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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

*synonym*: murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves  
He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

### classify

v. to categorize or group something according to a system or set of criteria; to assign something to a particular class or category based on its characteristics or properties

*synonym*: categorize, sort, arrange

(1) **classify** images, (2) **classify** emails into folders  
I need to **classify** these documents for the upcoming audit.

### Wikipedia

n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

*synonym*: online encyclopedia, webpedia

(1) **Wikipedia** entry, (2) **Wikipedia** article

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## subgroup

*n.* a smaller group within a larger group

*synonym* : subset, division, segment

(1) **subgroup** of the population, (2) patient **subgroup**

The researchers divided the study participants into two **subgroups**.

## 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.

## 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.

## capita

*n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

*synonym* : head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**

GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

## 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.

## sub-Saharan

*adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

## guinea

*n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

*synonym* : coin, money, currency

(1) **guinea** coins, (2) **guinea** pig

The cost of the antique vase is three **guineas**.

## stagnant

*adj.* not flowing or circulating; standing still; stagnant water

*synonym* : still, stagnant, unmoving

(1) **stagnant** car sales, (2) **stagnant** economy

The **stagnant** water in the pond is a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

## modernize

*v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system

*synonym* : develop, update, upgrade

(1) **modernize** infrastructure, (2) **modernize** agriculture

The company plans to **modernize** its outdated technology and software to improve efficiency.

## 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**.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. gu\_\_\_a coins  
*n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
2. a n\_\_b mind  
*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
3. mo\_\_\_\_\_ze infrastructure  
*v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system
4. hu\_\_\_\_\_g bird  
*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
5. Wi\_\_\_\_\_ia entry  
*n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
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. sub\_\_\_\_\_an countries  
*adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
8. a book of do\_\_\_\_\_ul authorship  
*adj.* uncertain or unlikely to happen

ANSWERS: 1. guinea, 2. numb, 3. modernize, 4. humming, 5. Wikipedia, 6. Christ, 7. sub-Saharan, 8. doubtful

9. n\_\_b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
10. cl\_\_\_\_fy emails into folders *v.* to categorize or group something according to a system or set of criteria; to assign something to a particular class or category based on its characteristics or properties
11. do\_\_\_\_ul whether *adj.* uncertain or unlikely to happen
12. hu\_\_\_\_g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
13. the agricultural yield per ca\_\_\_\_a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
14. the wh\_\_\_\_r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
15. patient su\_\_\_\_up *n.* a smaller group within a larger group
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ANSWERS: 20. stagnant, 21. whisper, 22. capita, 23. classify, 24. guinea, 25. modernize, 26. sub-Saharan

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The researchers divided the study participants into two \_\_\_\_\_.  
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