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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### sibling

*n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

*synonym* : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

### 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.

### encroach

*v.* to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.

*synonym* : invade, impinge, infringe

(1) **encroach** on the realm, (2) **encroach** on the habitat of the animal

You have no right to **encroach** on my leisure time.

### peasant

*n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

*synonym* : farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

## evacuate

*v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

*synonym*: empty, clear out, vacate

(1) **evacuate** the building, (2) **evacuate** civilians

The town was forced to **evacuate** due to the hurricane approaching.

## utopia

*n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

*synonym*: paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

## seep

*v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually

*synonym*: leak, ooze, trickle

(1) **seep** cool and moist air, (2) **seep** into paper

The rain began to **seep** through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.

## narration

*n.* the act or process of telling a story; the relating of a story or account

*synonym*: story-telling, recital, account

(1) **narration** of events, (2) exaggerate in **narration**

His **narration** of the story was engaging and captivating.

## impending

*adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent

*synonym*: imminent, upcoming, approaching

(1) **impending** doom, (2) **impending** crisis

We must prepare for the **impending** storm expected to hit our area.

## **munition**

*n.* weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition

*synonym*: armament, weaponry, ordnance

(1) **munitions** factory, (2) military **munitions**

The soldiers had stored their **munitions** in a secure bunker.

## **communion**

*n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

*synonym*: affinity, intimacy, camaraderie

(1) **communion** with God, (2) spiritual **communion** with nature

We use this tableware in a **communion** service.

## **porridge**

*n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners

*synonym*: oatmeal, gruel, mush

(1) oat **porridge**, (2) sweet **porridge**

A bowl of hot **porridge** is a nutritious breakfast option in winter.

## **allege**

*v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

*synonym*: claim, assert, state

(1) **allege** abuse, (2) **allege** wrongdoing

The prosecution **alleged** that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

## **gallows**

*n.* a wooden structure, typically formed by two upright poles and a crossbeam, used for the execution of criminals by hanging

*synonym* : gibbet, scaffold, hanging

(1) **gallows** humor, (2) with **gallows** eyes

The judge sentenced the criminal to the **gallows** for his heinous crimes.

## **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 **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

## **idyllic**

*adj.* pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple

*synonym* : picturesque, pastoral, scenic

(1) **idyllic** setting, (2) **idyllic** vacation

The village was known for its **idyllic** way of life and picturesque scenery.

## **lawless**

*adj.* lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system

*synonym* : unlawful, illegal, criminal

(1) **lawless** society, (2) **lawless** behavior

The underground club was a **lawless** environment where anything could happen.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------|---|
| 1. im_____ng doom            | <i>adj.</i> about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent   |
| 2. en_____ch on the realm    | <i>v.</i> to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.  |
| 3. oat po_____ge             | <i>n.</i> a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners                           |
| 4. al____e wrongdoing        | <i>v.</i> to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence   |
| 5. mu_____ons factory        | <i>n.</i> weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition |
| 6. with ga_____s eyes        | <i>n.</i> a wooden structure, typically formed by two upright poles and a crossbeam, used for the execution of criminals by hanging                               |
| 7. li_____te potential       | <i>v.</i> to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression  |
| 8. a ut____a for an engineer | <i>n.</i> an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity                |

ANSWERS: 1. impending, 2. encroach, 3. porridge, 4. allege, 5. munition, 6. gallows, 7. liberate, 8. utopia

9. co\_\_\_\_\_on with God *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
10. ev\_\_\_\_\_te the building *v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk
11. na\_\_\_\_\_on of events *n.* the act or process of telling a story; the relating of a story or account
12. pa\_\_e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
13. perfect ut\_\_\_a *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
14. id\_\_\_\_\_c vacation *adj.* pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple
15. spiritual co\_\_\_\_\_on with nature *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
16. pa\_\_e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
17. s\_\_p cool and moist air *v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually

ANSWERS: 9. communion, 10. evacuate, 11. narration, 12. passe, 13. utopia, 14. idyllic, 15. communion, 16. passe, 17. seep

18. en\_\_\_\_ch on the habitat of the animal  
v. to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.
19. li\_\_\_\_te people from oppression  
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20. ev\_\_\_\_te civilians  
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21. id\_\_\_\_c setting  
*adj.* pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple
22. have a si\_\_\_\_g quarrel  
*n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
23. military mu\_\_\_\_ons  
*n.* weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition
24. la\_\_\_\_s society  
*adj.* lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system
25. al\_\_\_\_e abuse  
v. to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
26. play with my si\_\_\_\_gs  
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27. im\_\_\_\_ng crisis  
*adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent

ANSWERS: 18. encroach, 19. liberate, 20. evacuate, 21. idyllic, 22. sibling, 23. munition, 24. lawless, 25. allege, 26. sibling, 27. impending

28. exploited pe\_\_\_\_t *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
29. pe\_\_\_\_t class *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
30. sweet po\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
31. ga\_\_\_\_s humor *n.* a wooden structure, typically formed by two upright poles and a crossbeam, used for the execution of criminals by hanging
32. s\_\_p into paper *v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
33. la\_\_\_\_s behavior *adj.* lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system
34. exaggerate in na\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of telling a story; the relating of a story or account

ANSWERS: 28. peasant, 29. peasant, 30. porridge, 31. gallows, 32. seep, 33. lawless, 34. narration



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered \_\_\_\_\_ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.  
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2. The prisoners were \_\_\_\_\_ after the war ended.  
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3. The prosecution \_\_\_\_\_ that the defendant was guilty of the crime.  
*v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
4. The town was forced to \_\_\_\_\_ due to the hurricane approaching.  
*v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk
5. The judge sentenced the criminal to the \_\_\_\_\_ for his heinous crimes.  
*n.* a wooden structure, typically formed by two upright poles and a crossbeam, used for the execution of criminals by hanging
6. The rain began to \_\_\_\_\_ through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.  
*v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
7. The village was known for its \_\_\_\_\_ way of life and picturesque scenery.  
*adj.* pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple

ANSWERS: 1. passe, 2. liberated, 3. alleged, 4. evacuate, 5. gallows, 6. seep, 7. idyllic

8. A bowl of hot \_\_\_\_\_ is a nutritious breakfast option in winter.
- n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
9. We use this tableware in a \_\_\_\_\_ service.
- n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
10. The underground club was a \_\_\_\_\_ environment where anything could happen.
- adj.* lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system
11. Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a \_\_\_\_\_ but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.
- n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
12. You have no right to \_\_\_\_\_ on my leisure time.
- v.* to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.
13. The concept of \_\_\_\_\_ is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.
- n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
14. The soldiers had stored their \_\_\_\_\_ in a secure bunker.
- n.* weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition

ANSWERS: 8. porridge, 9. communion, 10. lawless, 11. peasant, 12. encroach, 13. utopia, 14. munitions

15. Children often copy their parents or elder \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

16. His \_\_\_\_\_ of the story was engaging and captivating.

*n.* the act or process of telling a story; the relating of a story or account

17. We must prepare for the \_\_\_\_\_ storm expected to hit our area.

*adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent

ANSWERS: 15. siblings, 16. narration, 17. impending