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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### standing

*adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position;  
(noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

*synonym*: upright, vertical, (noun) position

(1) **standing** water, (2) his social **standing**

The **standing** concert was packed with fans.

### excuse

*n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

*synonym*: apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

### oak

*n.* a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns

(1) the wine in giant **oak** vats, (2) old **oak** trees

Large **oak** trees cast a shadow in the garden.

### elm

*n.* a type of deciduous tree with broad, often serrated leaves and a tall, straight trunk

*synonym*: elmwood, hardwood, deciduous

(1) **elm** bark beetle, (2) ancient **elm**

The majestic **elm** tree provided shade and beauty in the park.

## confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym*: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality  
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## disappoint

*v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

*synonym*: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me  
She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

## district

*n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

*synonym*: territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

## 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**.

## obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym*: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

## opposition

*n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

*synonym*: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**  
The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

## assume

*v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

*synonym*: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

## downbeat

*adj.* having a negative or pessimistic attitude or outlook; lacking in enthusiasm or optimism; (noun, of music) the first beat, often emphasized more than the other beats

*synonym*: negative, pessimistic, gloomy

(1) **downbeat** mood, (2) **downbeat** figure

Her **downbeat** attitude made it difficult for others to feel optimistic.

## phrase

*n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together

*synonym*: expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

## accurate

*adj.* correct and exact in all details

*synonym*: exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

## brilliant

*adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

*synonym*: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
2. st\_\_\_\_ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
3. school di\_\_\_\_cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
4. br\_\_\_\_nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
5. do\_\_\_\_at mood *adj.* having a negative or pessimistic attitude or outlook; lacking in enthusiasm or optimism; (noun, of music) the first beat, often emphasized more than the other beats
6. ob\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
7. urban di\_\_\_\_cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
8. a n\_\_b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
9. old o\_k trees *n.* a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns
10. n\_\_b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
11. as\_\_\_\_e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 1. obvious, 2. standing, 3. district, 4. brilliant, 5. downbeat, 6. obvious, 7. district, 8. numb, 9. oak, 10. numb, 11. assume

12. perfect ex\_\_\_e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
13. ac\_\_\_\_te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
14. dis\_\_\_\_\_nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
15. his social st\_\_\_\_ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
16. noun ph\_\_\_e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
17. ancient e\_m *n.* a type of deciduous tree with broad, often serrated leaves and a tall, straight trunk
18. provide ac\_\_\_\_te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
19. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
20. br\_\_\_\_\_nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
21. don't dis\_\_\_\_\_nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
22. ex\_\_\_e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 12. excuse, 13. accurate, 14. disappoint, 15. standing, 16. phrase, 17. elm, 18. accurate, 19. confuse, 20. brilliant, 21. disappoint, 22. excuse

23. e\_m bark beetle *n.* a type of deciduous tree with broad, often serrated leaves and a tall, straight trunk
24. co\_\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
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26. as\_\_\_e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
27. opp\_\_\_\_\_on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
28. meet with opp\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
29. ready-made ph\_\_\_es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
30. do\_\_\_\_\_at figure *adj.* having a negative or pessimistic attitude or outlook; lacking in enthusiasm or optimism; (noun, of music) the first beat, often emphasized more than the other beats

ANSWERS: 23. elm, 24. confuse, 25. oak, 26. assume, 27. opposition, 28. opposition, 29. phrase, 30. downbeat

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.  
*n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
2. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.  
*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
3. He quickly fabricated an \_\_\_\_\_ for not attending the meeting.  
*n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
4. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.  
*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
5. We bought a Spanish \_\_\_\_\_ book.  
*n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
6. Her \_\_\_\_\_ attitude made it difficult for others to feel optimistic.  
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7. The \_\_\_\_\_ concert was packed with fans.  
*adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
8. The more \_\_\_\_\_ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.  
*adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

ANSWERS: 1. opposition, 2. obvious, 3. excuse, 4. confused, 5. phrase, 6. downbeat, 7. standing, 8. brilliant



9. The following example \_\_\_\_\_ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
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10. Since 2001, the \_\_\_\_\_ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
- n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
11. She worked very hard not to \_\_\_\_\_ her boss's expectations.
- v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
12. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
13. Large \_\_\_\_\_ trees cast a shadow in the garden.
- n.* a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns
14. The majestic \_\_\_\_\_ tree provided shade and beauty in the park.
- n.* a type of deciduous tree with broad, often serrated leaves and a tall, straight trunk
15. The official transcript contains \_\_\_\_\_ academic records.
- adj.* correct and exact in all details

ANSWERS: 9. assumes, 10. district, 11. disappoint, 12. numb, 13. oak, 14. elm, 15. accurate