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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### sunrise

*n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

*synonym*: daybreak, morning, dawn

(1) beautiful **sunrise**, (2) high-technology **sunrise** industries  
I got up early to watch the **sunrise** at the summit.

### samurai

*n.* a member of the warrior class in feudal Japan, known for their military skills, loyalty, and code of honor, or bushido

*synonym*: warrior, fighter, swordsman

(1) **samurai** sword, (2) **samurai** lifestyle

**Samurai** culture emphasized honor, discipline, and respect for one's superiors.

### rite

*n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice

*synonym*: ceremony, ritual, practice

(1) perform the **rite**, (2) **rite** of passage into adulthood

The bishop performed the **rite** of consecration for the new church.

## solemn

*adj.* formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor

*synonym* : serious, grave, somber

(1) **solemn** vow, (2) **solemn** ceremony

The priest led the **solemn** procession through the church.

## dishonor

*n.* the lack of honor or respect; a feeling of shame or disgrace

*synonym* : disgrace, shame, dishonorableness

(1) do him a **dishonor**, (2) **dishonor** of my family

His actions brought **dishonor** to the family, and he was disowned.

## idol

*n.* an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered

*synonym* : icon, hero, legend

(1) **idol** worship, (2) **idol** singer

He was an **idol** to his fans, who looked up to him as a role model.

## calligraphy

*n.* the art of writing letters, especially an elegant or decorative one

*synonym* : penmanship, handwriting, script

(1) **calligraphy** art, (2) **calligraphy** script

The **calligraphy** on the scroll was intricate and beautiful.

## subordinate

*adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else

*synonym* : inferior, secondary, subservient

(1) **subordinate** position, (2) **subordinate** role

The CEO's **subordinate** employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.

## 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.

## stern

*adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude

*synonym*: severe, harsh, strict

(1) **stern** warning, (2) a **stern** look

The students' antics did not amuse the **stern** teacher.

## instruct

*v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

*synonym*: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

## archery

*n.* the sport or practice of using a bow and arrows to shoot at a target

*synonym*: bow and arrow, marksmanship

(1) practice **archery**, (2) **archery** equipment

The **archery** tournament attracted contestants from all over the country.

## horsemanship

*n.* the art or skill of riding, training, and caring for horses

*synonym*: equestrianism, riding, equitation

(1) **horsemanship** training, (2) Western **horsemanship**

Her **horsemanship** skills were impressive as she easily navigated the course.

## bustle

*v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion

*synonym*: hurry, rush, flurry

(1) **bustle** around a kitchen, (2) hustle- **bustle** lifestyle  
The city **bustled** with activity as people rushed to work.

## **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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. i\_\_l singer *n.* an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered
2. perform the r\_\_e *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
3. cal\_\_\_\_\_hy script *n.* the art of writing letters, especially an elegant or decorative one
4. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
5. do him a di\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* the lack of honor or respect; a feeling of shame or disgrace
6. i\_\_l worship *n.* an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered
7. di\_\_\_\_\_or of my family *n.* the lack of honor or respect; a feeling of shame or disgrace
8. r\_\_e of passage into adulthood *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
9. cal\_\_\_\_\_hy art *n.* the art of writing letters, especially an elegant or decorative one
10. in\_\_\_\_\_ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

ANSWERS: 1. idol, 2. rite, 3. calligraphy, 4. opportune, 5. dishonor, 6. idol, 7. dishonor, 8. rite, 9. calligraphy, 10. instruct

11. hor\_\_\_\_\_hip training *n.* the art or skill of riding, training, and caring for horses
12. so\_\_\_n vow *adj.* formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor
13. sub\_\_\_\_\_te position *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
14. in\_\_\_\_\_ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
15. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
16. st\_\_\_n warning *adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
17. Western hor\_\_\_\_\_hip *n.* the art or skill of riding, training, and caring for horses
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19. sa\_\_\_\_\_i lifestyle *n.* a member of the warrior class in feudal Japan, known for their military skills, loyalty, and code of honor, or bushido

ANSWERS: 11. horsemanship, 12. solemn, 13. subordinate, 14. instruct, 15. determinant, 16. stern, 17. horsemanship, 18. subordinate, 19. samurai

20. so\_\_\_n ceremony *adj.* formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor
21. hustle-bu\_\_\_e lifestyle *v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
22. environmental det\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
23. ar\_\_\_\_y equipment *n.* the sport or practice of using a bow and arrows to shoot at a target
24. bu\_\_\_e around a kitchen *v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
25. a st\_\_n look *adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
26. beautiful su\_\_\_\_e *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
27. practice ar\_\_\_\_y *n.* the sport or practice of using a bow and arrows to shoot at a target
28. sa\_\_\_\_i sword *n.* a member of the warrior class in feudal Japan, known for their military skills, loyalty, and code of honor, or bushido
29. high-technology su\_\_\_\_e industries *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
30. an op\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 20. solemn, 21. bustle, 22. determinant, 23. archery, 24. bustle, 25. stern, 26. sunrise, 27. archery, 28. samurai, 29. sunrise, 30. opportune

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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her \_\_\_\_\_ skills were impressive as she easily navigated the course.  
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ANSWERS: 1. horsemanship, 2. archery, 3. rite, 4. Samurai, 5. bustled, 6. determinant, 7. dishonor, 8. idol

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15. The facility manager \_\_\_\_\_ the security guards to be on high alert.

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ANSWERS: 9. solemn, 10. opportune, 11. calligraphy, 12. subordinate, 13. sunrise, 14. stern, 15. instructed