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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### equate

*v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous

*synonym*: associate, liken, relate

(1) **equate** mistakes with failure, (2) **equate** to legal responsibility

It isn't very reasonable to **equate** money with happiness.

### viol

*n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

*synonym*: viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

### primal

*adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

*synonym*: original, fundamental, basic

(1) **primal** eras, (2) **primal** fear

The **primal** instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.

### perpendicular

*adj.* forming, situated at, or being at a right angle to a given line or plane; upright or vertical; at right angles to the horizon

*synonym* : vertical, upright, standing

(1) **perpendicular** angles, (2) **perpendicular** walls

The two lines were perfectly **perpendicular** to each other.

## rot

*v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

*synonym* : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

## ponder

*v.* to think deeply or carefully about something

*synonym* : think about, consider, reflect on

(1) **ponder** divine matters, (2) **ponder** life's meaning

She sat quietly, **pondering** the difficult decision.

## dolphin

*n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

*synonym* : porpoise, cetacean, marine mammal

(1) **dolphin** show, (2) **dolphin-watching** tour

The large group of **dolphins** swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.

## afterward

*adv.* after the time mentioned

*synonym* : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

## provocative

*adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately

*synonym* : instigating, provoking, inciting

(1) **provocative** questions, (2) a **provocative** smile

His **provocative** style frequently sparked controversies.

**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.

**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.

**gore**

*v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound

*synonym* : pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

**levitate**

*v.* to rise or float in the air without apparent support, often in a magical or supernatural manner

*synonym* : hover, float, soar

(1) **levitate** objects, (2) **levitate** for a few seconds

The magician appeared to **levitate** off the stage, stunning the audience.

**sect**

*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

*synonym* : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

**tramp**

*n.* a long, heavy walk or hike; a person who travels on foot, particularly over long distances; a homeless or vagrant

person; a heavy or clumsy step or the sound it makes;  
(verb) to walk heavily or noisily

*synonym* : hiker, wanderer, vagabond

(1) **tramp** comedian, (2) **tramp** all over the place

We went for a long **tramp** in the woods to enjoy the beautiful fall colors.

## irritate

v. to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore

*synonym* : annoy, vex, bother

(1) **irritate** skin, (2) **irritate** my partner

The sound of his chewing loudly **irritates** me during dinner.

## retouch

v. to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools

*synonym* : edit, revise, touch up

(1) **retouch** photo, (2) **retouch** painting

She had her portrait **retouched** to remove blemishes.

## purposely

*adv.* with the intention of doing something; deliberately

*synonym* : intentionally, deliberately, on purpose

(1) **purposely** ignored, (2) **purposely** vague

She **purposely** left her phone at home to disconnect and enjoy her vacation.

## anamorphic

*adj.* relating to or characterized by a distorted or altered perspective or image that must be viewed from a specific angle or with a specific device to be properly perceived or understood, typically used about certain art techniques or specialized lenses in photography and cinematography

*synonym* : distorted, deformed

(1) **anamorphic** projection, (2) **anamorphic** image

The filmmaker used an **anamorphic** lens to create a widescreen cinematic effect.

## disguise

*v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

*synonym*: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

## Arthurian

*adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances

The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

## scot

*n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

*synonym*: tax, charge, toll

(1) pay annual **scot**, (2) traditional **Scot** attire

The **scot-free** suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

## assemblage

*n.* a collection or gathering of things or persons; a group or ensemble of items that have been brought together in a particular way

*synonym*: gathering, collection, meeting

(1) sculptural **assemblage**, (2) an **assemblage** of tools

The **assemblage** of artists displayed their works in the gallery for all to see.

## cutlery

*n.* a collective term for utensils used for eating and serving food, typically made of metal, such as knives, forks, and spoons

*synonym*: silverware, utensils, flatware

(1) silver **cutlery**, (2) plastic **cutlery**

The restaurant set the table with gleaming **cutlery** for the fine dining experience.

## weld

*v.* to join two or more pieces of metal together by heating their edges until they melt and fuse

*synonym* : fuse, join, bond

(1) **weld** a team of such people, (2) **weld** two broken pipes  
He learned how to **weld** metal in his high school shop class.

## ken

*n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight;  
(verb) to be aware of or know

*synonym* : knowledge, understanding, familiarity

(1) within my **ken**, (2) **ken** of the person

He had a good **ken** of the city and could easily find his way around.

## seashell

*n.* a type of shell that once housed a mollusk, typically found on beaches or in shallow water

*synonym* : shell, conch, bivalve

(1) **seashell** ornament, (2) a fossil **seashell**

I love collecting **seashells** on the beach and displaying them in a jar at home.

## rearrange

*v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned

*synonym* : readjust, reorganize, reconstruct

(1) **rearrange** the furniture, (2) **rearrange** his schedule

Please **rearrange** these files as we start a new project tomorrow.

## crossword

*n.* a word puzzle consisting of a grid of black and white squares and blanks into which words crossing vertically and horizontally are written according to clues

(1) do a **crossword** puzzle, (2) good at **crossword** puzzles

He sat frowning over a **crossword** puzzle.

## doe

*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

*synonym* : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. plastic cu\_\_\_\_y *n.* a collective term for utensils used for eating and serving food, typically made of metal, such as knives, forks, and spoons
  
2. good at cr\_\_\_\_\_rd puzzles *n.* a word puzzle consisting of a grid of black and white squares and blanks into which words crossing vertically and horizontally are written according to clues
  
3. po\_\_t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
  
4. po\_\_\_\_r divine matters *v.* to think deeply or carefully about something
  
5. tr\_\_p comedian *n.* a long, heavy walk or hike; a person who travels on foot, particularly over long distances; a homeless or vagrant person; a heavy or clumsy step or the sound it makes; (verb) to walk heavily or noisily
  
6. pu\_\_\_\_\_ly ignored *adv.* with the intention of doing something; deliberately
  
7. pu\_\_\_\_\_ly vague *adv.* with the intention of doing something; deliberately
  
8. ir\_\_\_\_\_te skin *v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore

ANSWERS: 1. cutlery, 2. crossword, 3. posit, 4. ponder, 5. tramp, 6. purposely, 7. purposely, 8. irritate



9. ir\_\_\_\_te my partner      *v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore
10. w\_\_d two broken pipes      *v.* to join two or more pieces of metal together by heating their edges until they melt and fuse
11. eq\_\_\_e to legal responsibility      *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
12. d\_e rabbit      *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
13. re\_\_\_\_h painting      *v.* to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools
14. within my k\_n      *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
15. ana\_\_\_\_\_ic image      *adj.* relating to or characterized by a distorted or altered perspective or image that must be viewed from a specific angle or with a specific device to be properly perceived or understood, typically used about certain art techniques or specialized lenses in photography and cinematography
16. pr\_\_\_l fear      *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
17. di\_\_\_\_se my feelings      *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

ANSWERS: 9. irritate, 10. weld, 11. equate, 12. doe, 13. retouch, 14. ken, 15. anamorphic, 16. primal, 17. disguise

18. pr\_\_\_l eras *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
19. di\_\_\_\_\_se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
20. do\_\_\_\_\_n show *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
21. a fossil se\_\_\_\_\_ll *n.* a type of shell that once housed a mollusk, typically found on beaches or in shallow water
22. pa\_\_e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
23. re\_\_\_\_\_ge his schedule *v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
24. a pro\_\_\_\_\_ve smile *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
25. per\_\_\_\_\_lar angles *adj.* forming, situated at, or being at a right angle to a given line or plane; upright or vertical; at right angles to the horizon
26. eq\_\_\_e mistakes with failure *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
27. tr\_\_p all over the place *n.* a long, heavy walk or hike; a person who travels on foot, particularly over long distances; a homeless or vagrant person; a heavy or clumsy step or the sound it makes; (verb) to walk heavily or noisily

ANSWERS: 18. primal, 19. disguise, 20. dolphin, 21. seashell, 22. passe, 23. rearrange, 24. provocative, 25. perpendicular, 26. equate, 27. tramp



37. pay annual s\_\_t *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
38. Ar\_\_\_\_\_an romances *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
39. sculptural ass\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a collection or gathering of things or persons; a group or ensemble of items that have been brought together in a particular way
40. v\_\_l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
41. do\_\_\_\_\_n-watching tour *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
42. a few years af\_\_\_\_\_rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
43. per\_\_\_\_\_lar walls *adj.* forming, situated at, or being at a right angle to a given line or plane; upright or vertical; at right angles to the horizon
44. po\_\_\_\_r life's meaning *v.* to think deeply or carefully about something
45. traditional S\_\_t attire *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
46. begin to r\_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
47. do a cr\_\_\_\_\_rd puzzle *n.* a word puzzle consisting of a grid of black and white squares and blanks into which words crossing vertically and horizontally are written according to clues

ANSWERS: 37. scot, 38. Arthurian, 39. assemblage, 40. viol, 41. dolphin, 42. afterward, 43. perpendicular, 44. ponder, 45. scot, 46. rot, 47. crossword

48. an ass\_\_\_\_\_ge of tools *n.* a collection or gathering of things or persons; a group or ensemble of items that have been brought together in a particular way
49. silver cu\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a collective term for utensils used for eating and serving food, typically made of metal, such as knives, forks, and spoons
50. k\_n of the person *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
51. le\_\_\_\_\_te objects *v.* to rise or float in the air without apparent support, often in a magical or supernatural manner
52. the Ar\_\_\_\_\_an cycle *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
53. w\_\_d a team of such people *v.* to join two or more pieces of metal together by heating their edges until they melt and fuse
54. po\_\_t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
55. secret s\_\_t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
56. re\_\_\_\_\_ge the furniture *v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned

ANSWERS: 48. assemblage, 49. cutlery, 50. ken, 51. levitate, 52. Arthurian, 53. weld, 54. posit, 55. sect, 56. rearrange

57. v\_\_l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
58. g\_\_e scene *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
59. pa\_\_e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
60. pro\_\_\_\_\_ve questions *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately

ANSWERS: 57. viol, 58. gore, 59. passe, 60. provocative

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
2. I love collecting \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach and displaying them in a jar at home.  
*n.* a type of shell that once housed a mollusk, typically found on beaches or in shallow water
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*n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
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*n.* a collection or gathering of things or persons; a group or ensemble of items that have been brought together in a particular way
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ left her phone at home to disconnect and enjoy her vacation.  
*adv.* with the intention of doing something; deliberately
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ANSWERS: 1. passe, 2. seashells, 3. dolphins, 4. assemblage, 5. purposely, 6. retouched, 7. cutlery

8. The minority \_\_\_\_\_ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.  
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ANSWERS: 8. sect, 9. anamorphic, 10. scot-free, 11. perpendicular, 12. provocative, 13. equate, 14. pondering, 15. viol



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21. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will \_\_\_\_\_.  
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23. The \_\_\_\_\_ legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.  
*adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

ANSWERS: 16. primal, 17. rearrange, 18. crossword, 19. weld, 20. tramp, 21. rot, 22. ken, 23. Arthurian

24. The hunter \_\_\_\_\_ the deer with an arrow.
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ANSWERS: 24. gored, 25. posit, 26. afterward, 27. disguised, 28. levitate, 29. doe, 30. irritates