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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### regimen

*n.* a prescribed course of medical treatment, diet, or exercise for the promotion or restoration of health

*synonym*: routine, program, schedule

(1) fitness **regimen**, (2) **regimen** of chemotherapy

My doctor prescribed a strict **regimen** of exercise and healthy eating to help me lose weight.

### deprivation

*n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life

*synonym*: poverty, destitution, forfeiture

(1) chronic sleep **deprivation**, (2) **deprivation** of liberty

Losing him is great **deprivation** to our team.

### exceedingly

*adv.* to an extreme degree

*synonym*: enormously, especially, exceptionally

(1) **exceedingly** common, (2) an **exceedingly** difficult book

Fear is **exceedingly** infectious, and children catch it from their elders.

### persuasive

*adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

*synonym*: convincing, compelling, influential

(1) **persuasive** advertising, (2) **persuasive** speaker

He made a **persuasive** argument for the new policy.

## rigor

*n.* strictness or severity in opinion, temper, or judgment

*synonym*: strictness, exactness, accuracy

(1) the **rigor** of the law, (2) academic **rigor**

When the dead body was found, **rigor** mortis had already begun.

## unanswered

*adj.* not responded to or explained

*synonym*: ignored, unrequited, undecided

(1) **unanswered** love, (2) **unanswered** e-mail

Pardon me for leaving some of your questions **unanswered**.

## long-lasting

*adj.* existing or continuing for a long time

*synonym*: enduring, abiding, durable

(1) **long-lasting** battery, (2) a **long-lasting** friendship

They finally decided to solve the **long-lasting** problem.

## astronomer

*n.* a physicist who studies astronomy

*synonym*: stargazer, cosmologist, astrophysicist

(1) amateur **astronomer**, (2) solar **astronomer**

This question has fascinated solar **astronomers** for decades.

## 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.

## anomaly

*n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand

*synonym*: abnormality, irregularity, deviation

(1) **anomaly** detection, (2) global temperature **anomaly**

The sudden drop in the stock market was an **anomaly** that puzzled many investors.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. global temperature an____y | <i>n.</i> something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand |
| 2. co____t the face           | <i>v.</i> to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape  |
| 3. re____n of chemotherapy    | <i>n.</i> a prescribed course of medical treatment, diet, or exercise for the promotion or restoration of health                        |
| 4. co____t my limbs           | <i>v.</i> to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape  |
| 5. amateur ast____er          | <i>n.</i> a physicist who studies astronomy   |
| 6. una____ed love             | <i>adj.</i> not responded to or explained   |
| 7. solar ast____er            | <i>n.</i> a physicist who studies astronomy   |
| 8. per____ve advertising      | <i>adj.</i> tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing  |
| 9. an____y detection          | <i>n.</i> something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand |
| 10. dep____on of liberty      | <i>n.</i> a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life                                     |
| 11. lon____ing battery        | <i>adj.</i> existing or continuing for a long time  |

ANSWERS: 1. anomaly, 2. contort, 3. regimen, 4. contort, 5. astronomer, 6. unanswered, 7. astronomer, 8. persuasive, 9. anomaly, 10. deprivation, 11. long-lasting

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| 12. a lon_____ing friendship     | <i>adj.</i> existing or continuing for a long time   |
| 13. academic ri__r               | <i>n.</i> strictness or severity in opinion, temper, or judgment   |
| 14. chronic sleep dep_____on     | <i>n.</i> a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life              |
| 15. exc_____ly common            | <i>adv.</i> to an extreme degree   |
| 16. an exc_____ly difficult book | <i>adv.</i> to an extreme degree   |
| 17. per_____ve speaker           | <i>adj.</i> tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing                             |
| 18. fitness re_____n             | <i>n.</i> a prescribed course of medical treatment, diet, or exercise for the promotion or restoration of health |
| 19. una_____ed e-mail            | <i>adj.</i> not responded to or explained  |
| 20. the ri__r of the law         | <i>n.</i> strictness or severity in opinion, temper, or judgment   |

ANSWERS: 12. long-lasting, 13. rigor, 14. deprivation, 15. exceedingly, 16. exceedingly, 17. persuasive, 18. regimen, 19. unanswered, 20. rigor

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This question has fascinated solar \_\_\_\_\_ for decades.  
*n.* a physicist who studies astronomy
2. Fear is \_\_\_\_\_ infectious, and children catch it from their elders.  
*adv.* to an extreme degree
3. He made a \_\_\_\_\_ argument for the new policy.  
*adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
4. The sudden drop in the stock market was an \_\_\_\_\_ that puzzled many investors.  
*n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
5. They finally decided to solve the \_\_\_\_\_ problem.  
*adj.* existing or continuing for a long time
6. Pardon me for leaving some of your questions \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* not responded to or explained
7. He \_\_\_\_\_ his smile with anger coming from his gut.  
*v.* to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape
8. My doctor prescribed a strict \_\_\_\_\_ of exercise and healthy eating to help me lose weight.  
*n.* a prescribed course of medical treatment, diet, or exercise for the promotion or restoration of health

ANSWERS: 1. astronomers, 2. exceedingly, 3. persuasive, 4. anomaly, 5. long-lasting, 6. unanswered, 7. contorted, 8. regimen

9. Losing him is great \_\_\_\_\_ to our team.

*n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life

10. When the dead body was found, \_\_\_\_\_ mortis had already begun.

*n.* strictness or severity in opinion, temper, or judgment

ANSWERS: 9. deprivation, 10. rigor