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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### impending

*adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent

*synonym*: imminent, upcoming, approaching

(1) **impending** doom, (2) **impending** crisis

We must prepare for the **impending** storm expected to hit our area.

### doom

*n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

*synonym*: judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

### grasping

*adj.* eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary

*synonym*: greedy, extorting, acquisitive

(1) **grasping** landlord, (2) **grasping** disposition

He was criticized for his **grasping** attitude, always looking for ways to make more money.

### defibrillator

*n.* a medical device that delivers an electric shock to the heart to restore normal rhythm in cases of cardiac arrest or other serious heart conditions

*synonym*: shock box, resuscitator, AED

(1) portable **defibrillator**, (2) implantable **defibrillator**

Every gym should have an automated external **defibrillator** (AED) in case of cardiac emergencies.

## grandchild

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

*synonym*: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

## remembrance

*n.* the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento

*synonym*: memory, recollection, commemoration

(1) **remembrance** day, (2) eternal **remembrance**

The annual **remembrance** ceremony honors those who sacrificed their lives for the country.

## immortality

*n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever

*synonym*: endless life, timelessness, agelessness

(1) the **immortality** of the soul, (2) achieve **immortality**

Many people believe in the concept of **immortality** and an afterlife.

## meaningless

*adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose

*synonym*: pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task

This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. do a mea\_\_\_\_\_ss task *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
2. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
3. gr\_\_\_\_\_ng landlord *adj.* eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary
4. economic d\_\_m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
5. eternal rem\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento
6. gr\_\_\_\_\_ng disposition *adj.* eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary
7. portable def\_\_\_\_\_tor *n.* a medical device that delivers an electric shock to the heart to restore normal rhythm in cases of cardiac arrest or other serious heart conditions
8. implantable def\_\_\_\_\_tor *n.* a medical device that delivers an electric shock to the heart to restore normal rhythm in cases of cardiac arrest or other serious heart conditions
9. rem\_\_\_\_\_ce day *n.* the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento
10. im\_\_\_\_\_ng crisis *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent

ANSWERS: 1. meaningless, 2. grandchild, 3. grasping, 4. doom, 5. remembrance, 6. grasping, 7. defibrillator, 8. defibrillator, 9. remembrance, 10. impending

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| 11. im_____ng doom             | <i>adj.</i> about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent                         |
| 12. a mea_____ss endeavor      | <i>adj.</i> having no meaning, direction, or purpose                                  |
| 13. gra_____ld development     | <i>n.</i> a child of someone's son or daughter  |
| 14. prophet of d__m            | <i>n.</i> death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided |
| 15. the imm_____ty of the soul | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being able to live or last forever                  |
| 16. achieve imm_____ty         | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being able to live or last forever                  |

ANSWERS: 11. impending, 12. meaningless, 13. grandchild, 14. doom, 15. immortality, 16. immortality

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was criticized for his \_\_\_\_\_ attitude, always looking for ways to make more money.  
*adj.* eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary
2. Every gym should have an automated external \_\_\_\_\_ (AED) in case of cardiac emergencies.  
*n.* a medical device that delivers an electric shock to the heart to restore normal rhythm in cases of cardiac arrest or other serious heart conditions
3. This experiment's results are \_\_\_\_\_ because the other conditions are not identical.  
*adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
4. The grandparents take care of their \_\_\_\_\_ while the parents are at work.  
*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
5. Everyone was aware of the impending \_\_\_\_\_ but was unable to prevent it.  
*n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
6. Many people believe in the concept of \_\_\_\_\_ and an afterlife.  
*n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
7. The annual \_\_\_\_\_ ceremony honors those who sacrificed their lives for the country.  
*n.* the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento

ANSWERS: 1. grasping, 2. defibrillator, 3. meaningless, 4. grandchild, 5. doom, 6. immortality, 7. remembrance

8. We must prepare for the \_\_\_\_\_ storm expected to hit our area.

*adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent

ANSWERS: 8. impending