\_\_a training *n.* the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively
24. in\_\_\_\_\_e towards a certain opinion *v.* to lean or bend in a particular direction; to feel a strong willingness or preference toward something
25. se\_\_\_\_\_ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
26. d\_\_y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

ANSWERS: 18. pun, 19. mindful, 20. extracurricular, 21. secondly, 22. pun, 23. stamina, 24. incline, 25. secondly, 26. defy

27. traditionally und\_\_\_\_\_ed *adj.* inadequately or insufficiently provided with help, products, or services
28. do\_\_y payment *n.* property or money brought by a bride to her husband on their marriage, traditionally in some cultures
29. live cloistered away in an as\_\_\_m *n.* a secluded religious community or retreat center where people practice yoga, meditation, and other spiritual disciplines under the guidance of a teacher or guru
30. cou\_\_\_\_\_us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
31. devastating cy\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs
32. lose st\_\_\_\_\_a *n.* the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively
33. dis\_\_\_\_\_it a family member *v.* to exclude someone from inheriting or receiving an inheritance, typically by legal means; to prevent someone from receiving their expected share of an inheritance
34. omb\_\_\_\_\_son role *n.* an official or appointed person who acts as an impartial mediator or advocate for fairness and transparency in matters involving disputes or complaints, often within an organization or institution, working to resolve conflicts and ensure that individuals' rights and concerns are considered and addressed

ANSWERS: 27. underserved, 28. dowry, 29. ashram, 30. courageous, 31. cyclone, 32. stamina, 33. disinherit, 34. ombudsperson

35. 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
36. in\_\_\_\_e my head      *v.* to lean or bend in a particular direction; to feel a strong willingness or preference toward something
37. pr\_\_\_\_h the gospel      *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
38. donate a do\_\_y      *n.* property or money brought by a bride to her husband on their marriage, traditionally in some cultures
39. ex-convict bu\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime
40. di\_\_\_\_t the economy      *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
41. vi\_\_\_\_ry ideas      *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
42. a n\_\_b mind      *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
43. n\_\_b with cold      *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
44. a com\_\_\_\_ate heart      *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

ANSWERS: 35. redefine, 36. incline, 37. preach, 38. dowry, 39. burglar, 40. distort, 41. visionary, 42. numb, 43. numb, 44. compassionate

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47. meditation as\_\_\_\_m      *n.* a secluded religious community or retreat center where people practice yoga, meditation, and other spiritual disciplines under the guidance of a teacher or guru
48. di\_\_\_\_\_t the facts      *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
49. dis\_\_\_\_\_it a child      *v.* to exclude someone from inheriting or receiving an inheritance, typically by legal means; to prevent someone from receiving their expected share of an inheritance
50. in\_\_\_\_\_t ancestral property      *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
51. com\_\_\_\_\_ate leave      *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
52. und\_\_\_\_\_ed market      *adj.* inadequately or insufficiently provided with help, products, or services

ANSWERS: 45. ombudsperson, 46. opportune, 47. ashram, 48. distort, 49. disinherit, 50. inherit, 51. compassionate, 52. underserved

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He decided to \_\_\_\_\_ his rebellious son after years of disagreements.
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