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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### matte

*adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy  
*synonym* : dull, flat, lusterless

(1) **matte** coating, (2) photo with a **matte** finish

The body of his car has a **matte** finish.

### jetpack

*n.* a device worn on the back that propels the wearer into the air by expelling jets of gas or water

*synonym* : rocket belt, rocket pack, flying belt

(1) **jetpack** technology, (2) futuristic **jetpack**

The astronaut's **jetpack** allowed him to move freely in zero gravity.

### nomad

*n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode

*synonym* : wanderer, traveler, rover

(1) **nomad** worker, (2) **nomad** culture

The **nomad** tribe moved from place to place with its herd of sheep.

### consciously

*adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner

*synonym* : intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

## 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.

## commute

*v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

*synonym*: travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

## app

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

*synonym*: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

## 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.

## 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.

## coworker

*n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization

*synonym* : colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

## stipend

*n.* a fixed sum of money paid regularly, often as a salary or allowance, to support a particular activity or role, such as a student or trainee

*synonym* : allowance, grant, scholarship

(1) full-time **stipend**, (2) **stipend** amount

As a graduate student, I receive a monthly **stipend** to cover my living expenses.

## workspace

*n.* a designated area or physical setting where work is performed, often in a business or office setting

*synonym* : office, studio, workplace

(1) **workspace** design, (2) shared **workspace**

I need a quiet **workspace** to concentrate on my project.

## pier

*n.* a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area

*synonym* : jetty, wharf, dock

(1) **pier** fishing, (2) a landing **pier**

Families gathered on the head of a **pier** to watch the sunset and catch a glimpse of the dolphins swimming in the bay.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. co___r degree                 | <i>v.</i> to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something   |
| 2. con_____ly aware of a problem | <i>adv.</i> with awareness; in a deliberate manner  |
| 3. shared wo_____ce              | <i>n.</i> a designated area or physical setting where work is performed, often in a business or office setting  |
| 4. photo with a ma__e finish     | <i>adj.</i> having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy  |
| 5. ma__e coating                 | <i>adj.</i> having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy  |
| 6. no__d worker                  | <i>n.</i> a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode |
| 7. co___r honor                  | <i>v.</i> to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something   |
| 8. st_____d amount               | <i>n.</i> a fixed sum of money paid regularly, often as a salary or allowance, to support a particular activity or role, such as a student or trainee       |
| 9. a landing p__r                | <i>n.</i> a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area               |

ANSWERS: 1. confer, 2. consciously, 3. workspace, 4. matte, 5. matte, 6. nomad, 7. confer, 8. stipend, 9. pier

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11. cannot log in to the a\_p      *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
12. futuristic je\_\_\_\_\_k      *n.* a device worn on the back that propels the wearer into the air by expelling jets of gas or water
13. wo\_\_\_\_\_ce design      *n.* a designated area or physical setting where work is performed, often in a business or office setting
14. no\_\_d culture      *n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
15. daily co\_\_\_\_\_e      *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
16. full-time st\_\_\_\_\_d      *n.* a fixed sum of money paid regularly, often as a salary or allowance, to support a particular activity or role, such as a student or trainee
17. co\_\_\_\_\_er relationship      *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization

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18. act con\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
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26. je\_\_\_\_\_k technology *n.* a device worn on the back that propels the wearer into the air by expelling jets of gas or water

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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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