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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### Christ

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

*synonym* : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

### rudder

*n.* a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)

*synonym* : helm, tiller, steering gear

(1) **rudder** control, (2) **rudder** movement

The small boat's **rudder** was damaged in the storm, making it difficult to steer.

### paperweight

*n.* a small, heavy object, often made of glass or metal, that is designed to hold down papers or other items on a desk or table; an object, usually an electronic device or piece of machinery, that is non-functional or useless for its intended purpose

*synonym* : desk weight, document holder

(1) metallic **paperweight**, (2) **paperweight** gift

The stained-glass **paperweight** added a pop of color to the desk.

## 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.

## 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**.

## crunch

*n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

*synonym*: crushing, snapping, crisis

(1) financial **crunch**, (2) a gas **crunch**

The **crunch** of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

## numb

*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

*synonym*: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

## aft

*adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

**comp**

v. short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment

*synonym*: waive, cover, provide

(1) **comp** their meal, (2) **comp** the employees with a bonus

The casino **comped** her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. financial cr\_\_\_h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
  
2. metallic pap\_\_\_\_\_ht *n.* a small, heavy object, often made of glass or metal, that is designed to hold down papers or other items on a desk or table; an object, usually an electronic device or piece of machinery, that is non-functional or useless for its intended purpose
  
3. the pe\_\_\_\_\_ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
  
4. a\_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
  
5. 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
  
6. before Ch\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
  
7. a n\_\_b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 1. crunch, 2. paperweight, 3. pervasive, 4. aft, 5. rev, 6. Christ, 7. numb

8. c\_\_p their meal      *v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
9. ru\_\_\_r movement      *n.* a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)
10. a gas cr\_\_\_h      *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
11. 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
12. pap\_\_\_\_\_ht gift      *n.* a small, heavy object, often made of glass or metal, that is designed to hold down papers or other items on a desk or table; an object, usually an electronic device or piece of machinery, that is non-functional or useless for its intended purpose
13. a\_t view      *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
14. pe\_\_\_\_\_ve language      *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
15. teaching of Ch\_\_\_t      *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 8. comp, 9. rudder, 10. crunch, 11. rev, 12. paperweight, 13. aft, 14. pervasive, 15. Christ

16. c\_\_p the employees with a bonus      *v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
17. ru\_\_\_r control      *n.* a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)
18. n\_\_b with cold      *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 16. comp, 17. rudder, 18. numb

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.  
*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
  
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.  
*n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
  
3. Suspicion and worry were \_\_\_\_\_ in our minds.  
*adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
  
4. 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
  
5. The \_\_\_\_ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.  
*adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
  
6. The stained-glass \_\_\_\_\_ added a pop of color to the desk.  
*n.* a small, heavy object, often made of glass or metal, that is designed to hold down papers or other items on a desk or table; an object, usually an electronic device or piece of machinery, that is non-functional or useless for its intended purpose
  
7. The casino \_\_\_\_\_ her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.  
*v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment

ANSWERS: 1. Christmas, 2. crunch, 3. pervasive, 4. rev, 5. aft, 6. paperweight, 7. comped

8. The small boat's \_\_\_\_\_ was damaged in the storm, making it difficult to steer.
- n.* a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)
9. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 8. rudder, 9. numb