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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### formidable

*adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

*synonym*: daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor

The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

### 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.

### astonishment

*n.* a feeling of very great surprise

*synonym*: wonder, surprise, amazement

(1) blink in **astonishment**, (2) struck with **astonishment**

They stood rooted in **astonishment** for a while.

### childbirth

*n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby

*synonym*: delivery, labor, parturition

(1) natural **childbirth**, (2) assisted **childbirth**

He was present at the **childbirth** of his children.

## coworker

*n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization

*synonym*: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

## playbook

*n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

*synonym*: strategy, game plan, manual

(1) **playbook** strategy, (2) political **playbook**

The coach's **playbook** helped the team win the championship.

## philanthropy

*n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

*synonym*: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

## 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.

## medicinal

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

*synonym*: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

## sully

*v.* to tarnish or damage the purity or integrity of; to defile  
*synonym* : tarnish, sully, defile

(1) **sully** luster, (2) **sully** the beauty of the beach

The politician tried to **sully** the reputation of a rival.

## aback

*adv.* to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something

*synonym* : surprised, astounded, shocked

(1) flat **aback**, (2) **aback** shock

The sudden news of the merger took me **aback**.

## blockchain

*n.* a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked

(1) **blockchain** platform, (2) the scalability of **blockchain**

Cryptocurrencies are only one form of implementation of **blockchain** technology.

## silo

*n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

*synonym* : storage, warehouse, barn

(1) nuclear **silo**, (2) **silo** organization

The farmer used a **silo** to store feed for the animals.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. nuclear s\_\_o *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
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3. d\_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
4. sub\_\_\_\_\_an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
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6. argue with a co\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
7. ab\_\_k shock *adv.* to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
8. for\_\_\_\_\_le competitor *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
9. struck with ast\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* a feeling of very great surprise
10. 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

ANSWERS: 1. silo, 2. sully, 3. doe, 4. sub-Saharan, 5. aback, 6. coworker, 7. aback, 8. formidable, 9. astonishment, 10. doe

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| 12. su__y luster                  | <i>v.</i> to tarnish or damage the purity or integrity of; to defile   |
| 13. traditional me_____al         | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease   |
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| 16. political pl_____ok           | <i>n.</i> a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action |
| 17. blo_____in platform           | <i>n.</i> a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked             |
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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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