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*Renny Gleeson: Our antisocial phone tricks | TED Talk*

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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### glob

*n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance

*synonym*: ball, lump, sphere

(1) **glob** of paint, (2) **glob** of honey

She squeezed a **glob** of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.

### stratum

*n.* a layer or level of something, usually referring to a layer of rock or soil in the Earth's crust

*synonym*: layer, level, tier

(1) social **stratum**, (2) **stratum** corneum

The geologist identified a new **stratum** of rock through his research.

### societal

*adj.* relating to society or social relationships

*synonym*: social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

### contort

*v.* to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape

*synonym*: deform, disfigure, distort

(1) **contort** my limbs, (2) **contort** the face

He **contorted** his smile with anger coming from his gut.

## recumbent

*adj.* lying down or reclining; resting or leaning in a position of repose; can also refer to a type of bicycle with a reclined seating position

*synonym* : reclining, lying down, decumbent

(1) **recumbent** position, (2) **recumbent** bike

After a long day of hiking, I laid down on a **recumbent** chair to relax.

## clap

*v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

*synonym* : applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. so\_\_\_\_al norms *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
2. social st\_\_\_\_m *n.* a layer or level of something, usually referring to a layer of rock or soil in the Earth's crust
3. re\_\_\_\_\_nt position *adj.* lying down or reclining; resting or leaning in a position of repose; can also refer to a type of bicycle with a reclined seating position
4. c\_\_p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
5. co\_\_\_\_t my limbs *v.* to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape
6. co\_\_\_\_t the face *v.* to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape
7. c\_\_p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
8. g\_\_b of paint *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
9. so\_\_\_\_al expectations *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
10. st\_\_\_\_m corneum *n.* a layer or level of something, usually referring to a layer of rock or soil in the Earth's crust
11. g\_\_b of honey *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance

ANSWERS: 1. societal, 2. stratum, 3. recumbent, 4. clap, 5. contort, 6. contort, 7. clap, 8. glob, 9. societal, 10. stratum, 11. glob

12. re\_\_\_\_\_nt bike

*adj.* lying down or reclining; resting or leaning in a position of repose; can also refer to a type of bicycle with a reclined seating position

ANSWERS: 12. recumbent

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She squeezed a \_\_\_\_\_ of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.  
*n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ his smile with anger coming from his gut.  
*v.* to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape
3. After a long day of hiking, I laid down on a \_\_\_\_\_ chair to relax.  
*adj.* lying down or reclining; resting or leaning in a position of repose; can also refer to a type of bicycle with a reclined seating position
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ pressure to conform is strong in this community.  
*adj.* relating to society or social relationships
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ along with the singer's song.  
*v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
6. The geologist identified a new \_\_\_\_\_ of rock through his research.  
*n.* a layer or level of something, usually referring to a layer of rock or soil in the Earth's crust

ANSWERS: 1. glob, 2. contorted, 3. recumbent, 4. societal, 5. clapped, 6. stratum