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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### lieutenant

*n.* a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer

*synonym*: second-in-command, adjutant, deputy

(1) **lieutenant** general, (2) second **lieutenant**

After years of hard work, he finally got promoted to **lieutenant**.

### casualty

*n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

*synonym*: victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

### staggering

*adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm

*synonym*: astounding, astonishing, stunning

(1) **staggering** number, (2) a **staggering** defeat

The amount of money required was **staggering**.

### determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym*: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## opioid

*n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted

(1) an **opioid** analgesic, (2) **opioid** receptor

Treatment for **opioid** dependence may be a long-term process.

## alarming

*adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

*synonym*: forbidding, concerning, disturbing

(1) **alarming** news, (2) **alarming** statistics

The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite **alarming**.

## addict

*n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

*synonym*: devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

## painkiller

*n.* medicine used to relieve physical pain

*synonym*: anesthetic, anodyne, analgesic

(1) a strong **painkiller**, (2) take a **painkiller** beforehand

Over-the-counter **painkillers** are less effective for patients who have taken many in the past.

## horrific

*adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

*synonym*: terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

## legislate

*v.* to make or enact laws; to exert control or influence through the creation or enforcement of laws

*synonym*: enact, pass, establish

(1) **legislate** gun control, (2) **legislate** against discrimination

The government needs to **legislate** stricter laws to protect the environment.

## battalion

*n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major

*synonym*: unit, regiment, squad

(1) infantry **battalion**, (2) armored **battalion**

The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained **battalion**.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. a sta\_\_\_\_\_ng defeat *adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
2. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
3. civilian ca\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
4. armored ba\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
5. Internet ad\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
6. a strong pai\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* medicine used to relieve physical pain
7. infantry ba\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
8. ho\_\_\_\_\_ic experience *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
9. al\_\_\_\_\_ng news *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
10. an op\_\_\_\_d analgesic *n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted

ANSWERS: 1. staggering, 2. determinant, 3. casualty, 4. battalion, 5. addict, 6. painkiller, 7. battalion, 8. horrific, 9. alarming, 10. opioid

11. ho\_\_\_\_ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
12. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
13. military ca\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
14. a drug ad\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
15. le\_\_\_\_\_te against discrimination *v.* to make or enact laws; to exert control or influence through the creation or enforcement of laws
16. op\_\_\_\_d receptor *n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted
17. take a pai\_\_\_\_\_er beforehand *n.* medicine used to relieve physical pain
18. le\_\_\_\_\_te gun control *v.* to make or enact laws; to exert control or influence through the creation or enforcement of laws
19. al\_\_\_\_ng statistics *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
20. second lie\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer

ANSWERS: 11. horrific, 12. determinant, 13. casualty, 14. addict, 15. legislate, 16. opioid, 17. painkiller, 18. legislate, 19. alarming, 20. lieutenant

21. lie\_\_\_\_\_nt general

*n.* a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer

22. sta\_\_\_\_\_ng number

*adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm

ANSWERS: 21. lieutenant, 22. staggering

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The government needs to \_\_\_\_\_ stricter laws to protect the environment.  
*v.* to make or enact laws; to exert control or influence through the creation or enforcement of laws
  
2. Treatment for \_\_\_\_\_ dependence may be a long-term process.  
*n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted
  
3. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.  
*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
  
4. After years of hard work, he finally got promoted to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer
  
5. The amount of money required was \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
  
6. The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
  
7. Unfortunately, the driver was the only \_\_\_\_\_ in the car accident.  
*n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

ANSWERS: 1. legislate, 2. opioid, 3. determinant, 4. lieutenant, 5. staggering, 6. battalion, 7. casualty

8. The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
9. We have become TV \_\_\_\_\_ due to video streaming services.
- n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
10. The accident scene was \_\_\_\_\_ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.
- adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
11. Over-the-counter \_\_\_\_\_ are less effective for patients who have taken many in the past.
- n.* medicine used to relieve physical pain

ANSWERS: 8. alarming, 9. addicts, 10. horrific, 11. painkillers