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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

### tout

v. to promote, advertise, or praise something or someone, especially excessively or persistently; to attempt to sell something or gain support for something by persuasion or solicitation

*synonym*: promote, advertise, publicize

(1) **tout** products, (2) **tout** services

The travel agency is trying to **tout** their new tour packages to attract more customers.

### limitless

*adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

*synonym*: boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential

The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

### surpass

v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

*synonym*: excel, outdo, outperform

(1) **surpass** imagination, (2) **surpass** \$20 billion in sales

The athlete's record-breaking performance **surpassed** all

expectations.

## rooftop

*n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes

*synonym*: roof, terrace, deck

(1) **rooftop** live, (2) **rooftop** deck

They held the dinner party on the **rooftop** terrace, enjoying the beautiful view of the city.

## incentivize

*v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

*synonym*: encourage, motivate

(1) **incentivize** carpooling, (2) **incentivize** the right behavior

Governments **incentivize** their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

## 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.

## 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.

## innovate

*v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

*synonym*: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

## equate

*v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous

*synonym*: associate, liken, relate

(1) **equate** mistakes with failure, (2) **equate** to legal responsibility

It isn't very reasonable to **equate** money with happiness.

## upkeep

*n.* the process of maintaining something in good condition or ensuring its proper functioning, especially a building, vehicle, or equipment

*synonym*: maintenance, care, preservation

(1) **upkeep** of a house, (2) equipment **upkeep**

Regular **upkeep** of your car can prolong its lifespan and prevent costly repairs.

## germ

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym*: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## resilient

*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

*synonym*: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

## brownout

*n.* a temporary reduction in or partial loss of electrical power, usually caused by an overload or a fault in the system

*synonym*: power outage, voltage drop, dimout

(1) a **brownout** in the city, (2) electrical **brownout**

The utility company sent an email warning its customers about a potential **brownout** due to a storm.

## decarbonize

v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

*synonym*: decoke, decarburise, decarburize

(1) **decarbonize** their manufacturing process,

(2) **decarbonize** its energy system

We have to seek methods to **decarbonize** its fossil fuel economy.

## pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

*synonym*: surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. dec\_\_\_\_\_ze its energy system      v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
2. t\_\_t products      v. to promote, advertise, or praise something or someone, especially excessively or persistently; to attempt to sell something or gain support for something by persuasion or solicitation
3. inc\_\_\_\_\_ze carpooling      v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
4. ro\_\_\_\_\_p deck      n. the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
5. p\_\_e a smoother road      v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
6. in\_\_\_\_\_te a new method      v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
7. 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
8. ex\_\_\_e the crowd      v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
9. li\_\_\_\_\_ss potential      *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

ANSWERS: 1. decarbonize, 2. tout, 3. incentivize, 4. rooftop, 5. pave, 6. innovate, 7. electrify, 8. excite, 9. limitless

10. ro\_\_\_\_p live *n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
11. a br\_\_\_\_ut in the city *n.* a temporary reduction in or partial loss of electrical power, usually caused by an overload or a fault in the system
12. t\_\_t services *v.* to promote, advertise, or praise something or someone, especially excessively or persistently; to attempt to sell something or gain support for something by persuasion or solicitation
13. a hard and re\_\_\_\_\_nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
14. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
15. eq\_\_\_e to legal responsibility *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
16. inc\_\_\_\_\_ze the right behavior *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
17. equipment up\_\_\_p *n.* the process of maintaining something in good condition or ensuring its proper functioning, especially a building, vehicle, or equipment
18. re\_\_\_\_\_nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
19. su\_\_\_\_s imagination *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
20. for a li\_\_\_\_\_ss time *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

ANSWERS: 10. rooftop, 11. brownout, 12. tout, 13. resilient, 14. excite, 15. equate, 16. incentivize, 17. upkeep, 18. resilient, 19. surpass, 20. limitless

21. eq\_\_\_e mistakes with failure      *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
22. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m      *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
23. su\_\_\_\_\_ze the cost      *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
24. dec\_\_\_\_\_ze their manufacturing process      *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
25. up\_\_\_p of a house      *n.* the process of maintaining something in good condition or ensuring its proper functioning, especially a building, vehicle, or equipment
26. su\_\_\_\_\_ze the project      *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
27. electrical br\_\_\_\_ut      *n.* a temporary reduction in or partial loss of electrical power, usually caused by an overload or a fault in the system
28. 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
29. a g\_\_m-free environment      *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 21. equate, 22. germ, 23. subsidize, 24. decarbonize, 25. upkeep, 26. subsidize, 27. brownout, 28. electrify, 29. germ

30. in\_\_\_\_te the quality of his life      v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
31. p\_\_e a new path      v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
32. su\_\_\_\_s \$20 billion in sales      v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

ANSWERS: 30. innovate, 31. pave, 32. surpass



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It isn't very reasonable to \_\_\_\_\_ money with happiness.  
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2. The travel agency is trying to \_\_\_\_\_ their new tour packages to attract more customers.  
*v.* to promote, advertise, or praise something or someone, especially excessively or persistently; to attempt to sell something or gain support for something by persuasion or solicitation
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.  
*v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
4. They held the dinner party on the \_\_\_\_\_ terrace, enjoying the beautiful view of the city.  
*n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
5. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently \_\_\_\_\_ the emerging technologies.  
*v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
6. The possibilities for scientific discovery are \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
7. The athlete's record-breaking performance \_\_\_\_\_ all expectations.  
*v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

ANSWERS: 1. equate, 2. tout, 3. paved, 4. rooftop, 5. innovate, 6. limitless, 7. surpassed

8. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
9. Regular \_\_\_\_\_ of your car can prolong its lifespan and prevent costly repairs.  
*n.* the process of maintaining something in good condition or ensuring its proper functioning, especially a building, vehicle, or equipment
10. Governments \_\_\_\_\_ renewable energy generation in various ways.  
*v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
11. 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
12. We have to seek methods to \_\_\_\_\_ its fossil fuel economy.  
*v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
13. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.  
*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
14. Governments \_\_\_\_\_ their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.  
*v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.  
*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 8. excited, 9. upkeep, 10. subsidize, 11. electrify, 12. decarbonize, 13. resilient, 14. incentivize, 15. germ

16. The utility company sent an email warning its customers about a potential \_\_\_\_\_ due to a storm.

- n.* a temporary reduction in or partial loss of electrical power, usually caused by an overload or a fault in the system

ANSWERS: 16. brownout