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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### incapable

*adj.* unable to do, control, or achieve something

*synonym* : unable, incompetent, unskilled

(1) drunk and **incapable**, (2) **incapable** of being resisted

He seems **incapable** of understanding what she says.

### meme

*n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

*synonym* : buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

### augment

*v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

*synonym* : boost, increase, expand

(1) **augment** the reality, (2) **augment** immunity

Economic factors and monetary policy **augmented** inflation.

## premonition

*n.* a strong feeling or sense that something is about to happen, often foreboding or unpleasant; a warning or indication of a future event or circumstance

*synonym* : forewarning, prognostication, presentiment

(1) **premonition** of a bad outcome, (2) **premonition** of success

His **premonition** of an impending disaster saved his family from a serious accident.

## confer

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym* : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## owl

*n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call

*synonym* : raptor, bird of prey, nocturnal bird

(1) a night **owl**, (2) an **owl** hooted

The snowy **owl** is a large, white bird often seen in the Arctic.

## hypertext

*n.* a type of electronic text that links to other related information and allows non-linear reading and navigation between different text sections, commonly used in the context of the World Wide Web

*synonym* : hyperlink, linking, web

(1) **hypertext** document, (2) **hypertext** navigation

The Internet has **hypertext** links allowing users to navigate different web pages.

## fuss

*n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance

*synonym* : commotion, agitation, disturbance

(1) make a **fuss**, (2) get into a **fuss**

There was a **fuss** about the broken vase, but it was quickly forgotten.

## pretentious

*adj.* attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious

*synonym* : ostentatious, showy, pompous

(1) **pretentious** behavior, (2) **pretentious** language

The **pretentious** guest at the party talked endlessly about his expensive taste in wine.

## illustrious

*adj.* famous, respected, and honored

*synonym* : famous, renowned, distinguished

(1) an **illustrious** achievement, (2) **illustrious** figure

The **illustrious** scientist won the Nobel Prize for his groundbreaking work.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. pronounce m\_\_e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
2. drunk and in\_\_\_\_\_le *adj.* unable to do, control, or achieve something
3. a night o\_l *n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
4. an ill\_\_\_\_\_us achievement *adj.* famous, respected, and honored
5. pre\_\_\_\_\_on of a bad outcome *n.* a strong feeling or sense that something is about to happen, often foreboding or unpleasant; a warning or indication of a future event or circumstance
6. pre\_\_\_\_\_on of success *n.* a strong feeling or sense that something is about to happen, often foreboding or unpleasant; a warning or indication of a future event or circumstance
7. au\_\_\_\_\_t immunity *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
8. in\_\_\_\_\_le of being resisted *adj.* unable to do, control, or achieve something

ANSWERS: 1. meme, 2. incapable, 3. owl, 4. illustrious, 5. premonition, 6. premonition, 7. augment, 8. incapable

9. pre\_\_\_\_\_us language *adj.* attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious
10. ill\_\_\_\_\_us figure *adj.* famous, respected, and honored
11. au\_\_\_\_\_t the reality *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
12. religious m\_\_e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
13. co\_\_\_\_r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
14. get into a f\_\_s *n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
15. make a f\_\_s *n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
16. hy\_\_\_\_\_xt navigation *n.* a type of electronic text that links to other related information and allows non-linear reading and navigation between different text sections, commonly used in the context of the World Wide Web

ANSWERS: 9. pretentious, 10. illustrious, 11. augment, 12. meme, 13. confer, 14. fuss, 15. fuss, 16. hypertext

17. an o\_l hooted *n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ of an impending disaster saved his family from a serious accident.  
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6. The snowy \_\_\_\_\_ is a large, white bird often seen in the Arctic.  
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ANSWERS: 1. premonition, 2. fuss, 3. meme, 4. pretentious, 5. incapable, 6. owl, 7. illustrious

8. Economic factors and monetary policy \_\_\_\_\_ inflation.
- v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
9. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.
- v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
10. The Internet has \_\_\_\_\_ links allowing users to navigate different web pages.
- n. a type of electronic text that links to other related information and allows non-linear reading and navigation between different text sections, commonly used in the context of the World Wide Web

ANSWERS: 8. augmented, 9. confer, 10. hypertext