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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### whop

v. to strike forcefully; to beat or batter

*synonym*: hit, smack, bash

(1) **whop** my opponent, (2) **whop** the intruding spider

He gave the punching bag a hard **whop** with his fists.

### revered

v. highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities

*synonym*: respected, admired, honored

(1) **revered** figure, (2) the most **revered** President

The **revered** teacher was loved by her students.

### embellishment

n. the action, process, or result of adding decorative or additional features or details to something to enhance its aesthetic appeal; an accessory or ornament used to decorate or beautify something

*synonym*: decoration, ornamentation, adornment

(1) the **embellishment** of the truth, (2) artistic

**embellishment**

The dress was beautiful on its own, without additional **embellishment**.

### nobleman

n. a man of high rank or status

*synonym*: aristocrat, noble, gentleman

(1) **nobleman** title, (2) a Bohemian **nobleman**

The young **nobleman** lived in a grand palace with high social status.

## **avid**

*adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity

*synonym*: enthusiastic, eager, fervent

(1) **avid** baseball fan, (2) have **avid** eyes

She was an **avid** reader and spent hours every day lost in a book.

## **rev**

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym*: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## **chop**

*v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

*synonym*: cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. artistic emb\_\_\_\_\_ent  
*n.* the action, process, or result of adding decorative or additional features or details to something to enhance its aesthetic appeal; an accessory or ornament used to decorate or beautify something
2. w\_\_p my opponent  
*v.* to strike forcefully; to beat or batter
3. the emb\_\_\_\_\_ent of the truth  
*n.* the action, process, or result of adding decorative or additional features or details to something to enhance its aesthetic appeal; an accessory or ornament used to decorate or beautify something
4. c\_\_p wood  
*v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
5. a\_\_d baseball fan  
*adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity
6. have a\_\_d eyes  
*adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity
7. the most re\_\_\_\_d President  
*v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
8. re\_\_\_\_d figure  
*v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
9. no\_\_\_\_an title  
*n.* a man of high rank or status

ANSWERS: 1. embellishment, 2. whop, 3. embellishment, 4. chop, 5. avid, 6. avid, 7. revered, 8. revered, 9. nobleman

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| 10. w__p the intruding spider | <i>v.</i> to strike forcefully; to beat or batter   |
| 11. c__p a meet with a knife  | <i>v.</i> to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife   |
| 12. low-r_v engine            | <i>n.</i> a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute |
| 13. r_v up the crowd          | <i>n.</i> a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute |
| 14. a Bohemian no____an       | <i>n.</i> a man of high rank or status  |

ANSWERS: 10. whop, 11. chop, 12. rev, 13. rev, 14. nobleman

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The cook \_\_\_\_\_ the vegetables for the soup.
  - v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
  
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ teacher was loved by her students.
  - v. highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
  
3. The dress was beautiful on its own, without additional \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n. the action, process, or result of adding decorative or additional features or details to something to enhance its aesthetic appeal; an accessory or ornament used to decorate or beautify something
  
4. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
  
5. She was an \_\_\_\_\_ reader and spent hours every day lost in a book.
  - adj. characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity
  
6. The young \_\_\_\_\_ lived in a grand palace with high social status.
  - n. a man of high rank or status
  
7. He gave the punching bag a hard \_\_\_\_\_ with his fists.
  - v. to strike forcefully; to beat or batter

ANSWERS: 1. chopped, 2. revered, 3. embellishment, 4. rev, 5. avid, 6. nobleman, 7. whop