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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### limitless

*adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

*synonym*: boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential

The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

### aspiration

*n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

*synonym*: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

### 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.

### imbalance

*n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated

*synonym*: inequality, asymmetry, instability

(1) trade **imbalance**, (2) symptoms of hormonal **imbalance**

An **imbalance** in certain substances causes problems with brain function.

## **misunderstand**

*v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way  
*synonym*: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

## **hindsight**

*n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

*synonym*: retrospect, afterthought

(1) **hindsight** bias, (2) 20/20 **hindsight**

With **hindsight**, we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.

## **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.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. op_____ne occasion                     | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose  |
| 2. em_____r my life                       | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something   |
| 3. mis_____and each other                 | <i>v.</i> to interpret or understand something in the wrong way  |
| 4. symptoms of hormonal im_____ce         | <i>n.</i> a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated   |
| 5. no asp_____on for fame                 | <i>n.</i> a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath  |
| 6. for a li_____ss time                   | <i>adj.</i> without end, limit, or boundary; infinite  |
| 7. hi_____ht bias                         | <i>n.</i> understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect |
| 8. mis_____and entirely about her         | <i>v.</i> to interpret or understand something in the wrong way  |
| 9. asp_____on into the lungs              | <i>n.</i> a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath  |
| 10. trade im_____ce                       | <i>n.</i> a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated   |
| 11. li_____ss potential                   | <i>adj.</i> without end, limit, or boundary; infinite  |
| 12. em_____r the secretary to do the same | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something   |

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. empower, 3. misunderstand, 4. imbalance, 5. aspiration, 6. limitless, 7. hindsight, 8. misunderstand, 9. aspiration, 10. imbalance, 11. limitless, 12. empower

13. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

14. 20/20 hi\_\_\_\_\_ht

*n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

ANSWERS: 13. opportune, 14. hindsight

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He has an \_\_\_\_\_ to become a doctor.  
*n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
2. The possibilities for scientific discovery are \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
3. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ the meaning of freedom.  
*v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
5. An \_\_\_\_\_ in certain substances causes problems with brain function.  
*n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
6. 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
7. With \_\_\_\_\_ we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.  
*n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

ANSWERS: 1. aspiration, 2. limitless, 3. opportune, 4. misunderstand, 5. imbalance, 6. empowered, 7. hindsight,