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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### drown

*v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

*synonym* : douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

### wayside

*n.* the edge of a way, road, or path; (idiom: fall by the wayside) the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and stopping using, making, or doing it

*synonym* : roadside

(1) flowers along the **wayside**, (2) fall by the **wayside**

There are many aspiring athletes, but there are also many who fall by the **wayside**.

### recession

*n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

*synonym* : downturn, slump, contraction

(1) **recession** period, (2) recover from a **recession**

The country is facing a **recession**, with high unemployment and low GDP.

## bloodstream

*n.* the blood flowing through the body

(1) **bloodstream** in an artery, (2) **bloodstream** to the brain  
Cancer cells are often carried throughout the body by the **bloodstream**.

## nanoscale

*adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale

(1) **nanoscale** device, (2) things at the **nanoscale**

This process improves the strength of the metal by controlling the **nanoscale** lattice structure of the metal.

## zap

*v.* to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force

*synonym*: destroy, kill, exterminate

(1) **zap** a huge target, (2) **zap** bar code

They provided allies with powerful weapons that could **zap** the enemy from thousands of miles away.

## venom

*n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging

*synonym*: poison, toxin, hating

(1) the **venom** of a lizard, (2) injected **venom**

The snake's **venom** is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.

## starve

*v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

*synonym*: famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

## overtake

*v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

*synonym* : surpass, outstrip, catch up with

(1) **overtake** a rival, (2) **overtake** a milestone

The race car driver knew he had to **overtake** the other drivers to win the race.

## **microbe**

*n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease

*synonym* : germ, microorganism, bacterium

(1) pathogenic **microbe**, (2) **microbes** sterilizer

**Microbes** thrive on the surface of the human skin.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. pathogenic mi\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
2. st\_\_\_e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
3. blo\_\_\_\_\_am in an artery *n.* the blood flowing through the body
4. things at the na\_\_\_\_\_le *adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
5. z\_p a huge target *v.* to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force
6. the ve\_\_m of a lizard *n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
7. re\_\_\_\_\_on period *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
8. fall by the wa\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the edge of a way, road, or path; (idiom: fall by the wayside) the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and stopping using, making, or doing it

ANSWERS: 1. microbe, 2. starve, 3. bloodstream, 4. nanoscale, 5. zap, 6. venom, 7. recession, 8. wayside

9. injected ve\_\_m *n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
10. na\_\_\_\_\_le device *adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
11. I was dr\_\_ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
12. ov\_\_\_\_\_ke a rival *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
13. st\_\_\_e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
14. z\_p bar code *v.* to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force
15. recover from a re\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
16. dr\_\_n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
17. ov\_\_\_\_\_ke a milestone *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

ANSWERS: 9. venom, 10. nanoscale, 11. drown, 12. overtake, 13. starve, 14. zap, 15. recession, 16. drown, 17. overtake

18. mi\_\_\_\_\_es sterilizer *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
19. blo\_\_\_\_\_am to the brain *n.* the blood flowing through the body
20. flowers along the wa\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the edge of a way, road, or path; (idiom: fall by the wayside) the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and stopping using, making, or doing it

ANSWERS: 18. microbe, 19. bloodstream, 20. wayside

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. \_\_\_\_\_ thrive on the surface of the human skin.  
*n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
2. The country is facing a \_\_\_\_\_ with high unemployment and low GDP.  
*n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
3. They provided allies with powerful weapons that could \_\_\_\_ the enemy from thousands of miles away.  
*v.* to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force
4. There are many aspiring athletes, but there are also many who fall by the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the edge of a way, road, or path; (idiom: fall by the wayside) the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and stopping using, making, or doing it
5. The race car driver knew he had to \_\_\_\_\_ the other drivers to win the race.  
*v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
6. Cancer cells are often carried throughout the body by the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the blood flowing through the body
7. The snake's \_\_\_\_\_ is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.  
*n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging

ANSWERS: 1. Microbes, 2. recession, 3. zap, 4. wayside, 5. overtake, 6. bloodstream, 7. venom

8. This process improves the strength of the metal by controlling the \_\_\_\_\_ lattice structure of the metal.
- adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
9. If you don't eat soon, you're going to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
10. Floods have the potential to \_\_\_\_\_ any subsurface animals easily.
- v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

ANSWERS: 8. nanoscale, 9. starve, 10. drown