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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

### electrify

*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym*: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

### photoshop

*v.* to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools

*synonym*: edit, retouch, manipulate

(1) **photoshop** a picture, (2) **photoshop** the background of the image

The photographer **photoshopped** the image to enhance the lighting and contrast.

## compress

*v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

*synonym*: condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

## vault

*n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly

*synonym*: safe, strongbox, coffer

(1) **vault** door, (2) **vault** from five to fifty percent

The government **vault** contains top-secret documents and classified information that only a few individuals can access.

## donkey

*n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person

*synonym*: horse, burro, mule

(1) male **donkey**, (2) **donkey** ride

The little boy rode the **donkey** at the county fair.

## mortar

*n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances

*synonym*: howitzer, cement mixer, masonry tool

(1) **mortar** joints, (2) apply **mortar**

The bricklayer started on the second course of bricks, laying them in fresh **mortar**.

## confound

*v.* to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical

*synonym*: confuse, mix up, perplex

(1) **confound** right and wrong, (2) **confound** the problem

The unexpected events **confounded** the scientists, who had to rethink their hypothesis.

## **beaucoup**

*adj.* (a French term often used colloquially in English) a lot or very much

*synonym*: very much, a lot, many

(1) **beaucoup** compliments, (2) **beaucoup** of experience

With her successful tech start-up, she is now earning **beaucoup** bucks.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. co\_\_\_\_ss the chest      *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
2. co\_\_\_\_nd right and wrong      *v.* to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical
3. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. ph\_\_\_\_\_op the background of the image      *v.* to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools
5. male do\_\_\_\_y      *n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person
6. mo\_\_\_\_r joints      *n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances
7. be\_\_\_\_up compliments      *adj.* (a French term often used colloquially in English) a lot or very much
8. do\_\_\_\_y ride      *n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person
9. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience      *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 1. compress, 2. confound, 3. opportune, 4. photoshop, 5. donkey, 6. mortar, 7. beaucoup, 8. donkey, 9. electrify

10. be\_\_\_\_up of experience      *adj.* (a French term often used colloquially in English) a lot or very much
11. va\_\_t from five to fifty percent      *n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly
12. apply mo\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances
13. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
14. co\_\_\_\_\_nd the problem      *v.* to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical
15. ph\_\_\_\_\_op a picture      *v.* to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools
16. va\_\_t door      *n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly
17. co\_\_\_\_\_ss gas      *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
18. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process      *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 10. beaucoup, 11. vault, 12. mortar, 13. opportune, 14. confound, 15. photoshop, 16. vault, 17. compress, 18. electrify

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. With her successful tech start-up, she is now earning \_\_\_\_\_ bucks.  
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2. The government \_\_\_\_\_ contains top-secret documents and classified information that only a few individuals can access.  
*n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly
3. The unexpected events \_\_\_\_\_ the scientists, who had to rethink their hypothesis.  
*v.* to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical
4. The photographer \_\_\_\_\_ the image to enhance the lighting and contrast.  
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5. The little boy rode the \_\_\_\_\_ at the county fair.  
*n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person
6. The product developed through years of research continues to \_\_\_\_\_ the market.  
*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 1. beaucoup, 2. vault, 3. confounded, 4. photoshopped, 5. donkey, 6. electrify

7. She \_\_\_\_\_ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

*v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

8. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

9. The bricklayer started on the second course of bricks, laying them in fresh \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances

ANSWERS: 7. compressed, 8. opportune, 9. mortar