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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

### sect

*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

*synonym*: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

### paddle

*n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance

*synonym*: oar, oarlock, scull

(1) **paddle** strokes, (2) canoe **paddle**

The **paddle** boarders glided across the crystal-clear waters of the cove.

### applause

*n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

*synonym*: clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

**gasp**

v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

*synonym* : breathe, pant, heave

(1) **gasp** for air, (2) **gasp** in shock

The audience **gasp**ed when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. s\_\_t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
2. round of ap\_\_\_\_se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
3. secret s\_\_t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
4. canoe pa\_\_\_\_e *n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance
5. pa\_\_\_\_e strokes *n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance
6. g\_\_p in shock *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
7. earn ap\_\_\_\_se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
8. g\_\_p for air *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

ANSWERS: 1. sect, 2. applause, 3. sect, 4. paddle, 5. paddle, 6. gasp, 7. applause, 8. gasp

9. ex\_\_\_e the crowd

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

10. ex\_\_\_e rebellion

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 9. excite, 10. excite

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The minority \_\_\_\_\_ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.  
*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
2. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ burst from the audience.  
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4. The audience \_\_\_\_\_ when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.  
*v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ boarders glided across the crystal-clear waters of the cove.  
*n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance

ANSWERS: 1. sect, 2. excited, 3. applause, 4. gasped, 5. paddle