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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### showbiz

*n.* the business or industry of entertainment, especially movies, television, and popular music; the glamorous or flashy aspects of the entertainment industry

*synonym*: entertainment, show business, performance industry

(1) **showbiz** industry, (2) **showbiz** gossip

The singer's career in **showbiz** began with a small role in a television series.

### opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

### remake

*v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

*synonym*: revamp, redo, reproduce

(1) video game **remake**, (2) **remake** song

The director plans to **remake** the classic movie with a

modern twist.

## well-being

*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous  
*synonym*: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**  
We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

## condense

*v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

*synonym*: compress, compact, shorten

(1) **condense** the text, (2) **condense** water vapor  
I need to **condense** all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.

## bureaucracy

*n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

*synonym*: administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**  
The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

## traverse

*v.* to cross or move through a land or water area

*synonym*: cross, pass through, travel over

(1) **traverse** the region, (2) **traverse** a vast extent of sea  
Approximately 1000 automobiles **traverse** the bridge every day.

## morph

*v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

*synonym*: alter, modify, transform

(1) **morph** into a different shape, (2) **morph** into something entirely different  
This company **morphed** into an enterprise company.

## 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**.

## cleanliness

*n.* the state of being clean or free from dirt, dust, or foreign substances; the practice of maintaining good hygiene and cleanliness

*synonym* : neatness, hygiene, sanitation

(1) **cleanliness** standards, (2) **cleanliness** of the kitchen

We must prioritize our workplace's **cleanliness** for our employees' safety.

## electrify

*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym* : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

## bully

*n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

*synonym* : tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

## badger

*n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands

*synonym* : nuisance, annoyance

(1) **badger** territory, (2) **badger** him with questions

The **badger's** thick fur and tough skin make it well-suited for digging and burrowing in rough terrain.

## recycle

*v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

*synonym*: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

## sentimental

*adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

*synonym*: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a sense of wel_____ng                  | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous   |
| 2. tr_____se a vast extent of sea         | <i>v.</i> to cross or move through a land or water area   |
| 3. re_____e milk packaging into new paper | <i>v.</i> to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again  |
| 4. sh_____z gossip                        | <i>n.</i> the business or industry of entertainment, especially movies, television, and popular music; the glamorous or flashy aspects of the entertainment industry  |
| 5. tr_____se the region                   | <i>v.</i> to cross or move through a land or water area   |
| 6. a n__b mind                            | <i>adj.</i> unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity  |
| 7. ba____r him with questions             | <i>n.</i> a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands |
| 8. in a sen_____al mood                   | <i>adj.</i> connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism  |

ANSWERS: 1. well-being, 2. traverse, 3. recycle, 4. showbiz, 5. traverse, 6. numb, 7. badger, 8. sentimental

9. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process      *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
10. cle\_\_\_\_\_ss standards      *n.* the state of being clean or free from dirt, dust, or foreign substances; the practice of maintaining good hygiene and cleanliness
11. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience      *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
12. arbitrary bur\_\_\_\_\_cy      *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
13. the wel\_\_\_\_\_ng of a nation      *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
14. co\_\_\_\_\_se the text      *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
15. co\_\_\_\_\_se water vapor      *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
16. n\_\_b with cold      *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
17. mo\_\_h into a different shape      *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

ANSWERS: 9. electrify, 10. cleanliness, 11. electrify, 12. bureaucracy, 13. well-being, 14. condense, 15. condense, 16. numb, 17. morph

18. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
19. mo\_\_h into something entirely different      *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
20. sh\_\_\_\_\_z industry      *n.* the business or industry of entertainment, especially movies, television, and popular music; the glamorous or flashy aspects of the entertainment industry
21. re\_\_\_e song      *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
22. sen\_\_\_\_\_al damage      *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
23. cle\_\_\_\_\_ss of the kitchen      *n.* the state of being clean or free from dirt, dust, or foreign substances; the practice of maintaining good hygiene and cleanliness
24. bu\_\_y bystander      *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

ANSWERS: 18. opportune, 19. morph, 20. showbiz, 21. remake, 22. sentimental, 23. cleanliness, 24. bully





ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The schoolyard \_\_\_\_\_ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.
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5. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.
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ANSWERS: 7. sentimental, 8. opportune, 9. cleanliness, 10. condense, 11. morphed, 12. traverse, 13. badger's

14. The bumbling \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.
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15. We largely \_\_\_\_\_ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
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ANSWERS: 14. bureaucracy, 15. recycle