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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### interlink

v. to connect or link together; to cause to join or connect  
*synonym*: connect, link, interconnect

(1) **interlink** two molecules, (2) **interlink** the power source  
The different departments are **interlinked** and work together as a team.

### 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.

### disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

*synonym*: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep  
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

### germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym*: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## reunification

*n.* the act of bringing something back together; the reuniting of previously separated parts

*synonym*: integration, consolidation, reuniting

(1) **reunification** talks, (2) family **reunification**

The **reunification** of the two countries was celebrated with great joy.

## courtyard

*n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

*synonym*: patio, garden, atrium

(1) quiet **courtyard**, (2) spacious **courtyard**

The hotel's beautiful **courtyard** was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.

## 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.

## Arabic

*n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

## amaze

*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

*synonym*: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

## crumble

v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

*synonym*: disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. em_____r the secretary to do the same      | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something   |
| 2. antibiotic-resistant g__m                  | <i>n.</i> a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one    |
| 3. op_____ne occasion                         | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose  |
| 4. a g__m-free environment                    | <i>n.</i> a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one    |
| 5. Ar___c language                            | <i>n.</i> the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language |
| 6. family reu_____ion                         | <i>n.</i> the act of bringing something back together; the reuniting of previously separated parts   |
| 7. cr_____e to dust                           | <i>v.</i> to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support  |
| 8. began to cr_____e under financial pressure | <i>v.</i> to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support  |

ANSWERS: 1. empower, 2. germ, 3. opportune, 4. germ, 5. Arabic, 6. reunification, 7. crumble, 8. crumble

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| 9. am__e everyone                    | v.   | to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration   |
| 10. Ar___c cuisine                   | n.   | the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language |
| 11. em____r my life                  | v.   | to give someone the power or authority to do something   |
| 12. di____t sleep                    | v.   | to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance            |
| 13. spacious co_____rd               | n.   | an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings  |
| 14. reu_____ion talks                | n.   | the act of bringing something back together; the reuniting of previously separated parts   |
| 15. di____t a well-ordered condition | v.   | to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance            |
| 16. an op_____ne remark              | adj. | suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose  |
| 17. am__e and entertain visitors     | v.   | to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration   |
| 18. in_____nk the power source       | v.   | to connect or link together; to cause to join or connect   |

ANSWERS: 9. amaze, 10. Arabic, 11. empower, 12. disrupt, 13. courtyard, 14. reunification, 15. disrupt, 16. opportune, 17. amaze, 18. interlink

19. quiet co\_\_\_\_\_rd

*n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

20. in\_\_\_\_\_nk two molecules

*v.* to connect or link together; to cause to join or connect

ANSWERS: 19. courtyard, 20. interlink

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The hotel's beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.  
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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 different departments are \_\_\_\_\_ and work together as a team.  
*v.* to connect or link together; to cause to join or connect
  
4. The old building was starting to \_\_\_\_\_ due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.  
*v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
  
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.  
*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
  
6. The magician's tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the audience.  
*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
  
7. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. courtyard, 2. empowered, 3. interlinked, 4. crumble, 5. germ, 6. amazed, 7. opportune

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the two countries was celebrated with great joy.
- n.* the act of bringing something back together; the reuniting of previously separated parts
9. I'm studying \_\_\_\_\_ calligraphy as part of my art class.
- n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
10. I'm so sorry to \_\_\_\_\_ you when you're pretty busy.
- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 8. reunification, 9. Arabic, 10. disrupt