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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### hurdle

*n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

*synonym* : obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome **hurdles**, (2) **hurdle** race

The company faced several **hurdles** in the development of its new product.

### hoop

*n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration

*synonym* : ring, circle, band

(1) **hoop** earring, (2) basketball **hoop**

The circus clown jumped through a fiery **hoop** as the audience gasped in amazement.

### unleash

*v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

*synonym* : discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

### 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.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## 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.

## stabilize

*v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

*synonym* : brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

## electrify

*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym* : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

## daunting

*adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out

something

*synonym* : intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task

My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. overcome hu\_\_\_es *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
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. basketball h\_\_p *n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
4. un\_\_\_\_\_h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
5. st\_\_\_\_\_ze prices *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
6. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
7. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
8. me\_\_\_\_\_al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
9. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
10. face the da\_\_\_\_\_ng reality *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

ANSWERS: 1. hurdle, 2. determinant, 3. hoop, 4. unleash, 5. stabilize, 6. medicinal, 7. electrify, 8. medicinal, 9. electrify, 10. daunting

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| 11. ind_____us student           | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort   |
| 12. ind_____us worker            | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort   |
| 13. hu___e race                  | <i>n.</i> a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome   |
| 14. seem like a da_____ng task   | <i>adj.</i> looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something                 |
| 15. st_____ze blood sugar levels | <i>v.</i> to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way   |
| 16. un_____h her anger           | <i>v.</i> to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled   |
| 17. a det_____nt of crop yields  | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 18. h__p earring                 | <i>n.</i> a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration                       |

ANSWERS: 11. industrious, 12. industrious, 13. hurdle, 14. daunting, 15. stabilize, 16. unleash, 17. determinant, 18. hoop

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The circus clown jumped through a fiery \_\_\_\_\_ as the audience gasped in amazement.  
*n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
2. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
3. My homework was \_\_\_\_\_ and complex, but it was also intriguing.  
*adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
4. The product developed through years of research continues to \_\_\_\_\_ the market.  
*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
5. 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
6. The company faced several \_\_\_\_\_ in the development of its new product.  
*n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
7. The raising of interest rates \_\_\_\_\_ the inflation rate.  
*v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

ANSWERS: 1. hoop, 2. industrious, 3. daunting, 4. electrify, 5. determinant, 6. hurdles, 7. stabilizes

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

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

9. The general was still reluctant to \_\_\_\_\_ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

*v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

ANSWERS: 8. medicinal, 9. unleash