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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### waver

*v.* to move in a quivering manner; to become weak

*synonym*: lurch, sway, wobble

(1) **waver** in purpose, (2) **waver** between work and private life

She didn't **waver** in her decision to pursue her dream career, despite the challenges.

### scribe

*n.* a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times

*synonym*: copyist, transcriber, writer

(1) **scribe** in ancient Egypt, (2) financial **scribe**

The **scribe's** skills were in high demand in medieval times, when many people were illiterate.

### dubious

*adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain

*synonym*: uncertain, questionable, skeptical

(1) **dubious** credibility, (2) direct a **dubious** look

The evidence presented in court had a **dubious** origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

### indubitable

*adj.* not able to be doubted, questioned, or disputed; certain or unquestionable

*synonym*: undeniable, unquestionable, certain

(1) **indubitable** truth, (2) **indubitable** evidence

It is **indubitable** that climate change is a pressing issue that requires immediate action.

## 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**.

## doubtful

*adj.* uncertain or unlikely to happen

*synonym*: uncertain, questionable, unsure

(1) a book of **doubtful** authorship, (2) **doubtful** whether

It is **doubtful** that we will be able to finish the project on time.

## doublet

*n.* a man's close-fitting jacket, typically with a close fold or a slit in the back, often worn as part of formal or historical attire

*synonym*: pair, twin, matching

(1) musical **doublet**, (2) medieval **doublet**

He wore a stylish **doublet** over his shirt for the Renaissance fair.

## redouble

*v.* to intensify or increase the effort or magnitude of something; to repeat or do something over again with increased intensity or fervor

*synonym*: intensify, multiply, repeat

(1) **redouble** vigilance, (2) **redouble** my determination

I need to **redouble** my efforts to finish this project on time.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. financial sc\_\_\_e  
*n.* a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times
3. musical do\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* a man's close-fitting jacket, typically with a close fold or a slit in the back, often worn as part of formal or historical attire
4. 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
5. direct a du\_\_\_\_s look  
*adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
6. medieval do\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* a man's close-fitting jacket, typically with a close fold or a slit in the back, often worn as part of formal or historical attire
7. re\_\_\_\_le vigilance  
*v.* to intensify or increase the effort or magnitude of something; to repeat or do something over again with increased intensity or fervor
8. ind\_\_\_\_le truth  
*adj.* not able to be doubted, questioned, or disputed; certain or unquestionable

ANSWERS: 1. rev, 2. scribe, 3. doublet, 4. rev, 5. dubious, 6. doublet, 7. redouble, 8. indubitable

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| 9. a book of do_____ul authorship       | <i>adj.</i> uncertain or unlikely to happen  |
| 10. du_____s credibility                | <i>adj.</i> having doubts or reservations; uncertain   |
| 11. ind_____le evidence                 | <i>adj.</i> not able to be doubted, questioned, or disputed; certain or unquestionable   |
| 12. re_____le my determination          | <i>v.</i> to intensify or increase the effort or magnitude of something; to repeat or do something over again with increased intensity or fervor |
| 13. do_____ul whether                   | <i>adj.</i> uncertain or unlikely to happen  |
| 14. wa__r in purpose                    | <i>v.</i> to move in a quivering manner; to become weak  |
| 15. wa__r between work and private life | <i>v.</i> to move in a quivering manner; to become weak  |
| 16. sc_____e in ancient Egypt           | <i>n.</i> a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times  |

ANSWERS: 9. doubtful, 10. dubious, 11. indubitable, 12. redouble, 13. doubtful, 14. waver, 15. waver, 16. scribe

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ skills were in high demand in medieval times, when many people were illiterate.  
*n.* a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times
2. He wore a stylish \_\_\_\_\_ over his shirt for the Renaissance fair.  
*n.* a man's close-fitting jacket, typically with a close fold or a slit in the back, often worn as part of formal or historical attire
3. 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
4. She didn't \_\_\_\_\_ in her decision to pursue her dream career, despite the challenges.  
*v.* to move in a quivering manner; to become weak
5. The evidence presented in court had a \_\_\_\_\_ origin, raising questions about its authenticity.  
*adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
6. It is \_\_\_\_\_ that we will be able to finish the project on time.  
*adj.* uncertain or unlikely to happen
7. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my efforts to finish this project on time.  
*v.* to intensify or increase the effort or magnitude of something; to repeat or do something over again with increased intensity or fervor

ANSWERS: 1. scribe's, 2. doublet, 3. rev, 4. waver, 5. dubious, 6. doubtful, 7. redouble

8. It is \_\_\_\_\_ that climate change is a pressing issue that requires immediate action.

*adj.* not able to be doubted, questioned, or disputed; certain or unquestionable

ANSWERS: 8. indubitable