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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### egalitarian

*adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

*synonym*: equalitarian, democratic, fair

(1) **egalitarian** society, (2) **egalitarian** principles

The company prides itself on being an **egalitarian** workplace with equal employment opportunities.

### hammock

*n.* a type of lightweight bed or sling made of canvas, rope, or netting, often suspended between two supports such as trees or poles; a type of vegetation-rich ecosystem found in lowland areas

*synonym*: cradle, swing

(1) **hammock** swing, (2) woven **hammock**

I like to relax in a **hammock** on warm summer days.

### aspiring

*adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

*synonym*: hopeful, ambitious, eager

(1) **aspiring** prime minister, (2) have **aspiring** eyes

He was extremely generous to the **aspiring** young artist.

## puzzled

*adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

*synonym* : confused, perplexed, bewildered

(1) **puzzled** expression, (2) **puzzled** by the question

She was **puzzled** by the strange behavior of her cat.

## jargon

*n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

*synonym* : lingo, vernacular, slang

(1) business **jargon**, (2) scientific **jargon**

The financial industry is notorious for using complicated **jargon** that confuses consumers.

## watermark

*n.* a visible or invisible design or pattern that is embedded into paper or other surfaces and is used to prevent counterfeiting or illegal copying

*synonym* : logo, insignia, emblem

(1) copyright **watermark**, (2) **watermark** logo

The **watermark** on the document ensured that it could not be forged or duplicated without permission.

## capita

*n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

*synonym* : head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**  
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

## inhabitant

*n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

*synonym* : dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

## **billionaire**

*n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

*synonym* : mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

(1) Silicon Valley **billionaire**, (2) oil **billionaire**

The self-made **billionaire** donated millions to charity.

## **rag**

*n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

*synonym* : cloth, fragment

(1) a **rag** of cloud, (2) **rag** doll

He used an old **rag** to clean the grease off the car's engine.

## **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.

## **plaza**

*n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

*synonym* : park, square, center

(1) main **plaza**, (2) memorial **plaza**

Three young men were busking in the shopping **plaza**.

## **gizmo**

*n.* a small gadget or mechanical device, particularly one that is difficult to name or describe

*synonym* : gadget, device, contraption

(1) handy **gizmo**, (2) high-tech **gizmo**

You can find all kinds of interesting **gizmos** in this store.

## **janitor**

*n.* a person whose job is to clean and maintain a large building, such as a school or a block of flats

*synonym* : keeper, guardian, custodian

(1) part-time **janitor**, (2) duty of the **janitor**

The school **janitor** was laid off.

## downsize

- v. to reduce the size, scale, or scope of something, such as a company or organization; to decrease the number of employees or members

*synonym* : reduce, cut back, trim

(1) **downsize** a company, (2) **downsize** a menu

The company had to **downsize** due to financial difficulties and let go of many employees.

## subsidize

- v. to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

*synonym* : finance, endow, sponsor

(1) **subsidize** the project, (2) **subsidize** the cost

Governments **subsidize** renewable energy generation in various ways.

## tandem

- n. a device or arrangement that allows two or more things to be connected or work together in a coordinated manner; a bicycle built for two people to ride in a line, with one behind the other

*synonym* : bicycle built for two, double, tandem bike

(1) **tandem** approach, (2) **tandem** skydiving

The **tandem** bike ride was fun for the couple to enjoy together.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------|--|
| 1. inh_____nt tax      | <i>n.</i> a person or an animal that lives in a particular place   |
| 2. do_____ze a menu    | <i>v.</i> to reduce the size, scale, or scope of something, such as a company or organization; to decrease the number of employees or members  |
| 3. ta____m skydiving   | <i>n.</i> a device or arrangement that allows two or more things to be connected or work together in a coordinated manner; a bicycle built for two people to ride in a line, with one behind the other   |
| 4. business ja____n    | <i>n.</i> specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify |
| 5. copyright wa_____rk | <i>n.</i> a visible or invisible design or pattern that is embedded into paper or other surfaces and is used to prevent counterfeiting or illegal copying  |
| 6. pu_____d expression | <i>adj.</i> confused or uncertain because you do not understand something  |
| 7. wa_____rk logo      | <i>n.</i> a visible or invisible design or pattern that is embedded into paper or other surfaces and is used to prevent counterfeiting or illegal copying  |

ANSWERS: 1. inhabitant, 2. downsize, 3. tandem, 4. jargon, 5. watermark, 6. puzzled, 7. watermark

8. pu\_\_\_\_d by the question *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
9. the agricultural yield per ca\_\_\_\_a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
10. scientific ja\_\_\_\_n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
11. ega\_\_\_\_an society *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
12. per ca\_\_\_\_a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
13. op\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
14. ta\_\_\_\_m approach *n.* a device or arrangement that allows two or more things to be connected or work together in a coordinated manner; a bicycle built for two people to ride in a line, with one behind the other
15. Silicon Valley bil\_\_\_\_re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

ANSWERS: 8. puzzled, 9. capita, 10. jargon, 11. egalitarian, 12. capita, 13. opportune, 14. tandem, 15. billionaire

16. have as\_\_\_\_ng eyes *adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
17. su\_\_\_\_\_ze the project *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
18. r\_g doll *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
19. a r\_g of cloud *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
20. ega\_\_\_\_\_an principles *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
21. memorial pl\_\_a *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
22. oil bil\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
23. ha\_\_\_\_\_k swing *n.* a type of lightweight bed or sling made of canvas, rope, or netting, often suspended between two supports such as trees or poles; a type of vegetation-rich ecosystem found in lowland areas
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28. do\_\_\_\_ze a company *v.* to reduce the size, scale, or scope of something, such as a company or organization; to decrease the number of employees or members
29. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
30. part-time ja\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person whose job is to clean and maintain a large building, such as a school or a block of flats
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33. the early inh\_\_\_\_\_nts of Europe *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The school \_\_\_\_\_ was laid off.  
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7. Three young men were busking in the shopping \_\_\_\_\_.
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