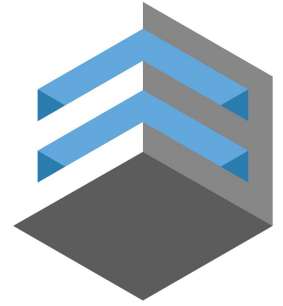


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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### unsupported

*adj.* not given financial or other aid; not having any proof or evidence

*synonym* : baseless, unfounded, unwarranted

(1) **unsupported** rumor, (2) fight **unsupported**

Removal of the central poll left the roof **unsupported**.

### incarceration

*n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail

*synonym* : confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

### rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym* : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

### Senate

*n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

*synonym* : upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

## amicus

*n.* (a Latin term meaning "friend of the court") a person or organization that is not directly involved in a case but offers expertise or support to help the court make a decision

*synonym* : friend, buddy, pal

(1) an **amicus** letter, (2) **amicus** curiae

The nonprofit organization filed an **amicus** brief in support of the plaintiffs.

## kinship

*n.* the state or fact of being related to someone

*synonym* : family, relationship, connection

(1) **kinship** ties, (2) **kinship** relations

She felt a sense of **kinship** with her new colleagues.

## 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.

## pivot

*n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

*synonym* : center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. r\_v up the crowd  
*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
2. center-pi\_\_t irrigation  
*n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
3. uns\_\_\_\_\_ed rumor  
*adj.* not given financial or other aid; not having any proof or evidence
4. pi\_\_t point  
*n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
5. fight uns\_\_\_\_\_ed  
*adj.* not given financial or other aid; not having any proof or evidence
6. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
7. Se\_\_\_e hearing  
*n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
8. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
9. an am\_\_\_s letter  
*n.* (a Latin term meaning "friend of the court") a person or organization that is not directly involved in a case but offers expertise or support to help the court make a decision

ANSWERS: 1. rev, 2. pivot, 3. unsupported, 4. pivot, 5. unsupported, 6. opportune, 7. Senate, 8. opportune, 9. amicus

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| 11. ki____p relations         | <i>n.</i> the state or fact of being related to someone   |
| 12. Se____e Finance Committee | <i>n.</i> a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament  |
| 13. low-r_v engine            | <i>n.</i> a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute               |
| 14. ki____p ties              | <i>n.</i> the state or fact of being related to someone   |
| 15. inc_____ion rates         | <i>n.</i> the state of being confined in prison or jail   |
| 16. am____s curiae            | <i>n.</i> (a Latin term meaning "friend of the court") a person or organization that is not directly involved in a case but offers expertise or support to help the court make a decision |

ANSWERS: 10. incarceration, 11. kinship, 12. Senate, 13. rev, 14. kinship, 15. incarceration, 16. amicus

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The team needed to come up with a \_\_\_\_\_ strategy to turn things around.  
*n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
2. She felt a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ with her new colleagues.  
*n.* the state or fact of being related to someone
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. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.  
*n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
6. The judge sentenced him to five years of \_\_\_\_\_ for embezzlement.  
*n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
7. Removal of the central poll left the roof \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* not given financial or other aid; not having any proof or evidence
8. The nonprofit organization filed an \_\_\_\_\_ brief in support of the plaintiffs.  
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ANSWERS: 1. pivot, 2. kinship, 3. opportune, 4. rev, 5. Senate, 6. incarceration, 7. unsupported, 8. amicus

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