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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- pun**
- n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay  
*synonym* : joke, quip, wordplay  
(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**  
The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.
- senator**
- n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate  
*synonym* : legislator, politician, representative  
(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term  
The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.
- treasury**
- n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual  
*synonym* : coffer, exchequer, bank  
(1) **treasury** bonds, (2) **treasury** money  
The protracted war nearly depleted the country's **treasury**.
- 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. junior se_____r             | <i>n.</i> a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate  |
| 2. tr_____ry money             | <i>n.</i> the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual                    |
| 3. a det_____nt of crop yields | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result     |
| 4. witty p_n                   | <i>n.</i> a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay |
| 5. environmental det_____nt    | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result     |
| 6. se_____r term               | <i>n.</i> a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate  |
| 7. tr_____ry bonds             | <i>n.</i> the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual                    |
| 8. silly p_n                   | <i>n.</i> a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay |

ANSWERS: 1. senator, 2. treasury, 3. determinant, 4. pun, 5. determinant, 6. senator, 7. treasury, 8. pun

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The hawkish \_\_\_\_\_ gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.  
*n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
2. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.  
*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
3. The protracted war nearly depleted the country's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual
4. The comedian's \_\_\_\_ had the audience laughing out loud.  
*n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 1. senator, 2. determinant, 3. treasury, 4. pun