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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### exhale

v. to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently

*synonym*: breathe out, expel, emit

(1) **exhale** a big sigh, (2) **exhale** cigarette smoke

He took a deep breath and slowly began to **exhale**.

### singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

*synonym*: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

### reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

*synonym*: reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

### rainforest

n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

## immemorial

*adj.* extending back beyond memory or record; very old

*synonym*: ancient, age-old, time-honored

(1) **immemorial** relationship, (2) from **immemorial** times

The ancient ruins had been there since **immemorial**, and their origin was mysterious.

## pollute

*v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

*synonym*: contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

## exterminate

*v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds

*synonym*: eradicate, eliminate, wipe out

(1) **exterminate** pests, (2) **exterminate** communism

The government **exterminated** the invasive species to protect native plants and animals.

## 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.

## empower

*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

*synonym*: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## hectare

*n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters

(1) **hectare** land, (2) housing per **hectare**

The farm spans over 100 **hectares** of land.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. housing per he\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
2. si\_\_e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
3. re\_\_\_\_\_ct a telephone *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
4. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
5. po\_\_\_\_\_e the thread *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
6. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
7. tropical rai\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
8. imm\_\_\_\_\_al relationship *adj.* extending back beyond memory or record; very old
9. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
10. ext\_\_\_\_\_te communism *v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds
11. ex\_\_\_e a big sigh *v.* to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently

ANSWERS: 1. hectare, 2. singe, 3. reconnect, 4. empower, 5. pollute, 6. opportune, 7. rainforest, 8. immemorial, 9. opportune, 10. exterminate, 11. exhale

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| 12. po_____e the air                      | <i>v.</i>   | to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals |
| 13. he_____e land                         | <i>n.</i>   | a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters  |
| 14. ext_____te pests                      | <i>v.</i>   | to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds   |
| 15. rai_____st destruction                | <i>n.</i>   | a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall                                       |
| 16. si__e the edges of a fabric           | <i>v.</i>   | to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake   |
| 17. from imm_____al times                 | <i>adj.</i> | extending back beyond memory or record; very old  |
| 18. ex___e cigarette smoke                | <i>v.</i>   | to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently  |
| 19. em_____r the secretary to do the same | <i>v.</i>   | to give someone the power or authority to do something  |
| 20. re_____ct with family                 | <i>v.</i>   | to connect again after a break or interruption  |

ANSWERS: 12. pollute, 13. hectare, 14. exterminate, 15. rainforest, 16. singe, 17. immemorial, 18. exhale, 19. empower, 20. reconnect

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ancient ruins had been there since \_\_\_\_\_ and their origin was mysterious.  
*adj.* extending back beyond memory or record; very old
2. The company \_\_\_\_\_ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.  
*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
3. The farm spans over 100 \_\_\_\_\_ of land.  
*n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
4. We should do our best not to \_\_\_\_\_ the environment.  
*v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
5. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
6. After a long period of estrangement, they \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.  
*v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
7. The government \_\_\_\_\_ the invasive species to protect native plants and animals.  
*v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds
8. The destruction of the \_\_\_\_\_ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.  
*n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

ANSWERS: 1. immemorial, 2. empowered, 3. hectares, 4. pollute, 5. opportune, 6. reconnected, 7. exterminated, 8. rainforest

9. He took a deep breath and slowly began to \_\_\_\_\_.

- v. to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently

10. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and \_\_\_\_\_ my dress.

- v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

ANSWERS: 9. exhale, 10. singed