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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### livelihood

*n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

*synonym* : occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

### 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.

### fortify

*v.* to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more

strength or support

*synonym*: strengthen, reinforce, bolster

(1) **fortify** a building, (2) **fortify** an immune system

He drank a protein shake to **fortify** his muscles before the marathon.

## onslaught

*n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative

*synonym*: attack, assault, charge

(1) **onslaught** of criticism, (2) urban **onslaught**

The village was unprepared for the sudden **onslaught** of the enemy army.

## dissuade

*v.* to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action

*synonym*: discourage, deter, convince

(1) **dissuade** a person, (2) **dissuade** him from committing the crime

He tried to **dissuade** her from quitting her job.

## sub-Saharan

*adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

## geothermal

*adj.* relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth

*synonym*: underground, thermal, subterranean

(1) **geothermal** activity, (2) **geothermal** drilling

The town is exploring using **geothermal** energy to power its homes and buildings.

## hydropower

*n.* electricity generated from the energy of moving water, usually using turbines and dams in rivers or other bodies

of water

*synonym* : hydroelectricity, waterpower, hydro

(1) **hydropower** plant, (2) **hydropower** energy

Many countries around the world have built dams to harness the power of **hydropower** for their energy needs.

## decarbonize

v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

*synonym* : decoke, decarburise, decarburize

(1) **decarbonize** their manufacturing process,

(2) **decarbonize** its energy system

We have to seek methods to **decarbonize** its fossil fuel economy.

## pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

*synonym* : center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

## emit

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

*synonym* : give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

## resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

*synonym* : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

## bountiful

*adj.* abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources

*synonym*: abundant, plentiful, generous

(1) **bountiful** compliments, (2) **bountiful** blessings

The farmer's land was **bountiful** and produced a large harvest.

## depreciate

*v.* to decrease in value or worth over time; to become less valuable or less esteemed over time

*synonym*: devalue, diminish, decrease

(1) **depreciate** asset, (2) **depreciate** against foreign currency

The car's value **depreciated** soon after being driven off the lot.

## conventionally

*adv.* in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional

*synonym*: traditionally, customarily, conventionally

(1) **conventionally** dressed, (2) **conventionally** grown crops

**Conventionally**, doctors recommend getting at least 8 hours of sleep per night for optimal health.

## trickle

*v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities

*synonym*: dribble, flow, seep

(1) **trickle** down my cheek, (2) **trickle** from his eyes

Water was beginning to **trickle** into the basement after the heavy rain.

## prioritize

*v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

*synonym*: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

## skew

*v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

*synonym*: slant, tilt, distort

(1) **skew** the message, (2) **skew** social values

The results of the poll are **skewed** because it only surveyed a small group of people.

## sorely

*adv.* to a great extent; greatly or severely; in a way that causes pain, distress, or hardship

*synonym*: severely, acutely, greatly

(1) **sorely** missed, (2) **sorely** in need

I was **sorely** disappointed when my favorite team lost the game.

## cusp

*n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved

*synonym*: point, apex, tip

(1) **cusp** of change, (2) a single **cusp**

The project was on the **cusp** of success and needed a little more funding.

## confer

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym*: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## erratic

*adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality

*synonym*: unpredictable, irregular, unstable

(1) **erratic** behavior, (2) **erratic** movements

The stock market has been behaving in an **erratic** manner, making it difficult for investors to predict future trends.

## mobilize

*v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

*synonym* : activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

## **institutionalize**

*v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

*synonym* : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

## **concession**

*n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

*synonym* : agreement, compromise, deal

(1) an oil **concession**, (2) make a **concession**

The movie theater offered a special **concession** for seniors on Tuesdays.

## **reclassify**

*v.* to divide things or people into new or different groups

*synonym* : redefine, relabel, regroup

(1) **reclassify** some of its books, (2) **reclassify** the mollusks

The scientists tried to **reclassify** the new species as a subspecies of a related species.

## **bolster**

*v.* to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources

*synonym* : reinforce, support, strengthen

(1) **bolster** confidence, (2) **bolster** the economy

The company hired a new advertising agency to **bolster** its marketing efforts.

## **coop**

*v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

*synonym* : birdcage, enclosure, cage

(1) fly the **coop**, (2) chicken **coop**

The farmer put a **coop** over the hens.

## unleash

*v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

*synonym* : discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

## avalanche

*n.* a sudden and rapid movement of a large amount of snow, ice, rocks, or other debris down a steep slope; a rapid and overwhelming occurrence of events or circumstances

*synonym* : snowslide, snowfall, downfall

(1) **avalanche** warning, (2) an **avalanche** of questions

The skiers narrowly escaped the **avalanche** by taking shelter behind a nearby rock.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|------|---|
| 1. s__w social values           | v.   | to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.   |
| 2. mo____ze a stiff joint       | v.   | to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose   |
| 3. rec_____fy some of its books | v.   | to divide things or people into new or different groups   |
| 4. a means of liv_____od        | n.   | a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.   |
| 5. chicken c__p                 | v.   | a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry  |
| 6. make a con_____on            | n.   | something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park |
| 7. an op_____ne remark          | adj. | suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose   |
| 8. e__t air pollution           | v.   | to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.   |
| 9. sub_____an Africa            | adj. | of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert  |

ANSWERS: 1. skew, 2. mobilize, 3. reclassify, 4. livelihood, 5. coop, 6. concession, 7. opportune, 8. emit, 9. sub-Saharan



10. mo\_\_\_\_\_ze cooperation      *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
11. un\_\_\_\_\_h her anger      *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
12. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize a system      *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
13. tr\_\_\_\_\_e from his eyes      *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
14. geo\_\_\_\_\_al activity      *adj.* relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth
15. fo\_\_\_\_\_y an immune system      *v.* to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support
16. so\_\_\_\_\_y in need      *adv.* to a great extent; greatly or severely; in a way that causes pain, distress, or hardship
17. pi\_\_t point      *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
18. con\_\_\_\_\_lly dressed      *adv.* in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional

ANSWERS: 10. mobilize, 11. unleash, 12. institutionalize, 13. trickle, 14. geothermal, 15. fortify, 16. sorely, 17. pivot, 18. conventionally

19. a single c\_\_p *n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved
20. so\_\_\_y missed *adv.* to a great extent; greatly or severely; in a way that causes pain, distress, or hardship
21. av\_\_\_\_\_he warning *n.* a sudden and rapid movement of a large amount of snow, ice, rocks, or other debris down a steep slope; a rapid and overwhelming occurrence of events or circumstances
22. 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
23. fo\_\_\_\_\_y a building *v.* to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support
24. bo\_\_\_\_\_ul compliments *adj.* abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources
25. a hard and re\_\_\_\_\_nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
26. re\_\_\_\_\_nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
27. co\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 19. cusp, 20. sorely, 21. avalanche, 22. electrify, 23. fortify, 24. bountiful, 25. resilient, 26. resilient, 27. confer

28. bo\_\_\_\_r confidence *v.* to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources
29. dec\_\_\_\_\_ze their manufacturing process *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
30. sub\_\_\_\_\_an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
31. un\_\_\_\_\_h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
32. an oil con\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
33. urban on\_\_\_\_\_ht *n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
34. tr\_\_\_\_\_e down my cheek *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
35. rec\_\_\_\_\_fy the mollusks *v.* to divide things or people into new or different groups
36. con\_\_\_\_\_lly grown crops *adv.* in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional
37. hyd\_\_\_\_\_er plant *n.* electricity generated from the energy of moving water, usually using turbines and dams in rivers or other bodies of water

ANSWERS: 28. bolster, 29. decarbonize, 30. sub-Saharan, 31. unleash, 32. concession, 33. onslaught, 34. trickle, 35. reclassify, 36. conventionally, 37. hydropower

38. bo\_\_\_\_r the economy      *v.* to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources
39. s\_\_w the message      *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
40. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize customary laws      *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
41. hyd\_\_\_\_\_er energy      *n.* electricity generated from the energy of moving water, usually using turbines and dams in rivers or other bodies of water
42. e\_\_t a gamma ray      *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
43. co\_\_\_\_r honor      *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
44. liv\_\_\_\_\_od assistance      *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
45. er\_\_\_\_\_c behavior      *adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
46. pri\_\_\_\_\_ze people over cars      *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
47. 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

ANSWERS: 38. bolster, 39. skew, 40. institutionalize, 41. hydropower, 42. emit, 43. confer, 44. livelihood, 45. erratic, 46. prioritize, 47. electrify

48. dec\_\_\_\_\_ze its energy system      *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
49. on\_\_\_\_\_ht of criticism      *n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
50. er\_\_\_\_\_c movements      *adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
51. bo\_\_\_\_\_ul blessings      *adj.* abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources
52. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
53. c\_\_p of change      *n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved
54. pri\_\_\_\_\_ze tasks      *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
55. di\_\_\_\_\_de him from committing the crime      *v.* to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action
56. di\_\_\_\_\_de a person      *v.* to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action
57. geo\_\_\_\_\_al drilling      *adj.* relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth

ANSWERS: 48. decarbonize, 49. onslaught, 50. erratic, 51. bountiful, 52. opportune, 53. cusp, 54. prioritize, 55. dissuade, 56. dissuade, 57. geothermal

58. dep\_\_\_\_\_te asset                      *v.*    to decrease in value or worth over time;  
to become less valuable or less  
esteemed over time
59. an av\_\_\_\_\_he of questions            *n.*    a sudden and rapid movement of a  
large amount of snow, ice, rocks, or  
other debris down a steep slope; a rapid  
and overwhelming occurrence of events  
or circumstances
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especially in a business or political  
strategy; a fixed point that supports  
something that turns or balances
61. fly the c\_\_p                                 *v.*    a farm building or enclosure for housing  
poultry
62. dep\_\_\_\_\_te against foreign  
currency                                         *v.*    to decrease in value or worth over time;  
to become less valuable or less  
esteemed over time

ANSWERS: 58. depreciate, 59. avalanche, 60. pivot, 61. coop, 62. depreciate

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. During the unloading, the container box \_\_\_\_\_ a clicking sound.  
*v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
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ANSWERS: 1. emits, 2. confer, 3. sorely, 4. dissuade, 5. bountiful, 6. Conventionally, 7. depreciated

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11. The village was unprepared for the sudden \_\_\_\_\_ of the enemy army.
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12. We have to seek methods to \_\_\_\_\_ its fossil fuel economy.
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14. The new policy aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the use of renewable energy sources.
- v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 8. trickle, 9. geothermal, 10. skewed, 11. onslaught, 12. decarbonize, 13. prioritized, 14. institutionalize



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ANSWERS: 15. avalanche, 16. fortify, 17. livelihood, 18. bolster, 19. cusp, 20. concession, 21. erratic

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28. The farmer put a \_\_\_\_\_ over the hens.  
*v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
29. The scientists tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the new species as a subspecies of a related species.  
*v.* to divide things or people into new or different groups

ANSWERS: 22. mobilized, 23. unleash, 24. hydropower, 25. pivot, 26. resilient, 27. opportune, 28. coop, 29. reclassify

30. The product developed through years of research continues to \_\_\_\_\_ the market.

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*adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

ANSWERS: 30. electrify, 31. sub-Saharan