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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### whatnot

*n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios

*synonym* : odds and ends, gizmos, etcetera

(1) books and **whatnot**, (2) clothes and **whatnot**

I need to pick up some groceries, toiletries, and **whatnot** at the store.

### meme

*n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

*synonym* : buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

### resonate

*v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

*synonym* : echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the

same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

## dedicate

*v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

*synonym*: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

## rebirth

*n.* the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation

*synonym*: renewal, rejuvenation, resurrection

(1) undergo a **rebirth**, (2) **rebirth** of democracy

The phoenix is a symbol of **rebirth**, rising from the ashes to be reborn anew.

## thanksgiving

*n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

*synonym*: gratitude, appreciation, recognition

(1) **thanksgiving** traditions, (2) **thanksgiving** parade

My family gathers together every year for **thanksgiving** dinner.

## codify

*v.* to organize or arrange laws or rules into a systematic code

*synonym*: systematize, organize, arrange

(1) **codify** lessons, (2) **codify** the law into a document

They began to **codify** the rules and regulations of the organization.

## nominate

*v.* to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor

*synonym* : appoint, designate, elect

(1) **nominate** him for an award, (2) **nominate** government representatives

The organization **nominated** her to be the next president.

## instruct

*v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

*synonym* : train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

## embarrass

*v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

*synonym* : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

## offline

*adj.* not connected to the internet

*synonym* : disconnected, not connected, unplugged

(1) **offline** course, (2) **offline** mode

The computer is **offline** and cannot be accessed at the moment.

## dusty

*adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

*synonym* : stale, filthy, grimy

(1) **dusty** road, (2) **dusty** bookshelf

The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of **dusty** debris.

## outpouring

*n.* a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time

*synonym* : outflow, surge, torrent

(1) artistic **outpouring**, (2) emotional **outpouring**

The **outpouring** of support from the community was overwhelming after the tragic event.

## sham

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

*synonym*: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

## mash

*v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

*synonym*: crush, grind, pulverize

(1) **mash** his words, (2) potato **mash**

She **mashed** the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth and creamy.

## dinosaur

*n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

*synonym*: reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

## anonymity

*n.* the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information

*synonym*: obscurity, secrecy, namelessness

(1) comment with **anonymity**, (2) protect **anonymity**

The use of pseudonyms allows individuals to maintain their **anonymity** online.

## downside

*n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure

*synonym*: drawback, negative, disadvantage

(1) major **downside**, (2) **downside** of globalization

The **downside** of the new policy was that it would be more expensive for customers.

**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.

**bleep** *n.* a short, high-pitched electronic sound or beep, typically used to censor or replace offensive or inappropriate language in broadcasts or recordings; a sound made to attract attention or indicate a notification

*synonym*: beep, signal, tone

(1) **bleep** sound, (2) **bleep** censor

The **bleep** on the radar indicated an incoming aircraft.

**intrigue** *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

*synonym*: attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

**obscene** *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

*synonym*: improper, nasty, lewd

(1) **obscene** literature, (2) an **obscene** story

He made an **obscene** gesture.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. do\_\_\_\_de of globalization *n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
2. a s\_\_m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
3. major do\_\_\_\_de *n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
4. in\_\_\_\_ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
5. protect an\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information
6. clothes and wh\_\_\_\_t *n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios
7. d\_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
8. in\_\_\_\_ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

ANSWERS: 1. downside, 2. sham, 3. downside, 4. instruct, 5. anonymity, 6. whatnot, 7. doe, 8. instruct

9. emotional out\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time
10. artistic out\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time
11. du\_\_y bookshelf *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
12. in\_\_\_\_\_ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
13. undergo a re\_\_\_\_\_h *n.* the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation
14. em\_\_\_\_\_ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
15. m\_\_h his words *v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water
16. an ob\_\_\_\_\_e story *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

ANSWERS: 9. outpouring, 10. outpouring, 11. dusty, 12. intrigue, 13. rebirth, 14. embarrass, 15. mash, 16. obscene

17. de\_\_\_\_te a chapter to the subject      *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
18. tha\_\_\_\_\_ing traditions      *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
19. no\_\_\_\_te him for an award      *v.* to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
20. hulking di\_\_\_\_ur      *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
21. no\_\_\_\_te government representatives      *v.* to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
22. turn out to be all s\_\_m      *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
23. bl\_\_p censor      *n.* a short, high-pitched electronic sound or beep, typically used to censor or replace offensive or inappropriate language in broadcasts or recordings; a sound made to attract attention or indicate a notification

ANSWERS: 17. dedicate, 18. thanksgiving, 19. nominate, 20. dinosaur, 21. nominate, 22. sham, 23. bleep



24. of\_\_\_\_\_e course *adj.* not connected to the internet
25. comment with an\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information
26. ob\_\_\_\_\_e literature *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
27. tha\_\_\_\_\_ing parade *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
28. re\_\_\_\_\_te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
29. de\_\_\_\_\_te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
30. pronounce m\_\_e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
31. co\_\_\_y the law into a document *v.* to organize or arrange laws or rules into a systematic code

ANSWERS: 24. offline, 25. anonymity, 26. obscene, 27. thanksgiving, 28. resonate, 29. dedicate, 30. meme, 31. codify

32. re\_\_\_\_h of democracy *n.* the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation
33. buck and d\_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
34. in\_\_\_\_ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
35. bl\_\_p sound *n.* a short, high-pitched electronic sound or beep, typically used to censor or replace offensive or inappropriate language in broadcasts or recordings; a sound made to attract attention or indicate a notification
36. co\_\_\_\_y lessons *v.* to organize or arrange laws or rules into a systematic code
37. deeply re\_\_\_\_te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
38. religious m\_\_e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
39. books and wh\_\_\_\_t *n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios

ANSWERS: 32. rebirth, 33. doe, 34. intrigue, 35. bleep, 36. codify, 37. resonate, 38. meme, 39. whatnot

40. em\_\_\_\_\_ss political enemy      *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
41. di\_\_\_\_\_ur fossil      *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
42. du\_\_y road      *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
43. potato m\_\_h      *v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water
44. of\_\_\_\_\_e mode      *adj.* not connected to the internet

ANSWERS: 40. embarrass, 41. dinosaur, 42. dusty, 43. mash, 44. offline

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of \_\_\_\_\_ debris.

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