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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

### creditor

*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

### 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**.

### coincident

*adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time

*synonym*: concurrent, accompanying, coextensive

(1) **coincident** indicators, (2) a series of **coincident** events

**Coincident** with the negotiation, the bank was permitted to open a Beijing branch.

## flatline

- v.* to experience a cessation of electrical activity in the heart or other vital organs, leading to a loss of function and potential death; to cease or level off (as in an economic trend or another line graph) at a low or bottomed-out point

*synonym*: die, expire, pass away

(1) **flatline** over the past few quarters, (2) before the patient's heart **flatline**

The patient's heart rate suddenly **flatlined**, requiring immediate resuscitation.

## dorm

- n.* a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus

*synonym*: residence hall, hostel, boarding house

(1) **dorm** room, (2) university **dorm**

Living in a **dorm** can be a great way to meet new people when you're in college.

## crowdsourcing

- n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

(1) **crowdsourcing** apps, (2) **crowdsourcing** in climate policy

The company used this **crowdsourcing** platform to gather ideas for its next product.

## kite

- n.* a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air

(1) **kite** string, (2) a picture on a **kite**

Benjamin Franklin proved that lightning is electricity through experiments with **kites**.

## 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.

## ruthlessly

*adv.* without compassion or pity; mercilessly

*synonym* : mercilessly, brutally, cruelly

(1) **ruthlessly** efficient, (2) judge **ruthlessly**

He **ruthlessly** cut ties with anyone who crossed him.

## extraneous

*adj.* irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something

*synonym* : irrelevant, unnecessary, unrelated

(1) **extraneous** variables, (2) **extraneous** details

The **extraneous** information in the report made it difficult to understand the main points.

## inflow

*n.* a stream or movement of something, typically liquid or gas, that is flowing into a particular place or system; the amount of incoming resources or funds into a system or organization

*synonym* : influx, incursion, income

(1) river **inflow**, (2) **inflow** of refugees

The **inflow** of cash from investors helped the startup company grow and expand.

## secondly

*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

*synonym* : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

## mantra

*n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation

*synonym* : hymn, chant, phrase

(1) campaign **mantra**, (2) chant the **mantra** of structural reform

She repeated her personal **mantra** to herself to stay motivated.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. fl\_\_\_\_\_ne over the past few quarters      *v.* to experience a cessation of electrical activity in the heart or other vital organs, leading to a loss of function and potential death; to cease or level off (as in an economic trend or another line graph) at a low or bottomed-out point
2. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
3. rut\_\_\_\_\_ly efficient      *adv.* without compassion or pity; mercilessly
4. coi\_\_\_\_\_nt indicators      *adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
5. before the patient's heart fl\_\_\_\_\_ne      *v.* to experience a cessation of electrical activity in the heart or other vital organs, leading to a loss of function and potential death; to cease or level off (as in an economic trend or another line graph) at a low or bottomed-out point
6. a series of coi\_\_\_\_\_nt events      *adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
7. ext\_\_\_\_\_us variables      *adj.* irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something
8. a picture on a k\_\_e      *n.* a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air

ANSWERS: 1. flatline, 2. industrious, 3. ruthlessly, 4. coincident, 5. flatline, 6. coincident, 7. extraneous, 8. kite

9. k\_\_e string *n.* a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air
10. river in\_\_\_w *n.* a stream or movement of something, typically liquid or gas, that is flowing into a particular place or system; the amount of incoming resources or funds into a system or organization
11. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
12. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
13. university d\_\_m *n.* a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus
14. fo\_\_\_\_\_nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
15. cro\_\_\_\_\_ing in climate policy *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
16. bankrupt cr\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
17. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
18. the cr\_\_\_\_or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 9. kite, 10. inflow, 11. excite, 12. industrious, 13. dorm, 14. footprint, 15. crowdsourcing, 16. creditor, 17. excite, 18. creditor

19. in\_\_\_w of refugees *n.* a stream or movement of something, typically liquid or gas, that is flowing into a particular place or system; the amount of incoming resources or funds into a system or organization
20. se\_\_\_\_\_ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
21. ext\_\_\_\_\_us details *adj.* irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something
22. d\_\_m room *n.* a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus
23. judge rut\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* without compassion or pity; mercilessly
24. se\_\_\_\_\_ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
25. chant the ma\_\_\_a of structural reform *n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
26. the fo\_\_\_\_\_nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
27. cro\_\_\_\_\_ing apps *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

ANSWERS: 19. inflow, 20. secondly, 21. extraneous, 22. dorm, 23. ruthlessly, 24. secondly, 25. mantra, 26. footprint, 27. crowdsourcing

28. campaign ma\_\_\_a

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ANSWERS: 28. mantra

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of cash from investors helped the startup company grow and expand.  
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*n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
  
3. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
  
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ cut ties with anyone who crossed him.  
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6. The \_\_\_\_\_ information in the report made it difficult to understand the main points.  
*adj.* irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something
  
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ANSWERS: 1. inflow, 2. footprint, 3. excited, 4. ruthlessly, 5. secondly, 6. extraneous, 7. industrious

8. Living in a \_\_\_\_\_ can be a great way to meet new people when you're in college.  
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ANSWERS: 8. dorm, 9. creditor, 10. flatlined, 11. crowdsourcing, 12. kites, 13. mantra, 14. Coincident

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