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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort  
*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

### furious

*adj.* extremely angry; full of rage  
*synonym*: angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

### hashtag

*n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**

Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track engagement and reach.

### pervasive

*adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

*synonym*: extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic  
Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

## empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something  
*synonym*: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

*synonym*: pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

## 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**.

## discredit

v. to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

*synonym*: disprove, undermine, disgrace

(1) **discredit** a theory, (2) **discredit** a witness

The company's unethical practices have **discredited** its brand image in the eyes of consumers.

## diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

*synonym*: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling  
As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

## retribution

*n.* punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing

*synonym*: punishment, revenge, recompense

(1) divine **retribution**, (2) seek **retribution**

He faced **retribution** for his crimes and was sentenced to many years.

## evidential

*adj.* providing or related to facts

*synonym*: indicative, evidentiary

(1) **evidential** hearing, (2) **evidential** fact

All juries should have a copy of the **evidential** data.

## aft

*adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

## courtroom

*n.* a room in which a court of law is held

*synonym*: law court, tribunal

(1) **courtroom** drama, (2) **courtroom** trial

The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave testimony crucial to the case.

## dissect

*v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail

*synonym*: analyze, examine, study

(1) **dissect** the data, (2) **dissect** a personality

The scientist **dissected** the frog to study its internal organs.

## skeptic

*n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

*synonym*: doubter, disbeliever, questioner

(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**

He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

## contemporaneous

*adj.* occurring at the same time; existing, or happening during the same period

*synonym*: coeval, concurrent, simultaneous

(1) **contemporaneous** negotiations, (2) **contemporaneous** sources

The **contemporaneous** events of the time were chronicled in the history books.

## 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.

## contaminate

*v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

*synonym*: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

## handwritten

*adj.* written with a pen or pencil rather than typed

(1) **handwritten** character, (2) **handwritten** signature

The letter was written in **handwritten** script and had a personal touch.

## smartphone

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the

advent of **smartphones**.

## timestamp

*n.* a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day

(1) the **timestamp** on a file, (2) a UNIX **timestamp**

The engineer checked the log records' **timestamps** to investigate the system's bug.

## writ

*n.* a written legal order or command

*synonym*: legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

## unstructured

*adj.* not having a clear organization or arrangement

*synonym*: unorganized, unarranged, formless

(1) **unstructured** text, (2) **unstructured** information

The **unstructured** data took a lot of work to analyze and interpret.

## 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.

## overestimate

*v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is

*synonym*: overrate, overvalue, embellish

(1) **overestimate** the value, (2) **overestimate** the amount of time spent

He tends to **overestimate** his abilities.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. a fu\_\_\_\_s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
2. uns\_\_\_\_red text *adj.* not having a clear organization or arrangement
3. di\_\_\_\_sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
4. con\_\_\_\_te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
5. di\_\_\_\_sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
6. climate sk\_\_\_\_c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
7. trending ha\_\_\_\_g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
8. an ingrained sk\_\_\_\_c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
9. ove\_\_\_\_ate the value *v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
10. hu\_\_\_\_g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

ANSWERS: 1. furious, 2. unstructured, 3. diminish, 4. contaminate, 5. diminish, 6. skeptic, 7. hashtag, 8. skeptic, 9. overestimate, 10. humming

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| 11. hu____g sound           | <i>adj.</i> producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee   |
| 12. evi_____al hearing      | <i>adj.</i> providing or related to facts   |
| 13. uns_____red information | <i>adj.</i> not having a clear organization or arrangement  |
| 14. a_t cabin               | <i>adj.</i> (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle            |
| 15. em_____r my life        | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something  |
| 16. divine ret_____on       | <i>n.</i> punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing |
| 17. ha___s the enemy        | <i>v.</i> to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention   |
| 18. a_t view                | <i>adj.</i> (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle            |
| 19. han_____en character    | <i>adj.</i> written with a pen or pencil rather than typed  |
| 20. con_____ous sources     | <i>adj.</i> occurring at the same time; existing, or happening during the same period   |
| 21. di_____t a personality  | <i>v.</i> to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail  |
| 22. con_____te his ego      | <i>v.</i> to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture   |

ANSWERS: 11. humming, 12. evidential, 13. unstructured, 14. aft, 15. empower, 16. retribution, 17. harass, 18. aft, 19. handwritten, 20. contemporaneous, 21. dissect, 22. contaminate

23. di\_\_\_\_\_t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
24. fu\_\_\_\_\_s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
25. di\_\_\_\_\_t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
26. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
27. pe\_\_\_\_\_ve language *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
28. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
29. a UNIX ti\_\_\_\_\_mp *n.* a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day
30. di\_\_\_\_\_it a witness *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
31. the ti\_\_\_\_\_mp on a file *n.* a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day
32. marked with a ha\_\_\_\_\_g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
33. a w\_\_t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
34. evi\_\_\_\_\_al fact *adj.* providing or related to facts

ANSWERS: 23. distort, 24. furious, 25. distort, 26. smartphone, 27. pervasive, 28. industrious, 29. timestamp, 30. discredit, 31. timestamp, 32. hashtag, 33. writ, 34. evidential



35. di\_\_\_\_t the data *v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
36. co\_\_\_\_\_om trial *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
37. ove\_\_\_\_\_ate the amount of time spent *v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
38. con\_\_\_\_\_ous negotiations *adj.* occurring at the same time; existing, or happening during the same period
39. co\_\_\_\_\_om drama *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
40. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
41. ha\_\_\_s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
42. em\_\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
43. seek ret\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing
44. had a di\_\_y spell *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
45. feel di\_\_y *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
46. issue a w\_\_t *n.* a written legal order or command
47. han\_\_\_\_\_en signature *adj.* written with a pen or pencil rather than typed

ANSWERS: 35. dissect, 36. courtroom, 37. overestimate, 38. contemporaneous, 39. courtroom, 40. industrious, 41. harass, 42. empower, 43. retribution, 44. dizzy, 45. dizzy, 46. writ, 47. handwritten

48. the pe\_\_\_\_\_ve odor of garlic

*adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

49. di\_\_\_\_\_it a theory

*v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

50. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne addict

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 48. pervasive, 49. discredit, 50. smartphone

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ events of the time were chronicled in the history books.  
*adj.* occurring at the same time; existing, or happening during the same period
2. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
3. The company \_\_\_\_\_ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.  
*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
4. The engineer checked the log records' \_\_\_\_\_ to investigate the system's bug.  
*n.* a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day
5. He faced \_\_\_\_\_ for his crimes and was sentenced to many years.  
*n.* punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing
6. He tends to \_\_\_\_\_ his abilities.  
*v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
7. She was constantly \_\_\_\_\_ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.  
*v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

ANSWERS: 1. contemporaneous, 2. smartphones, 3. empowered, 4. timestamps, 5. retribution, 6. overestimate, 7. harassed

8. The coach was \_\_\_\_\_ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.  
*adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
9. Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting \_\_\_\_\_.  
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10. The \_\_\_\_\_ data took a lot of work to analyze and interpret.  
*adj.* not having a clear organization or arrangement
11. As people get old, their energies may \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
12. The eyewitness took the stand in the \_\_\_\_\_ and gave testimony crucial to the case.  
*n.* a room in which a court of law is held
13. 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
14. He was served with a \_\_\_\_\_ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.  
*n.* a written legal order or command
15. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
16. All juries should have a copy of the \_\_\_\_\_ data.  
*adj.* providing or related to facts

ANSWERS: 8. furious, 9. dizzy, 10. unstructured, 11. diminish, 12. courtroom, 13. humming, 14. writ, 15. industrious, 16. evidential

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*n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
18. The \_\_\_\_ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.  
*adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
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*v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
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24. The company's unethical practices have \_\_\_\_\_ its brand image in the eyes of consumers.  
*v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

ANSWERS: 17. skeptic, 18. aft, 19. contaminate, 20. distort, 21. hashtag, 22. handwritten, 23. pervasive, 24. discredited

25. The scientist \_\_\_\_\_ the frog to study its internal organs.

v. to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail

ANSWERS: 25. dissected