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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### tangle

*n.* a confused mass of something twisted together

*synonym*: knot, snarl, entanglement

(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires

The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

### consonant

*n.* a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.

*synonym*: agreement, harmony, concord

(1) **consonant** blends, (2) a medial **consonant**

The **consonant** sounds at the beginning and end of the word made it easy to pronounce.

### vowel

*n.* a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth

*synonym*: letter, sound, syllable

(1) **vowel** chart, (2) **vowel** combination

Please pronounce your name slowly and emphasize the **vowel** sounds.

### buzzer

*n.* a device that produces a rapid, high-pitched sound or noise, often used to signal something or draw attention

to something

*synonym* : alarm, signal, beeper

(1) door **buzzer**, (2) alarm **buzzer**

She jumped when the harsh **buzzer** noise indicated her laundry was done.

## **sect**

*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

*synonym* : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

## **pelvic**

*adj.* of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips

(1) **pelvic** pain, (2) **pelvic** exam

The **pelvic** region is an important area of the human anatomy.

## **clap**

*v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

*synonym* : applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. vo\_\_l chart  
*n.* a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth
2. c\_\_p my hands  
*v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
3. s\_\_t beliefs  
*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
4. door bu\_\_\_r  
*n.* a device that produces a rapid, high-pitched sound or noise, often used to signal something or draw attention to something
5. ta\_\_\_e wires  
*n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
6. c\_\_p a book shut  
*v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
7. secret s\_\_t  
*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 1. vowel, 2. clap, 3. sect, 4. buzzer, 5. tangle, 6. clap, 7. sect

8. alarm bu\_\_\_r *n.* a device that produces a rapid, high-pitched sound or noise, often used to signal something or draw attention to something
9. pe\_\_\_c exam *adj.* of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips
10. in a ta\_\_\_e *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
11. pe\_\_\_c pain *adj.* of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips
12. a medial co\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.
13. co\_\_\_\_\_nt blends *n.* a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.
14. vo\_\_l combination *n.* a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth

ANSWERS: 8. buzzer, 9. pelvic, 10. tangle, 11. pelvic, 12. consonant, 13. consonant, 14. vowel

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The cords behind my computer were a \_\_\_\_\_ mess.  
*n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ region is an important area of the human anatomy.  
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3. The \_\_\_\_\_ sounds at the beginning and end of the word made it easy to pronounce.  
*n.* a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.
4. She jumped when the harsh \_\_\_\_\_ noise indicated her laundry was done.  
*n.* a device that produces a rapid, high-pitched sound or noise, often used to signal something or draw attention to something
5. Please pronounce your name slowly and emphasize the \_\_\_\_\_ sounds.  
*n.* a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ along with the singer's song.  
*v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
7. The minority \_\_\_\_\_ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.  
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ANSWERS: 1. tangled, 2. pelvic, 3. consonant, 4. buzzer, 5. vowel, 6. clapped, 7. sect

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