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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### muted

*adj.* having a subdued or softened sound, color, or tone; restrained or understated in expression or style

*synonym*: dull, hushed, muffled

(1) **muted** light, (2) **muted** sound

The toned-down, **muted** colors in the living room gave it a cozy and relaxed feeling.

### beetle

*n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

(1) **beetle** brows, (2) a **beetle** larva

In ancient civilizations, the scarab **beetle** was worshiped as a sacred creature.

### entomology

*n.* the scientific study of insects, including their physical characteristics, life cycles, behaviors, and relationships with other organisms in their environment

*synonym*: insect science, bug study, insectology

(1) **entomology** lab, (2) **entomology** book

The museum offered a guided tour of its **entomology** exhibit featuring various insects.

## 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.

## diffuse

*adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place

*synonym* : spread, scatter

(1) **diffuse** bleeding, (2) **diffuse** cloud

Direct lighting is preferable to **diffuse** lighting when reading.

## magnify

*v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

*synonym* : enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display

Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

## micron

*n.* a unit of measurement equal to one-millionth of a meter, used for measuring the size of particles and microorganisms

*synonym* : micrometer

(1) **micron** measurements, (2) **micron** imaging

The width of a single human hair is around 100 **microns**.

## sliver

*n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

*synonym* : splinter, shard, fragment

(1) **sliver** of wood, (2) **sliver** of metal

I had to be careful not to step on a **sliver** of glass on the floor.

## squash

v. to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully

*synonym*: smash, crush, compress

(1) **squash** a package, (2) **squash** a rebellion

I like to **squash** my grapes when making homemade wine.

## immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

*synonym*: dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

## microscopic

*adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

*synonym*: infinitesimal, tiny, atomic

(1) **microscopic** inquiry, (2) **microscopic** analysis

Inspectors noticed **microscopic** cracks in the submarine's hull.

## offshoot

*n.* a subsidiary or secondary branch or part of something; a new development or idea that has grown out of a larger one

*synonym*: branch, derivation, offspring

(1) an **offshoot** of the company, (2) cultural **offshoot**

The new program is an **offshoot** of the main curriculum for students with specific interests.

## horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

*synonym*: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

## chap

*n.* a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind

*synonym* : fellow, guy, crack

(1) **chap** stick, (2) nice **chap**

He suffered a painful **chap** on his hand after working with chemicals.

## motionless

*adj.* without movement or motion; completely still

*synonym* : still, immobile, static

(1) **motionless** figure, (2) **motionless** body

The wounded soldier lay **motionless** on the battlefield waiting for medical attention.

## handprint

*n.* a mark or impression made by the hand, often used to identify or verify a person's identity

*synonym* : impression, fingerprint, palm print

(1) child's **handprint**, (2) ink **handprint**

The **handprint** on the wall was a clue for the detectives investigating the crime scene.

## beagle

*n.* a small dog with a smooth coat, long ears, and a strong sense of smell, used for hunting hares

*synonym* : hound, dog, pup

(1) legal **beagle**, (2) **beagle** nose

His pet **beagle** sniffed at the ground, following the rabbit's trail.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. mot\_\_\_\_\_ss figure *adj.* without movement or motion; completely still
2. mu\_\_d sound *adj.* having a subdued or softened sound, color, or tone; restrained or understated in expression or style
3. ma\_\_\_\_\_y the image for display *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
4. sq\_\_\_h a package *v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
5. ho\_\_\_\_\_y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
6. mi\_\_\_n measurements *n.* a unit of measurement equal to one-millionth of a meter, used for measuring the size of particles and microorganisms
7. be\_\_\_e brows *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
8. legal be\_\_\_e *n.* a small dog with a smooth coat, long ears, and a strong sense of smell, used for hunting hares
9. im\_\_\_\_\_e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

ANSWERS: 1. motionless, 2. muted, 3. magnify, 4. squash, 5. horrify, 6. micron, 7. beetle, 8. beagle, 9. immerse

10. mic\_\_\_\_\_ic analysis *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
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16. ink ha\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a mark or impression made by the hand, often used to identify or verify a person's identity
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18. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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ANSWERS: 10. microscopic, 11. entomology, 12. muted, 13. entomology, 14. motionless, 15. offshoot, 16. handprint, 17. handprint, 18. opportune, 19. magnify

20. completely im\_\_\_\_\_e the ingredient      *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
21. nice c\_\_p      *n.* a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind
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25. 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
26. a be\_\_\_\_\_e larva      *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
27. di\_\_\_\_\_e bleeding      *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place

ANSWERS: 20. immerse, 21. chap, 22. microscopic, 23. chap, 24. offshoot, 25. sect, 26. beetle, 27. diffuse

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29. ho\_\_\_\_y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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