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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### indebted

*adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness

*synonym* : owing, obligated, beholden

(1) **indebted** to creditors, (2) financially **indebted**

He felt **indebted** to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.

### envoy

*n.* a person who is sent by one government or organization on a diplomatic mission to represent and negotiate on behalf of their country or organization to another country or organization

*synonym* : messenger, representative, delegate

(1) cultural **envoy**, (2) diplomatic **envoy**

The president appointed a special **envoy** to mediate the peace talks.

## disrespect

*n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

*synonym*: impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer

His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

## capita

*n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

*synonym*: head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**

GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

## numeracy

*n.* the ability to understand and work with numbers, particularly in the context of everyday life and practical applications

*synonym*: numerical ability, math proficiency, math skills

(1) basic **numeracy**, (2) **numeracy** test results

**Numeracy** skills are important in many industries, including finance and science.

## outperform

*v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type

*synonym*: beat, exceed, surpass

(1) **outperform** other countries, (2) **outperform** the human brain

They consistently **outperformed** other teams in the league.

## prioritize

*v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

*synonym*: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

## inefficiency

*n.* the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive

*synonym* : ineffectiveness, inefficacy, inadequacy

(1) **inefficiency** in the system, (2) bureaucratic **inefficiency**

The company's **inefficiency** in handling customer requests led to many complaints.

## devalue

*v.* to reduce the value or worth of something

*synonym* : diminish, depreciate, reduce

(1) **devalue** the pound, (2) **devalue** a brand

Her negative comments about the project only **devalued** the team's efforts.

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym* : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## entrepreneurship

*n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

*synonym* : self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody **entrepreneurship**

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

## livestream

*n.* a real-time video or audio broadcast of an event, performance, or activity that is encoded and distributed over the Internet, usually through dedicated apps or websites, allowing distributed viewers to watch it remotely

*synonym*: webcast, stream, broadcast

(1) **livestream** tutorial, (2) **livestream** concert

We watched the concert **livestream** since we couldn't attend in person.

## scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

*synonym*: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

## bidirectional

*adj.* capable of functioning or moving in two opposite directions; involving or allowing communication or transmission in two opposite directions

*synonym*: two-way, reciprocal, dual

(1) **bidirectional** communication, (2) **bidirectional** street

The **bidirectional** flow of information allows for efficient communication between the two departments.

## ruthless

*adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

*synonym*: heartless, pitiless, merciless

(1) show **ruthless** behavior, (2) **ruthless** brutality

The dictator was known for his **ruthless** tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the agricultural yield per ca___a | <i>n.</i> a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone  |
| 2. out_____rm the human brain        | <i>v.</i> to be or do something compared to others of a similar type  |
| 3. liv_____am tutorial               | <i>n.</i> a real-time video or audio broadcast of an event, performance, or activity that is encoded and distributed over the Internet, usually through dedicated apps or websites, allowing distributed viewers to watch it remotely |
| 4. pri_____ze people over cars       | <i>v.</i> to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things  |
| 5. su_____ze the project             | <i>v.</i> to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially   |
| 6. embody ent_____hip                | <i>n.</i> the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one  |
| 7. bid_____nal street                | <i>adj.</i> capable of functioning or moving in two opposite directions; involving or allowing communication or transmission in two opposite directions   |
| 8. nu_____cy test results            | <i>n.</i> the ability to understand and work with numbers, particularly in the context of everyday life and practical applications  |

ANSWERS: 1. capita, 2. outperform, 3. livestream, 4. prioritize, 5. subsidize, 6. entrepreneurship, 7. bidirectional, 8. numeracy

9. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
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12. 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
13. de\_\_\_\_\_e the pound *v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
14. ru\_\_\_\_\_ss brutality *adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
15. cultural en\_\_y *n.* a person who is sent by one government or organization on a diplomatic mission to represent and negotiate on behalf of their country or organization to another country or organization
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ANSWERS: 9. improvisation, 10. prioritize, 11. inefficiency, 12. electrify, 13. devalue, 14. ruthless, 15. envoy, 16. improvisation, 17. ruthless

18. diplomatic en\_\_y *n.* a person who is sent by one government or organization on a diplomatic mission to represent and negotiate on behalf of their country or organization to another country or organization
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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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