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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### legislator

*n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

*synonym*: lawmaker, lawgiver, administrator

(1) a **legislator** appointed by the party, (2) incumbent

### legislator

Corporate executives and **legislators** are still overwhelmingly men.

### inmate

*n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility

*synonym*: prisoner, convict, detainee

(1) **inmate** population, (2) **inmate** rights

The prison implemented a new educational program for **inmates** to learn skills and prepare for life after release.

### rehabilitate

*v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

*synonym*: reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

## incarceration

*n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail

*synonym*: confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

## craftsman

*n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

*synonym*: artisan, mechanic, workman

(1) **craftsman** skill, (2) a subtle **craftsman**

The adept **craftsman** carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

## entitle

*v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

*synonym*: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

## razor

*n.* a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair

*synonym*: blade, shaver, cutter

(1) **razor** blade, (2) an electric **razor**

He shaved with a **razor** to get a close shave.

## stark

*adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

*synonym*: crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

## almighty

*adj.* having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent

*synonym*: omnipotent, all-powerful, supreme

(1) **almighty** power, (2) **almighty** dollar

The **almighty** ruler of the kingdom held ultimate power over

his subjects.

## **emancipate**

v. to set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; to liberate

*synonym*: liberate, free, release

(1) **emancipate** a slave, (2) **emancipate** him from anxiety

The organization works to **emancipate** people from poverty and provide them with education and job opportunities.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------|--|
| 1. mass inc_____ion          | <i>n.</i> the state of being confined in prison or jail  |
| 2. inc_____ion rates         | <i>n.</i> the state of being confined in prison or jail  |
| 3. incumbent leg_____or      | <i>n.</i> a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws  |
| 4. cr_____an skill           | <i>n.</i> a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials   |
| 5. reh_____ate wildlife      | <i>v.</i> to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment |
| 6. ra__r blade               | <i>n.</i> a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair   |
| 7. in___e population         | <i>n.</i> a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility   |
| 8. al_____ty dollar          | <i>adj.</i> having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent  |
| 9. en_____e him to a pension | <i>v.</i> to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something   |
| 10. st__k landscape          | <i>adj.</i> empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications   |

ANSWERS: 1. incarceration, 2. incarceration, 3. legislator, 4. craftsman, 5. rehabilitate, 6. razor, 7. inmate, 8. almighty, 9. entitle, 10. stark

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| 11. reh_____ate prisoners                | <i>v.</i>   | to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment |
| 12. ema_____te a slave                   | <i>v.</i>   | to set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; to liberate   |
| 13. a subtle cr_____an                   | <i>n.</i>   | a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials   |
| 14. al_____ty power                      | <i>adj.</i> | having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent  |
| 15. a leg_____or appointed by the party  | <i>n.</i>   | a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws  |
| 16. st__k truth                          | <i>adj.</i> | empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications   |
| 17. ema_____te him from anxiety          | <i>v.</i>   | to set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; to liberate   |
| 18. an electric ra__r                    | <i>n.</i>   | a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair   |
| 19. en_____e the company to use the logo | <i>v.</i>   | to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something   |
| 20. in___e rights                        | <i>n.</i>   | a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility   |

ANSWERS: 11. rehabilitate, 12. emancipate, 13. craftsman, 14. almighty, 15. legislator, 16. stark, 17. emancipate, 18. razor, 19. entitle, 20. inmate

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The organization works to \_\_\_\_\_ people from poverty and provide them with education and job opportunities.  
*v.* to set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; to liberate
2. He shaved with a \_\_\_\_\_ to get a close shave.  
*n.* a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair
3. The organization works to \_\_\_\_\_ drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.  
*v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
4. The judge sentenced him to five years of \_\_\_\_\_ for embezzlement.  
*n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
5. Corporate executives and \_\_\_\_\_ are still overwhelmingly men.  
*n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
6. The scenery of the battlefield was \_\_\_\_\_ and grey.  
*adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
7. The prison implemented a new educational program for \_\_\_\_\_ to learn skills and prepare for life after release.  
*n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
8. The employee was \_\_\_\_\_ to a week of vacation time.  
*v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

ANSWERS: 1. emancipate, 2. razor, 3. rehabilitate, 4. incarceration, 5. legislators, 6. stark, 7. inmates, 8. entitled

9. The adept \_\_\_\_\_ carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.
- n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ ruler of the kingdom held ultimate power over his subjects.
- adj.* having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent

ANSWERS: 9. craftsman, 10. almighty