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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate  
*synonym*: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches  
The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

### instantaneous

*adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment

*synonym*: immediate, prompt, rapid

(1) **instantaneous** reaction, (2) **instantaneous** message  
The new software provides **instantaneous** results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

### magnify

v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

*synonym*: enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display  
Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

### well-defined

*adj.* having clear and precise boundaries or characteristics; distinctly outlined or delimited; easily understood or

recognizable

*synonym*: clear, distinct, precise

(1) **well-defined** terms, (2) **well-defined** objectives

The **well-defined** set of instructions made it easy to assemble the furniture.

## confer

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym*: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## drone

*n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

*synonym*: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

## photovoltaics

*n.* a branch of technology that involves the conversion of sunlight into electricity using solar cells or other photoelectric devices; the generation of electricity directly from sunlight, typically using solar panels

*synonym*: solar cells, solar power

(1) **photovoltaics** recycling initiatives, (2) **photovoltaics** system

The development of thin-film **photovoltaics** has allowed for a wider range of applications in building design.

## sub-Saharan

*adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

## arctic

*adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

*synonym* : cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

## envision

*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

*synonym* : anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

## parable

*n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

*synonym* : allegory, fable, tale

(1) **parable** story, (2) biblical **parable**

Jesus quoted **parables** to teach important lessons to his disciples.

## plural

*n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person

*synonym* : multiple, numerous, several

(1) **plural** form, (2) **plural** culture

We use **plural** nouns when there is more than one of something

## constellation

*n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

*synonym* : asterism, array, pattern

(1) the stars of the Scorpion **constellation**, (2) northern **constellation**

Navigators still use the Little Bear **constellation** at sea.

## demonstrator

*n.* a person who publicly advocates for or protests against a particular cause, often in a group or a public space

*synonym* : protester, activist

(1) peaceful **demonstrator**, (2) violent **demonstrator**

The police gathered in large numbers to control the **demonstrators** protesting in the streets.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. dr\_\_e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
2. wel\_\_\_\_\_ned terms *adj.* having clear and precise boundaries or characteristics; distinctly outlined or delimited; easily understood or recognizable
3. co\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
4. en\_\_\_\_\_on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
5. the stars of the Scorpion  
con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
6. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
7. northern con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
8. ma\_\_\_\_\_y the image for display *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

ANSWERS: 1. drone, 2. well-defined, 3. confer, 4. envision, 5. constellation, 6. synchronize, 7. constellation, 8. magnify

9. ins\_\_\_\_\_ous message *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
10. ar\_\_\_c ice *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
11. high ar\_\_\_c *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
12. violent dem\_\_\_\_\_tor *n.* a person who publicly advocates for or protests against a particular cause, often in a group or a public space
13. biblical pa\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
14. ins\_\_\_\_\_ous reaction *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
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17. sub\_\_\_\_\_an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
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19. pl\_\_\_l culture *n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person

ANSWERS: 9. instantaneous, 10. arctic, 11. arctic, 12. demonstrator, 13. parable, 14. instantaneous, 15. magnify, 16. confer, 17. sub-Saharan, 18. synchronize, 19. plural

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ANSWERS: 20. well-defined, 21. parable, 22. plural, 23. envision, 24. photovoltaics, 25. drone, 26. sub-Saharan, 27. demonstrator, 28. photovoltaics

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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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