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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### congest

*v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

*synonym* : clog, choke, crowd

(1) **congest** in a vein, (2) **congest** a highway

The roads to the airport were heavily **congested**.

### pervasive

*adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

*synonym* : extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

### disperse

*v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

*synonym* : dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters

Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

### bottleneck

*n.* a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry

*synonym* : blockage, obstacle, barrier

(1) performance **bottleneck**, (2) **bottleneck** in production  
Memory bandwidth is a significant **bottleneck** in this computational simulation.

## abolish

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to  
*synonym*: cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship

The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

## reintroduce

v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

*synonym*: bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

## 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.

## discontent

n. dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval

*synonym*: dissatisfaction, unrest, displeasure

(1) political **discontent**, (2) widespread **discontent**

The worker's **discontent** with their wages led to a strike.

## nudge

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

*synonym*: bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**

The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and

asked him a question.

## **cordon**

*n.* a line or circle of police, soldiers, or other guards preventing access to or from an area; a barrier or blockade

*synonym*: barrier, barricade, line

(1) **cordon** tape, (2) police **cordon**

The police set up a **cordon** around the crime scene to keep bystanders out.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the pe_____ve odor of garlic  | <i>adj.</i> spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place  |
| 2. co____n tape                  | <i>n.</i> a line or circle of police, soldiers, or other guards preventing access to or from an area; a barrier or blockade  |
| 3. political dis_____nt          | <i>n.</i> dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval  |
| 4. op_____ne occasion            | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose  |
| 5. performance bot_____ck        | <i>n.</i> a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry |
| 6. co_____t in a vein            | <i>v.</i> to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid  |
| 7. ab_____h slavery              | <i>v.</i> to do away with completely; to put an end to   |
| 8. rei_____ce capital punishment | <i>v.</i> to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued   |
| 9. bot_____ck in production      | <i>n.</i> a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry |

ANSWERS: 1. pervasive, 2. cordon, 3. discontent, 4. opportune, 5. bottleneck, 6. congest, 7. abolish, 8. reintroduce, 9. bottleneck

10. give a person a nu\_\_e      *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
11. di\_\_\_\_se the protesters      *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
12. nu\_\_e price levels up      *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
13. pe\_\_\_\_ve language      *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
14. police co\_\_\_n      *n.* a line or circle of police, soldiers, or other guards preventing access to or from an area; a barrier or blockade
15. an op\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
16. widespread dis\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval
17. rei\_\_\_\_ce species      *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
18. ab\_\_\_\_h censorship      *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
19. di\_\_\_\_se false information      *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

ANSWERS: 10. nudge, 11. disperse, 12. nudge, 13. pervasive, 14. cordon, 15. opportune, 16. discontent, 17. reintroduce, 18. abolish, 19. disperse

20. co\_\_\_\_t a highway

v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

ANSWERS: 20. congest

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The worker's \_\_\_\_\_ with their wages led to a strike.  
*n.* dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval
  
2. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
  
3. The government is planning to \_\_\_\_\_ wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.  
*v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
  
4. Memory bandwidth is a significant \_\_\_\_\_ in this computational simulation.  
*n.* a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry
  
5. Before authorities \_\_\_\_\_ the protesters, they yelled slogans.  
*v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
  
6. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the student to get his attention and asked him a question.  
*v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
  
7. The roads to the airport were heavily \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

ANSWERS: 1. discontent, 2. opportune, 3. reintroduce, 4. bottleneck, 5. dispersed, 6. nudged, 7. congested

8. Suspicion and worry were \_\_\_\_\_ in our minds.

*adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

9. The police set up a \_\_\_\_\_ around the crime scene to keep bystanders out.

*n.* a line or circle of police, soldiers, or other guards preventing access to or from an area; a barrier or blockade

10. The government voted to \_\_\_\_\_ the outdated law.

*v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to

ANSWERS: 8. pervasive, 9. cordon, 10. abolish