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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### astronaut

*n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

*synonym* : spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

### hurtle

*v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way

*synonym* : throw, hurl, fling

(1) **hurtle** into a tunnel, (2) **hurtle** through life

The car **hurtled** down the highway at breakneck speed.

### galvanize

*v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust

*synonym* : energize, invigorate, motivate

(1) **galvanize** steel, (2) **galvanize** the country

The motivational speech **galvanized** the team and gave them the drive to succeed.

### spaceship

*n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space

*synonym* : starship, rocket, spacecraft

(1) a **spaceship** to survey the moon, (2) alien **spaceship**  
They launched a crewless **spaceship** into space.

## centimeter

*n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

(1) **centimeter** measurement, (2) thirty **centimeters** tall  
The room was only one **centimeter** wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.

## hawk

*n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

*synonym* : militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**  
That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

## swoop

*v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

*synonym* : dart, pounce

(1) **swoop** down the water slide, (2) **swoop** up the escalator  
The eagle **swooped** down from the sky to catch its prey.

## kestrel

*n.* a small bird of prey (= a bird that kills and eats other creatures) of the falcon family

(1) European **kestrel**, (2) an ideal habitat for **kestrels**  
A **kestrel** swooped down and caught prey.

## agile

*adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

*synonym* : nimble, quick, flexible

(1) an **agile** mind, (2) **agile** in his movements  
The **agile** development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.

## confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym* : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## glint

v. to shine or sparkle with a brief, sudden light; to give a glimpse or hint of something; (noun) a quick or sudden flash of light, often reflecting off a surface

*synonym* : sparkle, shimmer, twinkle

(1) **glint** coldly, (2) a **glint** in his eye

The sun **glinted** off the water, creating a dazzling display of light.

## constellation

n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

*synonym* : asterism, array, pattern

(1) the stars of the Scorpion **constellation**, (2) northern **constellation**

Navigators still use the Little Bear **constellation** at sea.

## rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

*synonym* : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

## deforest

v. to clear an area of forest or trees

*synonym* : clear-cut, strip, denude

(1) **deforest** a mountain, (2) **deforest** millions of acres

The company planned to **deforest** a large rainforest area to make way for a new plantation.

## 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.

**app**

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

*synonym* : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ga\_\_\_\_\_ze the country  
v. to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
2. cast off a h\_\_k  
n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
3. ga\_\_\_\_\_ze steel  
v. to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
4. sw\_\_p down the water slide  
v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
5. a gl\_\_t in his eye  
v. to shine or sparkle with a brief, sudden light; to give a glimpse or hint of something; (noun) a quick or sudden flash of light, often reflecting off a surface
6. European ke\_\_\_\_\_l  
n. a small bird of prey (= a bird that kills and eats other creatures) of the falcon family
7. an ag\_\_e mind  
adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
8. co\_\_\_r honor  
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 1. galvanize, 2. hawk, 3. galvanize, 4. swoop, 5. glint, 6. kestrel, 7. agile, 8. confer

9. as\_\_\_\_\_ut mission *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
10. co\_\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
11. congressional h\_\_k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
12. a sp\_\_\_\_\_ip to survey the moon *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
13. as\_\_\_\_\_ut in training *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
14. de\_\_\_\_st millions of acres *v.* to clear an area of forest or trees
15. ag\_\_e in his movements *adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
16. northern con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
17. begin to r\_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
18. sw\_\_p up the escalator *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
19. de\_\_\_\_st a mountain *v.* to clear an area of forest or trees

ANSWERS: 9. astronaut, 10. confer, 11. hawk, 12. spaceship, 13. astronaut, 14. deforest, 15. agile, 16. constellation, 17. rot, 18. swoop, 19. deforest



29. alien sp\_\_\_\_\_ip *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
30. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
31. an ideal habitat for ke\_\_\_\_\_ls *n.* a small bird of prey (= a bird that kills and eats other creatures) of the falcon family
32. the stars of the Scorpion  
con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

ANSWERS: 29. spaceship, 30. empower, 31. kestrel, 32. constellation



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The motivational speech \_\_\_\_\_ the team and gave them the drive to succeed.
  - v. to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
  
2. The company \_\_\_\_\_ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
  - v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
  
3. The company planned to \_\_\_\_\_ a large rainforest area to make way for a new plantation.
  - v. to clear an area of forest or trees
  
4. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.
  - v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
  
5. The shuttle \_\_\_\_\_ trained for months before embarking on the space mission.
  - n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
  
6. They launched a crewless \_\_\_\_\_ into space.
  - n. (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
  
7. Navigators still use the Little Bear \_\_\_\_\_ at sea.
  - n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

ANSWERS: 1. galvanized, 2. empowered, 3. deforest, 4. confer, 5. astronaut, 6. spaceship, 7. constellation

8. The sun \_\_\_\_\_ off the water, creating a dazzling display of light.  
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9. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
10. The car \_\_\_\_\_ down the highway at breakneck speed.  
*v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
11. A \_\_\_\_\_ swooped down and caught prey.  
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12. That team signed a center forward who was a ball-\_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
13. The room was only one \_\_\_\_\_ wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.  
*n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
14. The eagle \_\_\_\_\_ down from the sky to catch its prey.  
*v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.  
*adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

ANSWERS: 8. glinted, 9. rot, 10. hurtled, 11. kestrel, 12. hawk, 13. centimeter, 14. swooped, 15. agile

16. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the \_\_\_\_\_ release.
- n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

ANSWERS: 16. app's