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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### barometer

*n.* an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment

*synonym*: indicator, gauge, measure

(1) economic **barometer**, (2) air pressure **barometer**

The number of patients in the hospital is a useful **barometer** of regional health trends.

### amalgam

*n.* an alloy of mercury with another metal, used especially to fill holes in teeth; a mixture or combination of diverse things

*synonym*: mixture, alloy, admixture

(1) **amalgam** alloy, (2) an **amalgam** of hope and fear

His theory is an **amalgam** of earlier ideas.

### tactile

*adj.* relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch

*synonym*: touchable, tangible, palpable

(1) **tactile** stimulation, (2) **tactile** feedback

The **tactile** sensation of the fabric was soft and smooth to the touch.

## audible

*adj.* able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly

*synonym* : hearable, perceptible, loud enough

(1) **audible** sound, (2) **audible** words

An **audible** sigh from the back of the room broke the silence.

## buoy

*n.* a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement

*synonym* : float, marker, beacon

(1) navigation **buoy**, (2) a mooring **buoy**

A red and white striped **buoy** marked the edge of the shipping lane.

## clipboard

*n.* a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place

*synonym* : notepad, writing board, memo pad

(1) **clipboard** with a pen, (2) write on a **clipboard**

The nurse carried a **clipboard** with the patient's medical information.

## 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**.

## weave

*v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

*synonym* : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

## nuanced

*adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

*synonym* : fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

## blueprint

*n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

*synonym* : draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**

A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

## sculptural

*adj.* relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance

*synonym* : sculpted, carved, modeled

(1) **sculptural** masterpiece, (2) **sculptural** design

The **sculptural** details on the building's facade were simply stunning.

## visualize

*v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

*synonym* : imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

## embed

*v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass

*synonym* : entrench, fix, set

(1) **embed** scripts in the message, (2) **embed** a sensor

The company **embedded** a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. we\_\_e a story  
*v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
2. em\_\_d a sensor  
*v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
3. ta\_\_\_\_e stimulation  
*adj.* relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch
4. scu\_\_\_\_\_al masterpiece  
*adj.* relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance
5. air pressure ba\_\_\_\_\_er  
*n.* an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment
6. an am\_\_\_\_\_m of hope and fear  
*n.* an alloy of mercury with another metal, used especially to fill holes in teeth; a mixture or combination of diverse things
7. r\_v up the crowd  
*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
8. au\_\_\_\_\_e words  
*adj.* able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly

ANSWERS: 1. weave, 2. embed, 3. tactile, 4. sculptural, 5. barometer, 6. amalgam, 7. rev, 8. audible

9. cl\_\_\_\_\_rd with a pen *n.* a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place
10. am\_\_\_\_\_m alloy *n.* an alloy of mercury with another metal, used especially to fill holes in teeth; a mixture or combination of diverse things
11. economic ba\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment
12. vi\_\_\_\_\_ze data *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
13. write on a cl\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place
14. nu\_\_\_\_\_d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
15. vi\_\_\_\_\_ze flying through space *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
16. a mooring b\_\_y *n.* a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement
17. au\_\_\_\_\_e sound *adj.* able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly
18. scu\_\_\_\_\_al design *adj.* relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 9. clipboard, 10. amalgam, 11. barometer, 12. visualize, 13. clipboard, 14. nuanced, 15. visualize, 16. buoy, 17. audible, 18. sculptural

19. em\_\_d scripts in the message      *v.*    to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
20. we\_\_e on a loom      *v.*    to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
21. low-r\_v engine      *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
22. bl\_\_\_\_\_nt for economic reform      *n.*    a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
23. navigation b\_\_y      *n.*    a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement
24. ta\_\_\_\_\_e feedback      *adj.* relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch
25. the common but nu\_\_\_\_\_d opinion      *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
26. architect's bl\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.*    a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

ANSWERS: 19. embed, 20. weave, 21. rev, 22. blueprint, 23. buoy, 24. tactile, 25. nuanced, 26. blueprint

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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5. A business plan is a \_\_\_\_\_ for your success.  
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6. The \_\_\_\_\_ details on the building's facade were simply stunning.  
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8. The company \_\_\_\_\_ a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.  
*v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ sensation of the fabric was soft and smooth to the touch.  
*adj.* relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch
10. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the layout of the new house in her mind.  
*v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
11. 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
12. The sommelier can distinguish \_\_\_\_\_ variance in the flavor of the wine.  
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ANSWERS: 8. embedded, 9. tactile, 10. visualize, 11. rev, 12. nuanced, 13. weaves