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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### proverb

*n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

*synonym*: adage, saying, maxim

(1) a hackneyed **proverb**, (2) ancient **proverb**

The famous **proverb** "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

### embarrass

*v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

*synonym*: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

### grumbling

*n.* a low, muttering sound typically expressing dissatisfaction or discontent; a complaint or expression of displeasure

*synonym* : complaining, murmuring, rumbling

(1) **grumbling** stomach, (2) **grumbling** customer

There was much **grumbling** amongst the employees about the new policies.

## empathy

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym* : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## mindset

*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

*synonym* : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

## slog

*v.* to work hard or make slow, laborious progress towards a goal; to walk heavily or with difficulty, especially through mud or over rough terrain

*synonym* : trudge, plod, toil

(1) **slog** up a hill, (2) **slog** my way

I had to **slog** through the mud to get to the top of the mountain.

## rewind

*v.* to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning

*synonym* : wind back, back up, reverse

(1) **rewind** a film, (2) manually **rewind** the tape

Please **rewind** the thread onto the reel.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the mi_____t in an education system | <i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone  |
| 2. s__g up a hill                      | <i>v.</i> to work hard or make slow, laborious progress towards a goal; to walk heavily or with difficulty, especially through mud or over rough terrain |
| 3. re___d a film                       | <i>v.</i> to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning  |
| 4. co_____er relationship              | <i>n.</i> a person who works with another in the same company or organization  |
| 5. s__g my way                         | <i>v.</i> to work hard or make slow, laborious progress towards a goal; to walk heavily or with difficulty, especially through mud or over rough terrain |
| 6. gr_____ng stomach                   | <i>n.</i> a low, muttering sound typically expressing dissatisfaction or discontent; a complaint or expression of displeasure                            |
| 7. em_____ss political enemy           | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed  |
| 8. flexible mi_____t                   | <i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone  |
| 9. full of em_____y                    | <i>n.</i> the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation   |
| 10. a hackneyed pr_____b               | <i>n.</i> a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience  |

ANSWERS: 1. mindset, 2. slog, 3. rewind, 4. coworker, 5. slog, 6. grumbling, 7. embarrass, 8. mindset, 9. empathy, 10. proverb

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| 11. gr_____ng customer        | <i>n.</i> a low, muttering sound typically expressing dissatisfaction or discontent; a complaint or expression of displeasure |
| 12. em_____y for patients     | <i>n.</i> the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation                  |
| 13. ancient pr_____b          | <i>n.</i> a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience                                 |
| 14. manually re____d the tape | <i>v.</i> to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning   |
| 15. argue with a co_____er    | <i>n.</i> a person who works with another in the same company or organization   |
| 16. em_____ss my project      | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed   |

ANSWERS: 11. grumbling, 12. empathy, 13. proverb, 14. rewind, 15. coworker, 16. embarrass

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The famous \_\_\_\_\_ "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.
  - n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
  
2. My ex-\_\_\_\_\_ and I had different working styles but managed to get along.
  - n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
  
3. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ through the mud to get to the top of the mountain.
  - v.* to work hard or make slow, laborious progress towards a goal; to walk heavily or with difficulty, especially through mud or over rough terrain
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.
  - n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
  
5. There was much \_\_\_\_\_ amongst the employees about the new policies.
  - n.* a low, muttering sound typically expressing dissatisfaction or discontent; a complaint or expression of displeasure
  
6. Please \_\_\_\_\_ the thread onto the reel.
  - v.* to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning
  
7. He looked for an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ that actor in public.
  - v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
  
8. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial \_\_\_\_\_ in each individual.
  - n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

ANSWERS: 1. proverb, 2. coworker, 3. slog, 4. Empathy, 5. grumbling, 6. rewind, 7. embarrass, 8. mindset

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