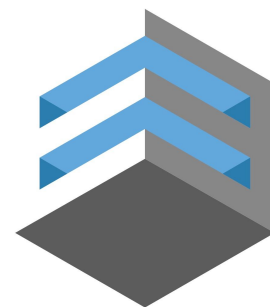


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Session 1: Word List

converge

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

synonym: congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points

The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

forethought

n. the act of thinking about and planning for the future

synonym: planning, preparation, anticipation

(1) without **forethought** and planning, (2) **forethought** in decision making

He brought a map and compass with **forethought** in case he got lost on the hike.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

pragmatic

adj. practical rather than idealistic

synonym: practical, realistic, down-to-earth

(1) **pragmatic** approach, (2) **pragmatic** politics

He was a **pragmatic** leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

childlike

adj. resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive

synonym: innocent, naive, trusting

(1) **childlike** charm, (2) **childlike** innocence

She had a **childlike** wonder and curiosity about the world.

monotony

n. a situation in which something unchanging and boring

synonym: boredom, tedium, sameness

(1) the **monotony** of the daily routine, (2) break the **monotony**

The **monotony** of the assembly line work made the days feel very long.

boardroom

n. a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets

synonym: meeting room, conference room, executive room

(1) **boardroom** meeting, (2) **boardroom** decision

The corporate **boardroom** was filled with tense silence as the CEO presented the new plan.

teamwork

n. the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal

synonym: collaboration, cooperation, coordination

(1) poor **teamwork**, (2) **teamwork** in business

Harmonious **teamwork** is essential to the success of this project.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym: preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

glowing

adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

synonym: burning, bright, flaming

(1) **glowing** reviews, (2) **glowing** cheeks

The western sky was **glowing** pink.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

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.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

metaverse

n. an imaginary immersive area that is facilitated by the use of virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) headsets

(1) a **metaverse** application, (2) **metaverse** technologies

Anonymous, brilliant artists create content on any platform in the **metaverse**.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym: dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym : bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

synonymous

adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

synonym : equivalent, interchangeable, similar

(1) **synonymous** terms, (2) non- **synonymous** mutation

The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are **synonymous**.

reignite

v. to cause something to start burning again

synonym : rekindle, revive, renew

(1) **reignite** my interest, (2) **reignite** the spark

His speech **reignited** the passion of the crowd.

immersion

n. the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity

synonym : submergence, involvement, engagement

(1) baptism by **immersion**, (2) **immersion** in acid

I felt like I was in a different world because of the **immersion** experience of virtual reality.

copresence

n. the state or condition of being in the same place at the same time

synonym : simultaneity, coexistence, co-location

(1) **copresence** in virtual reality, (2) **copresence** in social media

The **copresence** of the two leaders at the summit was a historic moment.

cocreate

v. to create something by working with others

(1) **cocreate** our life, (2) **cocreate** a relationship

We form partnerships to **cocreate** customer value.

biggie

n. something important or significant

synonym: important, significant, crucial

(1) a media **biggie**, (2) **biggie** in the market

Winning the lottery is a **biggie** for most people.

brainstorming

n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

(1) **brainstorming** session, (2) do a **brainstorming** about a new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

dissimilar

adj. not alike or having little in common

synonym: unlike, different, distinct

(1) **dissimilar** cultures, (2) **dissimilar** backgrounds

The two paintings were **dissimilar** in style and subject matter.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

synonym: crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

conducive

adj. tending to make something likely or possible

synonym: beneficial, advantageous, helpful

(1) **conducive** question, (2) **conducive** to growth

The quiet and peaceful environment was **conducive** to concentration and productivity.

divergent

adj. different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions

synonym: differing, disparate, atypical

(1) follow a **divergent** path, (2) wildly **divergent** results

The prime minister had to reconcile **divergent** opinions on controversial issues like abortion.

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.

voiceless

adj. without a voice or the ability to speak

synonym: mute, silent, speechless

(1) **voiceless** consonant, (2) **voiceless** minority

The **voiceless** screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym: falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat

misinformation on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

destabilize

v. to cause something to become less stable or secure

synonym: unsettle, disrupt, upset

(1) **destabilize** the market, (2) **destabilize** a good relationship

The political crisis **destabilized** the country and caused

widespread turmoil.

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.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym: re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. mis_____ion about a vaccine | <i>n.</i> information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately |
| 2. vo_____ss consonant | <i>adj.</i> without a voice or the ability to speak |
| 3. in_____te the quality of his life | <i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products |
| 4. dis_____ar cultures | <i>adj.</i> not alike or having little in common |
| 5. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 6. break the mo_____ny | <i>n.</i> a situation in which something unchanging and boring |
| 7. co_____ve to growth | <i>adj.</i> tending to make something likely or possible |
| 8. non-syn_____us mutation | <i>adj.</i> having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase |
| 9. em_____y my goal | <i>v.</i> to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea |
| 10. co_____te a relationship | <i>v.</i> to create something by working with others |
| 11. co_____te our life | <i>v.</i> to create something by working with others |
| 12. the mo_____ny of the daily routine | <i>n.</i> a situation in which something unchanging and boring |
| 13. full of em_____y | <i>n.</i> the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation |

ANSWERS: 1. misinformation, 2. voiceless, 3. innovate, 4. dissimilar, 5. opportune, 6. monotony, 7. conducive, 8. synonymous, 9. embody, 10. cocreate, 11. cocreate, 12. monotony, 13. empathy

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| 14. poor te_____rk | <i>n.</i> the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal |
| 15. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 16. gl_____g cheeks | <i>adj.</i> highly enthusiastic; greatly praised |
| 17. earliest human an_____or | <i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |
| 18. des_____ze the market | <i>v.</i> to cause something to become less stable or secure |
| 19. im_____e the cloth in the dye | <i>v.</i> to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered |
| 20. dis_____ar backgrounds | <i>adj.</i> not alike or having little in common |
| 21. dis_____ed by a conversation | <i>adj.</i> having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried |
| 22. he is ob___sed with the fear | <i>v.</i> to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else |
| 23. se_____ly connected | <i>adv.</i> used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc. |
| 24. an_____or language | <i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |
| 25. social ant_____ogy | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species |

ANSWERS: 14. teamwork, 15. opportune, 16. glowing, 17. ancestor, 18. destabilize, 19. immerse, 20. dissimilar, 21. distracted, 22. obsess, 23. secondly, 24. ancestor, 25. anthropology

26. des_____ze a good relationship *v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure
27. ch_____ke innocence *adj.* resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive
28. completely im_____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
29. cop_____ce in virtual reality *n.* the state or condition of being in the same place at the same time
30. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
31. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
32. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
33. ant_____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
34. co_____ge from different points *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
35. re_____te my interest *v.* to cause something to start burning again

ANSWERS: 26. destabilize, 27. childlike, 28. immerse, 29. copresence, 30. devote, 31. empathy, 32. secondly, 33. anthropology, 34. converge, 35. reignite

36. te____rk in business *n.* the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal
37. st__k truth *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
38. baptism by im_____on *n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity
39. bo_____om decision *n.* a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
40. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
41. for_____ht in decision making *n.* the act of thinking about and planning for the future
42. co_____ge of a series *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
43. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
44. me_____se technologies *n.* an imaginary immersive area that is facilitated by the use of virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) headsets
45. pr_____ic approach *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
46. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 36. teamwork, 37. stark, 38. immersion, 39. boardroom, 40. confuse, 41. forethought, 42. converge, 43. distracted, 44. metaverse, 45. pragmatic, 46. obsess

47. bo_____om meeting *n.* a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
48. gl_____g reviews *adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
49. im_____on in acid *n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity
50. re_____te the spark *v.* to cause something to start burning again
51. co_____ve question *adj.* tending to make something likely or possible
52. em_____y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
53. bi_____e in the market *n.* something important or significant
54. pr_____ic politics *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
55. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
56. vo_____ss minority *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
57. a media bi_____e *n.* something important or significant
58. de_____e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
59. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
60. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

ANSWERS: 47. boardroom, 48. glowing, 49. immersion, 50. reignite, 51. conducive, 52. embody, 53. biggie, 54. pragmatic, 55. industrious, 56. voiceless, 57. biggie, 58. devote, 59. reimagine, 60. recreate

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| 61. ch_____ke charm | <i>adj.</i> resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive |
| 62. syn_____us terms | <i>adj.</i> having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase |
| 63. cop_____ce in social media | <i>n.</i> the state or condition of being in the same place at the same time |
| 64. in_____te a new method | <i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products |
| 65. follow a di_____nt path | <i>adj.</i> different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions |
| 66. without for_____ht and planning | <i>n.</i> the act of thinking about and planning for the future |
| 67. re_____te a single country | <i>v.</i> to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again |
| 68. co_____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 69. do a bra_____ing about a new product | <i>n.</i> a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas |
| 70. a me_____se application | <i>n.</i> an imaginary immersive area that is facilitated by the use of virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) headsets |
| 71. st__k landscape | <i>adj.</i> empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications |

ANSWERS: 61. childlike, 62. synonymous, 63. copresence, 64. innovate, 65. divergent, 66. forethought, 67. recreate, 68. confuse, 69. brainstorming, 70. metaverse, 71. stark

72. combat mis_____ion on social media
n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
73. wildly di_____nt results
adj. different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
74. bra_____ing session
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75. ind_____us worker
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
76. re_____ne the possibilities
v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 72. misinformation, 73. divergent, 74. brainstorming, 75. industrious, 76. reimagine

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

- I felt like I was in a different world because of the _____ experience of virtual reality.
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- The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
- My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 1. immersion, 2. stark, 3. obsessed, 4. boardroom, 5. embody, 6. teamwork, 7. opportune, 8. ancestor

9. The political crisis _____ the country and caused widespread turmoil.
v. to cause something to become less stable or secure
10. His speech _____ the passion of the crowd.
v. to cause something to start burning again
11. He _____ himself in his research.
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adj. tending to make something likely or possible
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ANSWERS: 9. destabilized, 10. reignited, 11. immersed, 12. distracted, 13. copresence, 14. voiceless, 15. reimagine, 16. conducive, 17. childlike

18. Her remarks _____ the debate.

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

19. He brought a map and compass with _____ in case he got lost on the hike.

n. the act of thinking about and planning for the future

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n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

21. We form partnerships to _____ customer value.

v. to create something by working with others

22. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

23. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.

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

24. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific _____ about vaccines.

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

25. The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are _____.

adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

ANSWERS: 18. confused, 19. forethought, 20. brainstorming, 21. cocreate, 22. industrious, 23. secondly, 24. misinformation, 25. synonymous

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31. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
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32. Winning the lottery is a _____ for most people.
n. something important or significant
33. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
34. He was a _____ leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.
adj. practical rather than idealistic

ANSWERS: 26. devoted, 27. monotony, 28. metaverse, 29. dissimilar, 30. converge, 31. recreated, 32. biggie, 33. Empathy, 34. pragmatic

35. The western sky was _____ pink.

adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

36. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.

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ANSWERS: 35. glowing, 36. innovate, 37. divergent, 38. anthropology