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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### robe

*n.* a loose-fitting garment, typically a long flowing outer garment, often worn as a ceremonial or formal attire

*synonym* : gown, cloak, dress

(1) silk **robe**, (2) velvet **robe**

The wizard's **robe** was embroidered with golden stars and moons.

### whisk

*v.* to move something somewhere suddenly and quickly

*synonym* : whip, hasten, wipe

(1) **whisk** flies away, (2) **whisk** people from entrance to exit

**Whisk** rapidly until egg whites are foamy.

### infrequent

*adj.* occurring rarely or irregularly; happening at long intervals; not happening often or in large numbers

*synonym* : rare, sporadic, uncommon

(1) **infrequent** showers, (2) **infrequent** meetings

Traveling to remote villages can be difficult due to **infrequent** transportation.

### passee

*adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

*synonym* : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **pas**se fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

## 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.

## inward

*adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking

*synonym*: internal, introspective, interior

(1) **inward** peace, (2) **inward** cargo

The **inward** motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.

## improvisation

*n.* 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**.

## impediment

*n.* a hindrance or obstruction in doing something

*synonym*: obstacle, hindrance, barrier

(1) have a speech **impediment**, (2) biological **impediment**

The language barrier was an **impediment** to their communication.

## paradox

*n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

*synonym*: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

## idolatry

*n.* the worship of idols or images; the excessive or blind adoration, reverence, devotion, or worship of something

or someone

*synonym* : worship, adoration, devotion

(1) **idolatry** worship, (2) abolished **idolatry**

The practice of **idolatry** was common in ancient cultures.

## divinity

*n.* the state or quality of being divine; the state of being a god or goddess; the study of religious beliefs and practices

*synonym* : godhead, deity, divineness

(1) an indwelling **divinity**, (2) **divinity** degree

The ancient civilization revered the **divinity** of the god.

## liberate

*v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

*synonym* : emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

## revered

*v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities

*synonym* : respected, admired, honored

(1) **revered** figure, (2) the most **revered** President

The **revered** teacher was loved by her students.

## depletion

*n.* the reduction of something, especially a natural resource, to a critically low level

*synonym* : exhaustion, deficiency, reduction

(1) **depletion** of bodily fluids, (2) **depletion** of ozone

The **depletion** of natural resources is a major concern for environmentalists.

## disintegrate

*v.* break or cause to break into small fragments

*synonym* : shatter, crumble, break down

(1) **disintegrate** in an explosion, (2) **disintegrate** over time

The vase **disintegrated** into pieces when it fell to the ground.

## 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.

## rejoice

*v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event

*synonym* : enjoy, delight, celebrate

(1) **rejoice** over a victory, (2) **rejoice** at the moment

We should all **rejoice** in the good things life has to offer.

## well-being

*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

*synonym* : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

## 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.

## aspiration

*n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

*synonym* : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

## posit

*v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

*synonym* : assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

**dizzy**

*adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

*synonym* : addled, confounded, unsteady

(1) feel **dizzy**, (2) had a **dizzy** spell

Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting **dizzy**.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
2. re\_\_\_\_\_e over a victory *v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
3. de\_\_\_\_\_on of bodily fluids *n.* the reduction of something, especially a natural resource, to a critically low level
4. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
5. dis\_\_\_\_\_ate in an explosion *v.* break or cause to break into small fragments
6. silk r\_\_\_e *n.* a loose-fitting garment, typically a long flowing outer garment, often worn as a ceremonial or formal attire
7. id\_\_\_\_\_ry worship *n.* the worship of idols or images; the excessive or blind adoration, reverence, devotion, or worship of something or someone
8. the pa\_\_\_\_\_x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
9. abolished id\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* the worship of idols or images; the excessive or blind adoration, reverence, devotion, or worship of something or someone

ANSWERS: 1. improvisation, 2. rejoice, 3. depletion, 4. opportune, 5. disintegrate, 6. robe, 7. idolatry, 8. paradox, 9. idolatry

10. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
11. pa\_\_e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
12. French pa\_\_\_\_\_x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
13. de\_\_\_\_\_on of ozone *n.* the reduction of something, especially a natural resource, to a critically low level
14. hu\_\_\_\_\_g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
15. di\_\_\_\_\_ty degree *n.* the state or quality of being divine; the state of being a god or goddess; the study of religious beliefs and practices
16. co\_\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
17. biological imp\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a hindrance or obstruction in doing something
18. have a speech imp\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a hindrance or obstruction in doing something
19. inf\_\_\_\_\_nt showers *adj.* occurring rarely or irregularly; happening at long intervals; not happening often or in large numbers
20. asp\_\_\_\_\_on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

ANSWERS: 10. opportune, 11. passe, 12. paradox, 13. depletion, 14. humming, 15. divinity, 16. confer, 17. impediment, 18. impediment, 19. infrequent, 20. aspiration

21. velvet r\_\_e *n.* a loose-fitting garment, typically a long flowing outer garment, often worn as a ceremonial or formal attire
22. the most re\_\_\_\_d President *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
23. the wel\_\_\_\_\_ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
24. dis\_\_\_\_\_ate over time *v.* break or cause to break into small fragments
25. re\_\_\_\_\_e at the moment *v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
26. hu\_\_\_\_\_g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
27. po\_\_t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
28. feel di\_\_y *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
29. in\_\_\_d peace *adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
30. no asp\_\_\_\_\_on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
31. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
32. an indwelling di\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state or quality of being divine; the state of being a god or goddess; the study of religious beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 21. robe, 22. revered, 23. well-being, 24. disintegrate, 25. rejoice, 26. humming, 27. posit, 28. dizzy, 29. inward, 30. aspiration, 31. improvisation, 32. divinity



33. li\_\_\_\_te potential      *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
34. had a di\_\_y spell      *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
35. inf\_\_\_\_\_nt meetings      *adj.* occurring rarely or irregularly; happening at long intervals; not happening often or in large numbers
36. co\_\_\_\_r honor      *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
37. wh\_\_k people from entrance to exit      *v.* to move something somewhere suddenly and quickly
38. wh\_\_k flies away      *v.* to move something somewhere suddenly and quickly
39. re\_\_\_\_\_d figure      *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
40. in\_\_\_\_d cargo      *adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
41. pa\_\_e entertainment      *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
42. li\_\_\_\_te people from oppression      *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
43. po\_\_t the existence of life after death      *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
44. a sense of wel\_\_\_\_\_ng      *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

ANSWERS: 33. liberate, 34. dizzy, 35. infrequent, 36. confer, 37. whisk, 38. whisk, 39. revered, 40. inward, 41. passe, 42. liberate, 43. posit, 44. well-being

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered \_\_\_\_\_ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.  
*adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
3. 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
4. He has an \_\_\_\_\_ to become a doctor.  
*n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of natural resources is a major concern for environmentalists.  
*n.* the reduction of something, especially a natural resource, to a critically low level
6. 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
7. We should all \_\_\_\_\_ in the good things life has to offer.  
*v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. passe, 3. humming, 4. aspiration, 5. depletion, 6. confer, 7. rejoice

8. Traveling to remote villages can be difficult due to \_\_\_\_\_ transportation.  
*adj.* occurring rarely or irregularly; happening at long intervals; not happening often or in large numbers
9. The wizard's \_\_\_\_\_ was embroidered with golden stars and moons.  
*n.* a loose-fitting garment, typically a long flowing outer garment, often worn as a ceremonial or formal attire
10. We are responsible for the care and \_\_\_\_\_ of all our employees.  
*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
11. Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
12. The prisoners were \_\_\_\_\_ after the war ended.  
*v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
13. The ancient civilization revered the \_\_\_\_\_ of the god.  
*n.* the state or quality of being divine; the state of being a god or goddess; the study of religious beliefs and practices
14. The language barrier was an \_\_\_\_\_ to their communication.  
*n.* a hindrance or obstruction in doing something
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ teacher was loved by her students.  
*v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
16. The vase \_\_\_\_\_ into pieces when it fell to the ground.  
*v.* break or cause to break into small fragments

ANSWERS: 8. infrequent, 9. robe, 10. well-being, 11. dizzy, 12. liberated, 13. divinity, 14. impediment, 15. revered, 16. disintegrated

17. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
18. \_\_\_\_\_ rapidly until egg whites are foamy.
- v.* to move something somewhere suddenly and quickly
19. We should \_\_\_\_\_ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.
- v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
20. The practice of \_\_\_\_\_ was common in ancient cultures.
- n.* the worship of idols or images; the excessive or blind adoration, reverence, devotion, or worship of something or someone
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.
- adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
22. There are many theories to explain this \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

ANSWERS: 17. improvisation, 18. Whisk, 19. posit, 20. idolatry, 21. inward, 22. paradox