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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### illiterate

*adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

*synonym*: unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

### abyss

*n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void

*synonym*: chasm, cavity, gulf

(1) the **abyss** of time, (2) an **abyss** of hopelessness

The deep sea is an **abyss** of mystery and discovery.

### engulf

*v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely

*synonym*: swallow, submerge, inundate

(1) **engulf** the politician, (2) **engulf** in water

The fire quickly **engulfed** the entire building.

### empower

*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

*synonym*: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items

without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym*: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

## footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

*synonym*: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

## dilute

v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

*synonym*: weaken, thin, reduce

(1) **dilute** acid with water, (2) **dilute** a great idea

She **diluted** the concentrated juice with water.

## pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym*: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## acupuncture

n. a traditional Chinese medical practice that involves inserting thin needles into specific points on the body to stimulate energy flow and promote healing; a form of alternative medicine

*synonym*: stylostixis, needling, reflexology

(1) **acupuncture** for anxiety, (2) **acupuncture** treatment

The **acupuncture** needles are very thin and are not painful to insert.

## populate

*v.* to inhabit or occupy a particular area, region, or environment with a certain number or type of people, animals, or plants; to fill out or complete a form, document, or database with relevant information

*synonym*: inhabit, occupy, dwell

(1) **populate** the countryside, (2) **populate** the spreadsheet  
Deer, squirrels, and birds primarily **populate** the forest.

## recycle

*v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

*synonym*: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

## interconnect

*v.* to connect similar things

*synonym*: interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

## humming

*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

*synonym*: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

## stigma

*n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

*synonym*: mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. an ab__s of hopelessness                  | <i>n.</i> a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void  |
| 2. hu____g sound                             | <i>adj.</i> producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee                              |
| 3. re____e the cardboard boxes               | <i>v.</i> to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again |
| 4. fo_____nts in the snow                    | <i>n.</i> a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface                                       |
| 5. re____e milk packaging into new paper     | <i>v.</i> to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again |
| 6. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization | <i>n.</i> a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface                                       |
| 7. the ab__s of time                         | <i>n.</i> a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void  |
| 8. ill_____te population                     | <i>adj.</i> unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing          |
| 9. en___f in water                           | <i>v.</i> to swallow up; to surround and cover completely  |
| 10. di___e acid with water                   | <i>v.</i> to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it              |
| 11. social st___a                            | <i>n.</i> a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person        |

ANSWERS: 1. abyss, 2. humming, 3. recycle, 4. footprint, 5. recycle, 6. footprint, 7. abyss, 8. illiterate, 9. engulf, 10. dilute, 11. stigma

12. baseless pre\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
13. directly int\_\_\_\_\_ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
14. hu\_\_\_\_\_g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
15. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
16. human activities int\_\_\_\_\_ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
17. po\_\_\_\_\_te the spreadsheet *v.* to inhabit or occupy a particular area, region, or environment with a certain number or type of people, animals, or plants; to fill out or complete a form, document, or database with relevant information
18. en\_\_\_\_\_f the politician *v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
19. pre\_\_\_\_\_on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
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ANSWERS: 12. pretension, 13. interconnect, 14. humming, 15. empower, 16. interconnect, 17. populate, 18. engulf, 19. pretension, 20. populate

21. computer-ill\_\_\_\_\_te *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
22. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
23. em\_\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
24. st\_\_\_a against obesity *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
25. acu\_\_\_\_\_re treatment *n.* a traditional Chinese medical practice that involves inserting thin needles into specific points on the body to stimulate energy flow and promote healing; a form of alternative medicine
26. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
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ANSWERS: 21. illiterate, 22. electrify, 23. empower, 24. stigma, 25. acupuncture, 26. electrify, 27. dilute, 28. acupuncture

ANSWERS:



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The product developed through years of research continues to \_\_\_\_\_ the market.
  - v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
2. The fire quickly \_\_\_\_\_ the entire building.
  - v. to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
3. We largely \_\_\_\_\_ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
  - v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
4. Deer, squirrels, and birds primarily \_\_\_\_\_ the forest.
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5. The \_\_\_\_\_ needles are very thin and are not painful to insert.
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6. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon \_\_\_\_\_.
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7. The company \_\_\_\_\_ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
  - v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 1. electrify, 2. engulfed, 3. recycle, 4. populate, 5. acupuncture, 6. footprint, 7. empowered

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9. The deep sea is an \_\_\_\_\_ of mystery and discovery.  
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10. The mental health \_\_\_\_\_ often prevents people from seeking treatment.  
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*adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
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ANSWERS: 8. humming, 9. abyss, 10. stigma, 11. pretensions, 12. interconnect, 13. illiterate, 14. diluted