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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

- fir** *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches  
*synonym* : pine, spruce, cedar  
(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest  
The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.
- 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.
- ignite** *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning  
*synonym* : light, set fire to, enkindle  
(1) **ignite** a boom, (2) **ignite** passion  
He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

## breaker

*n.* a person or thing that breaks, disrupts, or interrupts; a large wave that collapses or breaks forcefully onto the shore or against an obstacle

*synonym* : wave, interrupter, obstruction

(1) record **breaker**, (2) tide **breaker**

He used a circuit **breaker** to restore power to the entire building.

## receptacle

*n.* a container or device used to receive or hold something; a place where things are deposited or collected

*synonym* : container, holder, vessel

(1) **receptacle** for liquids, (2) flower **receptacle**

The recycling bin is the designated **receptacle** for all plastic and paper waste.

## transponder

*n.* a device that receives and transmits signals in response to specific signals or frequencies, often used in telecommunications, radar, aviation, or navigation systems, commonly used in vehicles to facilitate toll payments or access control

*synonym* : transceiver, beacon, responder

(1) **transponder** frequency, (2) **transponder** signal

The **transponder** in the vehicle allows for easy toll payment on the highway.

## glob

*n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance

*synonym* : ball, lump, sphere

(1) **glob** of paint, (2) **glob** of honey

She squeezed a **glob** of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.

## confer

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym* : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## unveil

*v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time

*synonym*: reveal, uncover, expose

(1) **unveil** a monument, (2) **unveil** a comprehensive plan

The company plans to **unveil** its new product at the trade show next week.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. g\_\_b of honey *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
  
2. tra\_\_\_\_\_er signal *n.* a device that receives and transmits signals in response to specific signals or frequencies, often used in telecommunications, radar, aviation, or navigation systems, commonly used in vehicles to facilitate toll payments or access control
  
3. ig\_\_\_e passion *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
4. un\_\_\_l a monument *v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
5. f\_r branch *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
  
6. g\_\_b of paint *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
7. f\_r forest *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
  
8. tide br\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person or thing that breaks, disrupts, or interrupts; a large wave that collapses or breaks forcefully onto the shore or against an obstacle

ANSWERS: 1. glob, 2. transponder, 3. ignite, 4. unveil, 5. fir, 6. glob, 7. fir, 8. breaker

9. tra\_\_\_\_\_er frequency *n.* a device that receives and transmits signals in response to specific signals or frequencies, often used in telecommunications, radar, aviation, or navigation systems, commonly used in vehicles to facilitate toll payments or access control
10. 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
11. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
12. rec\_\_\_\_\_le for liquids *n.* a container or device used to receive or hold something; a place where things are deposited or collected
13. un\_\_\_l a comprehensive plan *v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
14. record br\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person or thing that breaks, disrupts, or interrupts; a large wave that collapses or breaks forcefully onto the shore or against an obstacle
15. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
16. co\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
17. flower rec\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a container or device used to receive or hold something; a place where things are deposited or collected

ANSWERS: 9. transponder, 10. electrify, 11. opportune, 12. receptacle, 13. unveil, 14. breaker, 15. opportune, 16. confer, 17. receptacle

18. co\_\_\_r honor v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
19. ig\_\_\_e a boom v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning
20. 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

ANSWERS: 18. confer, 19. ignite, 20. electrify

## 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 phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.
  - adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
  
3. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.
  - v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
  
4. He used a circuit \_\_\_\_\_ to restore power to the entire building.
  - n. a person or thing that breaks, disrupts, or interrupts; a large wave that collapses or breaks forcefully onto the shore or against an obstacle
  
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ the fireworks with a single spark.
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6. The recycling bin is the designated \_\_\_\_\_ for all plastic and paper waste.
  - n. a container or device used to receive or hold something; a place where things are deposited or collected
  
7. The company plans to \_\_\_\_\_ its new product at the trade show next week.
  - v. to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time

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8. The smell of fresh \_\_\_\_ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.
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10. She squeezed a \_\_\_\_ of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.
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ANSWERS: 8. fir, 9. transponder, 10. glob