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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### tangle

*n.* a confused mass of something twisted together

*synonym*: knot, snarl, entanglement

(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires

The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

### stumble

*v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

*synonym*: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

### diver

*n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey

*synonym*: plunger, frogman, loon

(1) professional **diver**, (2) deep-sea **diver**

The search and rescue team sent a team of **divers** to search for the missing plane wreckage.

### mammography

*n.* the process of using X-rays to examine the breast for the early detection of breast cancer

*synonym*: breast imaging, mammogram, breast X-ray

(1) diagnostic **mammography**, (2) digital **mammography**

Women should get regular **mammography** screenings as a

preventative measure for breast cancer.

### overestimate

v. to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is

*synonym*: overrate, overvalue, embellish

(1) **overestimate** the value, (2) **overestimate** the amount of time spent

He tends to **overestimate** his abilities.

### debilitating

*adj.* weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success

*synonym*: weakening, exhausting

(1) **debilitating** virus, (2) **debilitating** effect

His **debilitating** illness made it difficult for him to leave the house.

### migraine

*n.* a severe headache typically felt as a throbbing pain on one side of the head

*synonym*: headache, cephalalgia, hemicrania

(1) suffer from **migraine**, (2) **migraine** attack

She gets **migraines** whenever she's under a lot of stress.

### minuscule

*adj.* extremely small; tiny

*synonym*: tiny, insignificant, microscopic

(1) **minuscule** amount, (2) **minuscule** letters

This ore emits **minuscule** quantities of radiation

### mislead

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true

*synonym*: misinform, delude, belie

(1) **mislead** him into trusting her, (2) **mislead** the enemy

Our troops pulled back to **mislead** the enemy.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. deb\_\_\_\_\_ing virus *adj.* weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success
2. ove\_\_\_\_\_ate the amount of time spent *v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
3. deep-sea di\_\_r *n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
4. ta\_\_\_e wires *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
5. mi\_\_\_\_\_d the enemy *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
6. professional di\_\_r *n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
7. digital mam\_\_\_\_\_hy *n.* the process of using X-rays to examine the breast for the early detection of breast cancer
8. mi\_\_\_\_\_ne attack *n.* a severe headache typically felt as a throbbing pain on one side of the head
9. mi\_\_\_\_\_le amount *adj.* extremely small; tiny
10. suffer from mi\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a severe headache typically felt as a throbbing pain on one side of the head
11. ove\_\_\_\_\_ate the value *v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is

ANSWERS: 1. debilitating, 2. overestimate, 3. diver, 4. tangle, 5. mislead, 6. diver, 7. mammography, 8. migraine, 9. minuscule, 10. migraine, 11. overestimate

12. mi\_\_\_\_d him into trusting her      *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
13. st\_\_\_\_e financially      *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
14. in a ta\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
15. st\_\_\_\_e through life      *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
16. mi\_\_\_\_le letters      *adj.* extremely small; tiny
17. diagnostic mam\_\_\_\_hy      *n.* the process of using X-rays to examine the breast for the early detection of breast cancer
18. deb\_\_\_\_ing effect      *adj.* weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success

ANSWERS: 12. mislead, 13. stumble, 14. tangle, 15. stumble, 16. minuscule, 17. mammography, 18. debilitating

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She gets \_\_\_\_\_ whenever she's under a lot of stress.  
*n.* a severe headache typically felt as a throbbing pain on one side of the head
2. Our troops pulled back to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy.  
*v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
3. He tends to \_\_\_\_\_ his abilities.  
*v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
4. The search and rescue team sent a team of \_\_\_\_\_ to search for the missing plane wreckage.  
*n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ over the tree root.  
*v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
6. His \_\_\_\_\_ illness made it difficult for him to leave the house.  
*adj.* weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success
7. This ore emits \_\_\_\_\_ quantities of radiation  
*adj.* extremely small; tiny
8. Women should get regular \_\_\_\_\_ screenings as a preventative measure for breast cancer.  
*n.* the process of using X-rays to examine the breast for the early detection of breast cancer

ANSWERS: 1. migraines, 2. mislead, 3. overestimate, 4. divers, 5. stumbled, 6. debilitating, 7. minuscule, 8. mammography

9. The cords behind my computer were a \_\_\_\_\_ mess.

*n.* a confused mass of something twisted together

ANSWERS: 9. tangled