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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### remit

*n.* the act of sending money or payment to someone; the area of responsibility or authority assigned to a particular person or group; (verb) to send money in payment or as a gift

*synonym* : payment, settlement, remittance

(1) tax **remit**, (2) **remit** by cable

The **remit** of the committee is to review the company's financial statements.

### ginormous

*adj.* (combination of "gigantic" and "enormous") extremely large

*synonym* : huge, gigantic, mammoth

(1) **ginormous** elephant, (2) **ginormous** skyscraper

The construction site was filled with **ginormous** pieces of heavy machinery.

### pleach

*v.* to interweave or intertwine branches or plants to create a hedge or fence; to cause things to intersect or cross each other

*synonym* : twist, interlace, intertwine

(1) **pleach** trees, (2) **pleach** grapevines

The gardener **pleached** the branches of the hedge to form a neat, woven pattern.

## graft

*n.* a transplanted portion of tissue or skin, often taken from one part of the body and used to repair or replace damaged or missing tissue in another part; a corrupt or illegal means of acquiring wealth or power through illicit or unethical methods

*synonym*: transplant, implantation, bribery

(1) **graft** surgery, (2) anti- **graft** law

The patient's skin **graft** procedure was successful, and he was released from the hospital.

## osculate

*v.* to kiss; to come into close contact or touch

*synonym*: kiss, smooch, peck

(1) **osculate** at this specific point, (2) **osculate** her cheek

The melody of the song **osculates** with the rhythm perfectly.

## modicum

*n.* a small or moderate amount of something, often something that is desirable

*synonym*: bit, speck, iota

(1) a **modicum** of truth, (2) a **modicum** of sense

A **modicum** of patience is needed to complete this project successfully.

## scaffold

*n.* a temporary platform or structure used to support workers and materials during construction or maintenance work

*synonym*: platform, staging, framework

(1) **scaffold** construction, (2) go to the **scaffold**

The construction workers set up the **scaffold** to reach the top of the building.

## epithet

*n.* a descriptive word or phrase used to characterize or describe someone or something; a term or nickname that highlights a particular quality, attribute, or characteristic

*synonym*: nickname, moniker, label

(1) literary **epithets**, (2) offensive **epithet**

He was given the **epithet** "The King of Rock and Roll" for his

iconic contributions to music.

## veggie

*adj.* (short for vegetarian) relating to or consisting of vegetables

*synonym*: vegetarian, herbivorous, plant-based

(1) **veggie** omelet, (2) **veggie** dip

I prefer to eat **veggie** burgers instead of traditional meat burgers.

## vitro

*n.* (used as "in vitro") a scientific experiment or procedure that takes place outside of a living organism, usually in a test tube or petri dish

*synonym*: glass, container, vessel

(1) in **vitro** fermentation, (2) in **vitro** diagnostics

The lab technician used in **vitro** fertilization to help the couple conceive.

## regenerative

*adj.* tending to regrow or restore lost or injured tissue

*synonym*: rejuvenating, restorative, healing

(1) **regenerative** medicine, (2) **regenerative** therapy

The **regenerative** properties of stem cells make them a promising area of research.

## 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.

## sentient

*adj.* having the ability to perceive or feel things, particularly through sense perception like touch or sight, especially at higher levels of intelligence and consciousness

*synonym*: conscious, aware, perceptive

(1) **sentient** beings, (2) **sentient** robots

Animals such as dolphins and elephants are highly **sentient** and intelligent creatures.

## sect

*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

*synonym* : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

## cilium

*n.* a microscopic, hair-like cellular projection that is found on the surface of many cells in the body, helping them to move or trap debris

*synonym* : eyelash, flagellum

(1) **cilium** movement, (2) primary **cilium**

The microscopic analysis revealed a **cilium's** presence on the single-celled organism's surface.

## sphincter

*n.* a circular muscle that regulates the flow of material through a passage or opening, such as the anus or a valve in the digestive system

*synonym* : valve, muscle ring

(1) urinary **sphincter**, (2) anal **sphincter**

The digestive system's **sphincter** muscle helps regulate the food and waste flow.

## cathedral

*n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

*synonym* : church, basilica, temple

(1) **cathedral** school, (2) **cathedral** choir

The **cathedral's** stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. go to the sc\_\_\_\_ld  
*n.* a temporary platform or structure used to support workers and materials during construction or maintenance work
2. secret s\_\_t  
*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
3. ve\_\_\_e omelet  
*adj.* (short for vegetarian) relating to or consisting of vegetables
4. re\_\_t by cable  
*n.* the act of sending money or payment to someone; the area of responsibility or authority assigned to a particular person or group; (verb) to send money in payment or as a gift
5. ci\_\_\_m movement  
*n.* a microscopic, hair-like cellular projection that is found on the surface of many cells in the body, helping them to move or trap debris
6. offensive ep\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* a descriptive word or phrase used to characterize or describe someone or something; a term or nickname that highlights a particular quality, attribute, or characteristic
7. a mo\_\_\_\_m of sense  
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8. in vi\_\_o fermentation *n.* (used as "in vitro") a scientific experiment or procedure that takes place outside of a living organism, usually in a test tube or petri dish
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13. urinary sp\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a circular muscle that regulates the flow of material through a passage or opening, such as the anus or a valve in the digestive system
14. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
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17. se\_\_\_\_\_nt beings *adj.* having the ability to perceive or feel things, particularly through sense perception like touch or sight, especially at higher levels of intelligence and consciousness
18. os\_\_\_\_\_te her cheek *v.* to kiss; to come into close contact or touch
19. anti-gr\_\_t law *n.* a transplanted portion of tissue or skin, often taken from one part of the body and used to repair or replace damaged or missing tissue in another part; a corrupt or illegal means of acquiring wealth or power through illicit or unethical methods
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