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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### dent

*v.* to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface

*synonym*: indent, depress, mark

(1) **dent** removal, (2) **dent** his pride

He acci **dentally** dented his car when he bumped into a tree.

### environmentalist

*n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

*synonym*: conservationist

(1) dedicated **environmentalist**, (2) an **environmentalist** political party

The **environmentalist** lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.

### aspiration

*n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

*synonym*: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

### headwind

*n.* a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its

progress and increasing fuel consumption

*synonym* : opposition

(1) facing **headwind**, (2) flying in a **headwind**

The cyclists had to contend with strong **headwinds** during the race.

## overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

*synonym* : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

## methane

n. a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

(1) atmospheric **methane**, (2) reduce **methane** emissions

The ignition of **methane** gas in the plant killed five employees.

## industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

*synonym* : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

## emit

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

*synonym* : give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

## 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.

## empower

*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

*synonym*: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## audacious

*adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

*synonym*: bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

## liftoff

*n.* the moment when a spacecraft or other vehicle takes off and lifts off the ground; the act or process of launching or beginning an endeavor

*synonym*: takeoff, launching, ascent

(1) **liftoff** time, (2) **liftoff** procedure

The spacecraft had a successful **liftoff**, launching into the atmosphere.

## supercharge

*v.* to increase the power or energy of something

*synonym*: boost, enhance, power up

(1) **supercharge** economic growth, (2) **supercharge** the

battery

They **supercharged** the engine to get more power.

**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.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1. sup_____ge economic growth     | <i>v.</i> to increase the power or energy of something  |
| 2. an env_____ist political party | <i>n.</i> a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment  |
| 3. au_____us stunt                | <i>adj.</i> showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness |
| 4. asp_____on into the lungs      | <i>n.</i> a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath   |
| 5. flying in a he_____nd          | <i>n.</i> a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption     |
| 6. op_____ne occasion             | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose   |
| 7. li_____f procedure             | <i>n.</i> the moment when a spacecraft or other vehicle takes off and lifts off the ground; the act or process of launching or beginning an endeavor                |
| 8. an op_____ne remark            | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose   |
| 9. dedicated env_____ist          | <i>n.</i> a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment  |

ANSWERS: 1. supercharge, 2. environmentalist, 3. audacious, 4. aspiration, 5. headwind, 6. opportune, 7. liftoff, 8. opportune, 9. environmentalist

10. facing he\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption
11. ov\_\_\_\_ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
12. em\_\_\_\_r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
13. atmospheric me\_\_\_\_e *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
14. d\_\_t his pride *v.* to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface
15. ov\_\_\_\_ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
16. e\_\_t air pollution *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
17. ind\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
18. d\_\_t removal *v.* to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface
19. reduce me\_\_\_\_e emissions *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

ANSWERS: 10. headwind, 11. overlook, 12. empower, 13. methane, 14. dent, 15. overlook, 16. emit, 17. industrious, 18. dent, 19. methane

20. di\_\_\_\_\_ce the explosive power      *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
21. e\_\_t a gamma ray      *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
22. sup\_\_\_\_\_ge the battery      *v.* to increase the power or energy of something
23. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
24. em\_\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same      *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
25. 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
26. di\_\_\_\_\_ce workers      *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
27. the speaker's dr\_\_e      *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
28. li\_\_\_\_\_f time      *n.* the moment when a spacecraft or other vehicle takes off and lifts off the ground; the act or process of launching or beginning an endeavor
29. no asp\_\_\_\_\_on for fame      *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

ANSWERS: 20. displace, 21. emit, 22. supercharge, 23. industrious, 24. empower, 25. drone, 26. displace, 27. drone, 28. liftoff, 29. aspiration

30. au\_\_\_\_\_us decision

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ANSWERS: 30. audacious



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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