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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### deregulation

*n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs

*synonym*: liberalization

(1) **deregulation** of the economy, (2) aviation **deregulation**

The government's **deregulation** of the telecommunications industry led to increased competition.

### mindset

*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

*synonym*: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

### improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym*: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## peel

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

*synonym* : pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

## entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

*synonym* : self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody

**entrepreneurship**

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

## vitality

n. the state of being strong and active; energy

*synonym* : energy, life, vigor

(1) **vitality** of youth, (2) the **vitality** of the company

The new gym membership has improved his **vitality** and overall health.

## imp

n. a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore

*synonym* : demon, sprite, mischievous child

(1) a little **imp**, (2) behave like an **imp**

The mischievous **imp** caused trouble wherever it went.

## outsource

v. to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure

*synonym* : delegate, contract out, farm out

(1) **outsource** a non-core function, (2) **outsource** to India

The company decided to **outsource** its IT services to a third-party provider.

## aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

*synonym* : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs  
He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

## forbidding

*adj.* giving the impression that something is difficult or unpleasant; intimidating or uninviting

*synonym* : intimidating, uninviting, daunting

(1) **forbidding** atmosphere, (2) **forbidding** mountain

The teacher's stern expression and strict rules made her classroom feel **forbidding** to the students.

## intimidate

*v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

*synonym* : frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

## 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.

## recharge

*v.* to restore the energy or power of something by supplying it with more energy or power; to refresh or renew oneself by rest or sleep

*synonym* : renew, refresh, replenish

(1) **recharge** brain and body, (2) **recharge** energy

He needed to **recharge** his phone before the meeting.

## liberate

*v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

*synonym* : emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

## 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.

## ledger

*n.* a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program

*synonym*: book, register, account

(1) financial **ledger**, (2) personal **ledger**

The auditor checked every entry in the **ledger** for accuracy.

## slum

*n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

*synonym*: shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

## slogan

*n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

*synonym*: catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

## 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.

- situ** *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance  
*synonym* : situational, contextual, circumstantial  
(1) **ex- situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control  
Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
- urbanization** *n.* the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture  
*synonym* : urban development, urban growth, urban expansion  
(1) **urbanization** process, (2) non- **urbanization** area  
Rapid **urbanization** has led to many environmental and social issues in cities.
- gridlock** *n.* a situation in which traffic or progress is obstructed due to congestion, blockage, or a lack of movement; a deadlock or impasse in negotiations or decision-making  
*synonym* : traffic jam, standstill, impasse  
(1) **gridlock** situation, (2) political **gridlock**  
The rush hour traffic in the city often leads to **gridlock** on the highways.
- caste** *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society  
*synonym* : class, social group, status group  
(1) military **caste**, (2) **caste-based** discrimination  
He was born into a lower **caste** and faced discrimination throughout his life.
- subsidize** *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially  
*synonym* : finance, endow, sponsor  
(1) **subsidize** the project, (2) **subsidize** the cost  
Governments **subsidize** renewable energy generation in

various ways.

## standardize

v. to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process

*synonym*: uniform, systemize, homogenize

(1) **standardize** a language, (2) **standardize** administrative practices

The company **standardized** its procedures to improve efficiency and quality control.

## disenfranchise

v. to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote

*synonym*: deny, exclude, marginalize

(1) **disenfranchise** voters, (2) **disenfranchise** citizens

The new citizenship laws will **disenfranchise** many immigrants.

## onerous

*adj.* involving a great amount of effort, difficulty, or responsibility; burdensome or oppressive

*synonym*: burdensome, oppressive, challenging

(1) **onerous** requirement, (2) **onerous** task

The complex tax code can be an **onerous** burden for small business owners.

## rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

*synonym*: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

## entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

*synonym*: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

## stabilize

*v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

*synonym*: brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

## gigaton

*n.* a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one billion tons

(1) **gigaton-class** bomb, (2) half a **gigaton** of CO<sub>2</sub>

The earthquake that hit the Pacific Ocean last night is said to have released about 30 **gigatons** of energy.

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. per ca\_\_\_a sales *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
2. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
3. en\_\_\_\_\_e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
4. ex-s\_\_u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
5. half a gi\_\_\_\_\_n of CO2 *n.* a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one billion tons
6. ent\_\_\_\_\_hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
7. gi\_\_\_\_\_n-class bomb *n.* a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one billion tons
8. on\_\_\_\_\_s task *adj.* involving a great amount of effort, difficulty, or responsibility; burdensome or oppressive
9. the vi\_\_\_\_\_ty of the company *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy

ANSWERS: 1. capita, 2. improvisation, 3. entitle, 4. situ, 5. gigaton, 6. entrepreneurship, 7. gigaton, 8. onerous, 9. vitality



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| 10. personal le___r                  | <i>n.</i> a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program                                     |
| 11. for_____ng mountain              | <i>adj.</i> giving the impression that something is difficult or unpleasant; intimidating or uninviting   |
| 12. the cr_____or's claims           | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money   |
| 13. der_____ion of the economy       | <i>n.</i> the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs                   |
| 14. re_____k the role of the manager | <i>v.</i> to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it   |
| 15. el_____fy the audience           | <i>v.</i> to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something  |
| 16. effectively int_____te a thief   | <i>v.</i> to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do   |
| 17. urb_____ion process              | <i>n.</i> the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture |
| 18. ou_____ce a non-core function    | <i>v.</i> to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure  |

ANSWERS: 10. ledger, 11. forbidding, 12. creditor, 13. deregulation, 14. rethink, 15. electrify, 16. intimidate, 17. urbanization, 18. outsource

19. for\_\_\_\_\_ng atmosphere *adj.* giving the impression that something is difficult or unpleasant; intimidating or uninviting
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
21. p\_\_l off easily *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
22. flexible mi\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
23. 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
24. sta\_\_\_\_\_ze administrative practices *v.* to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process
25. em\_\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
26. behave like an i\_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
27. asp\_\_\_\_\_on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
28. ca\_\_e-based discrimination *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

ANSWERS: 19. forbidding, 20. electrify, 21. peel, 22. mindset, 23. capita, 24. standardize, 25. empower, 26. imp, 27. aspiration, 28. caste

29. advertising sl\_\_\_n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
30. dis\_\_\_\_\_ise citizens *v.* to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote
31. li\_\_\_\_\_te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
32. en\_\_\_\_\_e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
33. vi\_\_\_\_\_ty of youth *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
34. st\_\_\_\_\_ze blood sugar levels *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
35. int\_\_\_\_\_te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
36. ou\_\_\_\_\_ce to India *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
37. bankrupt cr\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
38. su\_\_\_\_\_ze the cost *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
39. re\_\_\_\_\_ge energy *v.* to restore the energy or power of something by supplying it with more energy or power; to refresh or renew oneself by rest or sleep

ANSWERS: 29. slogan, 30. disenfranchise, 31. liberate, 32. entitle, 33. vitality, 34. stabilize, 35. intimidate, 36. outsource, 37. creditor, 38. subsidize, 39. recharge



50. military ca\_\_e *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
51. non-urb\_\_\_\_\_ion area *n.* the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture
52. embody ent\_\_\_\_\_hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
53. political gr\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a situation in which traffic or progress is obstructed due to congestion, blockage, or a lack of movement; a deadlock or impasse in negotiations or decision-making
54. s\_\_m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
55. financial le\_\_\_\_r *n.* a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program
56. catchy sl\_\_\_\_n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
57. st\_\_\_\_\_ze prices *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

ANSWERS: 50. caste, 51. urbanization, 52. entrepreneurship, 53. gridlock, 54. slum, 55. ledger, 56. slogan, 57. stabilize

58. in-s\_\_u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
59. s\_\_m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
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61. the mi\_\_\_\_\_t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
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ANSWERS: 58. situ, 59. slum, 60. subsidize, 61. mindset, 62. recharge, 63. aspiration, 64. standardize

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He needed to \_\_\_\_\_ his phone before the meeting.
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ANSWERS: 1. recharge, 2. situ, 3. aspiration, 4. urbanization, 5. stabilizes, 6. entrepreneurship, 7. electrify

8. Governments \_\_\_\_\_ renewable energy generation in various ways.
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