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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### clog

v. to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something

*synonym*: block, jam, obstruct

(1) **clog** a filter, (2) **clog** artery

The drain was **clogged** with hair and needed to be cleaned out.

### starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

*synonym*: famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

### unimaginable

*adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

*synonym*: unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

## almighty

*adj.* having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent

*synonym* : omnipotent, all-powerful, supreme

(1) **almighty** power, (2) **almighty** dollar

The **almighty** ruler of the kingdom held ultimate power over his subjects.

## tirelessly

*adv.* without getting tired or fatigued; persistently, energetically, and continuously working with great effort

*synonym* : inexhaustibly, indefatigably, unceasingly

(1) dedicated **tirelessly**, (2) **tirelessly** help out

She worked **tirelessly** for hours to finish her project on time.

## dictator

*n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

*synonym* : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

## oppress

*v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

*synonym* : antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

## psychopath

*n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

*synonym* : sociopath, antisocial, monster

(1) **psychopath** tendencies, (2) violent **psychopath**

The detective identified the **psychopath** who had been terrorizing the city for months.

## empathy

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym*: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## trump

*n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. c\_\_g artery  
*v.* to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something
2. op\_\_\_\_s the people with force  
*v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
3. uni\_\_\_\_\_ble horror  
*adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
4. al\_\_\_\_ty dollar  
*adj.* having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent
5. st\_\_\_e for a victory  
*v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
6. al\_\_\_\_ty power  
*adj.* having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent
7. full of em\_\_\_\_y  
*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
8. choose tr\_\_p  
*n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

ANSWERS: 1. clog, 2. oppress, 3. unimaginable, 4. almighty, 5. starve, 6. almighty, 7. empathy, 8. trump

9. 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
10. tr\_\_p card      *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
11. 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
12. psy\_\_\_\_\_th tendencies      *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
13. op\_\_\_\_\_s the minority      *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
14. c\_\_g a filter      *v.* to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something
15. violent psy\_\_\_\_\_th      *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

ANSWERS: 9. electrify, 10. trump, 11. electrify, 12. psychopath, 13. oppress, 14. clog, 15. psychopath

16. a di\_\_\_\_or with enormous powers      *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
17. military di\_\_\_\_or      *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
18. dedicated tir\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* without getting tired or fatigued; persistently, energetically, and continuously working with great effort
19. st\_\_\_e to death      *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
20. em\_\_\_\_\_y for patients      *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
21. tir\_\_\_\_\_ly help out      *adv.* without getting tired or fatigued; persistently, energetically, and continuously working with great effort
22. uni\_\_\_\_\_ble depths      *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

ANSWERS: 16. dictator, 17. dictator, 18. tirelessly, 19. starve, 20. empathy, 21. tirelessly, 22. unimaginable

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
  
2. If you don't eat soon, you're going to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
  
3. The detective identified the \_\_\_\_\_ who had been terrorizing the city for months.
  - n. a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
  
4. The complexity of scientific theories was \_\_\_\_\_ for most people.
  - adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
  
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ ruler of the kingdom held ultimate power over his subjects.
  - adj. having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent
  
6. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.
  - n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
  
7. She worked \_\_\_\_\_ for hours to finish her project on time.
  - adv. without getting tired or fatigued; persistently, energetically, and continuously working with great effort

ANSWERS: 1. electrify, 2. starve, 3. psychopath, 4. unimaginable, 5. almighty, 6. Empathy, 7. tirelessly

8. The drain was \_\_\_\_\_ with hair and needed to be cleaned out.
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9. The \_\_\_\_\_ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
- n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
10. Historically, many countries have often \_\_\_\_\_ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
- v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
11. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

ANSWERS: 8. clogged, 9. trump, 10. oppressed, 11. dictator