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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### **gymnast**

*n.* a person who performs physical exercises or feats of agility, strength, balance, and coordination, often for sport or entertainment

*synonym*: acrobat, tumbler, contortionist

(1) talented **gymnast**, (2) female **gymnast**

The Olympic **gymnast** performed a flawless routine on the balance beam and received a perfect ten score.

### **acrobatic**

*adj.* relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful

*synonym*: nimble, agile, flexible

(1) **acrobatic** leaps, (2) **acrobatic** skills

The **acrobatic** performance was breathtaking and left the audience in awe.

### **powerless**

*adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

*synonym*: helpless, impotent, feeble

(1) **powerless** position, (2) **powerless** in the organization  
During the hurricane, we felt **powerless** against the winds and rain.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym*: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## obedient

*adj.* willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do

*synonym*: compliant, submissive, dutiful

(1) grow to be **obedient**, (2) **obedient** dog

The **obedient** dog followed its owner's commands.

## peasant

*n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

*synonym*: farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

## commandment

*n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority

*synonym*: law, edict, precept

(1) violate a **commandment**, (2) a religious **commandment**

He was punished because he contravened a **commandment** of God.

## epiphany

*n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

*synonym*: revelation, enlightenment, insight

(1) **epiphany** about life, (2) Feast of **Epiphany**

She had an **epiphany** while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.

## graham

*n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour

*synonym* : cracker, biscuit, wafer

(1) **graham** bread, (2) **graham** flour

I enjoyed my camping trip with friends, toasting marshmallows over a glowing **graham** cracker.

## Christ

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

*synonym* : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

## watercourse

*n.* a natural or artificial channel or path through which water flows, such as a river, stream, or canal; the course or route followed by water

*synonym* : waterway, stream, channel

(1) natural **watercourse**, (2) blocked **watercourse**

The city has implemented measures to protect the **watercourse** from erosion and sedimentation.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. grow to be ob\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do
2. environmental det\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
3. female gy\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who performs physical exercises or feats of agility, strength, balance, and coordination, often for sport or entertainment
4. ac\_\_\_\_ic skills *adj.* relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful
5. talented gy\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who performs physical exercises or feats of agility, strength, balance, and coordination, often for sport or entertainment
6. before Ch\_\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
7. gr\_\_\_\_m flour *n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour

ANSWERS: 1. obedient, 2. determinant, 3. gymnast, 4. acrobatic, 5. gymnast, 6. Christ, 7. graham

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9. natural wat\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a natural or artificial channel or path through which water flows, such as a river, stream, or canal; the course or route followed by water
10. Feast of Ep\_\_\_\_ny *n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus
11. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
12. blocked wat\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a natural or artificial channel or path through which water flows, such as a river, stream, or canal; the course or route followed by water
13. po\_\_\_\_\_ss in the organization *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
14. ac\_\_\_\_\_ic leaps *adj.* relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful
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ANSWERS: 8. Christ, 9. watercourse, 10. epiphany, 11. determinant, 12. watercourse, 13. powerless, 14. acrobatic, 15. epiphany

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21. gr\_\_\_m bread *n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour
22. ob\_\_\_\_\_nt dog *adj.* willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do

ANSWERS: 16. peasant, 17. powerless, 18. commandment, 19. commandment, 20. peasant, 21. graham, 22. obedient

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
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ANSWERS: 8. peasant, 9. acrobatic, 10. powerless, 11. graham