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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### guerrilla

*n.* a member of small, independent soldiers or fighters who engage in irregular, often surprise attacks against enemy forces

*synonym*: partisan, rebel, insurgent

(1) an urban **guerrilla**, (2) **guerrilla** warfare

The government's efforts to suppress the **guerrilla** movement were met with resistance from local communities.

### 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.

### 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**.

## 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.

## kidnapping

*n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

*synonym* : abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

## assassination

*n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

*synonym* : murder, killing, execution

(1) failed **assassination** attempt, (2) **assassination** plot

The **assassination** of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.

## leapfrog

*n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs

*synonym* : hopping, jumpfrog

(1) **leapfrog** game, (2) **leapfrog** technology

During recess, the children played a game of **leapfrog** in the schoolyard.

## monumental

*adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

*synonym* : massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture

Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

## skyrocket

*v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;

*synonym* : rocket, soar, shoot up

(1) **skyrocket** the cost, (2) price **skyrocketed**  
Production has decreased, but costs and unemployment have **skyrocketed** dramatically.

## **inversion**

*n.* the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things

*synonym*: reversal, upside-down, turnaround

(1) temperature **inversion**, (2) **inversion** layer

The **inversion** of the mortgage market led to a decrease in home values.

## **saturate**

*v.* to completely fill or soak something with a substance; to completely permeate or imbue something with a particular quality or element; to make something thoroughly absorbed

*synonym*: drench, soak, immerse

(1) **saturate** the market, (2) **saturate** the cloth with water

To enhance the flavor, the chef decided to **saturate** the meat with a flavorful marinade.

## **inoculate**

*v.* to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease

*synonym*: vaccinate, immunize, protect

(1) **inoculate** against disease, (2) **inoculate** with a virus

The doctor **inoculated** the child with a vaccine.

## **vaccinate**

*v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

*synonym*: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. mass kid\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
2. kid\_\_\_\_\_ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
3. mon\_\_\_\_\_al sculpture *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
4. le\_\_\_\_\_og technology *n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs
5. gu\_\_\_\_\_la warfare *n.* a member of small, independent soldiers or fighters who engage in irregular, often surprise attacks against enemy forces
6. li\_\_\_\_\_te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
7. a n\_\_b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
8. li\_\_\_\_\_te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
9. in\_\_\_\_\_te against disease *v.* to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease
10. mon\_\_\_\_\_al task *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
11. an urban gu\_\_\_\_\_la *n.* a member of small, independent soldiers or fighters who engage in irregular, often surprise attacks against enemy forces

ANSWERS: 1. kidnapping, 2. kidnapping, 3. monumental, 4. leapfrog, 5. guerrilla, 6. liberate, 7. numb, 8. liberate, 9. inoculate, 10. monumental, 11. guerrilla

12. temperature in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things
13. n\_\_b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
14. va\_\_\_\_\_te against scarlet fever *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
15. le\_\_\_\_\_og game *n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs
16. ass\_\_\_\_\_ion plot *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
17. failed ass\_\_\_\_\_ion attempt *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
18. in\_\_\_\_\_on layer *n.* the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things
19. sa\_\_\_\_\_te the cloth with water *v.* to completely fill or soak something with a substance; to completely permeate or imbue something with a particular quality or element; to make something thoroughly absorbed
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: 12. inversion, 13. numb, 14. vaccinate, 15. leapfrog, 16. assassination, 17. assassination, 18. inversion, 19. saturate, 20. electrify

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| 21. 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   |
| 22. sk_____et the cost     | v. | to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;  |
| 23. va_____te every year   | v. | to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease   |
| 24. price sk_____eted      | v. | to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;  |
| 25. in_____te with a virus | v. | to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease   |
| 26. sa_____te the market   | v. | to completely fill or soak something with a substance; to completely permeate or imbue something with a particular quality or element; to make something thoroughly absorbed |

ANSWERS: 21. electrify, 22. skyrocket, 23. vaccinate, 24. skyrocket, 25. inoculate, 26. saturate

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The nurse \_\_\_\_\_ the children in the school.  
*v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
  
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the mortgage market led to a decrease in home values.  
*n.* the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things
  
3. The government's efforts to suppress the \_\_\_\_\_ movement were met with resistance from local communities.  
*n.* a member of small, independent soldiers or fighters who engage in irregular, often surprise attacks against enemy forces
  
4. To enhance the flavor, the chef decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the meat with a flavorful marinade.  
*v.* to completely fill or soak something with a substance; to completely permeate or imbue something with a particular quality or element; to make something thoroughly absorbed
  
5. Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's \_\_\_\_\_ contributions to physics.  
*adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
  
6. 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

ANSWERS: 1. vaccinated, 2. inversion, 3. guerrilla, 4. saturate, 5. monumental, 6. electrify

7. The doctor \_\_\_\_\_ the child with a vaccine.  
*v.* to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease
8. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
9. Production has decreased, but costs and unemployment have \_\_\_\_\_ dramatically.  
*v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
10. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
11. The prisoners were \_\_\_\_\_ after the war ended.  
*v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.  
*n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
13. During recess, the children played a game of \_\_\_\_\_ in the schoolyard.  
*n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs

ANSWERS: 7. inoculated, 8. numb, 9. skyrocketed, 10. kidnapping, 11. liberated, 12. assassination, 13. leapfrog