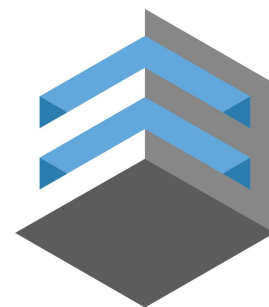


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Session 1: Word List

infuse

v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

synonym: instill, fill, permeate

(1) **infuse** with spirit, (2) **infuse** life with meaning

She **infused** fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

groundbreaking

adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

synonym: innovative, revolutionary

(1) **groundbreaking** concept, (2) **groundbreaking** settlement

He has produced **groundbreaking** research on the subject.

indisputable

adj. not able to be denied or disputed; true

synonym: undeniable, incontestable, true

(1) **indisputable** genius, (2) **indisputable** fact

The evidence was **indisputable**, and the jury reached a quick verdict.

stint

n. a period of time spent doing a particular job or activity; a set amount of work or activity

synonym: period, job, activity

(1) **stint** of work, (2) prison **stint**

He took a short **stint** as a teacher before returning to law practice.

laborer

n. a person who works with their hands, especially manual work in manual trades and industries

synonym: worker, manual laborer, toiler

(1) an unskilled **laborer**, (2) **laborer's** union

The seasonal **laborer** worked hard to build the bridge.

earnest

adj. serious in intention, purpose, or effort; showing dedication and willingness to do one's best

synonym: serious, sincere, dedicated

(1) **earnest** effort, (2) in deadly **earnest**

She gave an **earnest** speech about the importance of education.

paisano

n. a term used in Spanish-speaking countries to refer to a compatriot or fellow citizen, especially one from the same region or town

synonym: comrade, friend, associate

(1) **paisano** community, (2) my best **paisano**

A true **paisano** will always have your back, no matter what.

novella

n. a written work of fiction that is longer than a short story but shorter than a novel

synonym: short novel, long story, narrative

(1) write a **novella**, (2) a **novella** set in a medieval kingdom

I am reading a famous **novella** about a group of friends who go on a road trip.

heartrending

adj. causing great sadness or distress; deeply touching or emotional

synonym: tearful, heartbreaking, moving

(1) **heartrending** tragedy, (2) a **heartrending** sight

The **heartrending** story of the refugees touched the hearts of

many people.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

wrath

n. extreme anger

synonym: fury, irritation, anger

(1) **wrath** of God, (2) a high person's **wrath**

He finally exploded with **wrath** due to the team's repeated failures.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

unbreakable

adj. impossible to break, damage, or destroy; extremely durable

synonym: indestructible, unshakable, durable

(1) **unbreakable** plastic dinnerware, (2) **unbreakable** spirit

The **unbreakable** bond between the siblings was evident to everyone who saw them together.

plight

n. a difficult or unfortunate situation

synonym: crisis, predicament, trouble

(1) miserable **plight**, (2) the **plight** of the poor

The government has ignored the **plight** of the homeless population.

staple

adj. important, basic, or essential to something or someone; forming an integral part of a particular diet or industry

synonym: basic, essential, fundamental

(1) **staple** commodities, (2) **staple** ingredient

Rice is a **staple** food in many Asian countries.

picaresque

adj. of or relating to a type of fiction that typically features a roguish hero of low social status who lives by their wit and cunning

synonym: adventurous, roguish, rambling

(1) a **picaresque** hero, (2) **picaresque** adventure

The **picaresque** novel follows the adventures of a rogue as he travels through Europe.

vagrant

n. a person who wanders from place to place without a permanent home or job; a homeless person

synonym: homeless, hobo, tramp

(1) **vagrant** lifestyle, (2) **vagrant** tribes

The city had a growing population of **vagrants**, with many homeless people sleeping on the streets.

sprawl

v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

synonym: drape, spread out

(1) **sprawl** out luxuriously on the sofa, (2) **sprawl** for acres

The lush vegetation **sprawls** across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

retell

v. to tell someone about something again or differently

synonym: reiterate, repeat, restate

(1) **retell** a story, (2) **retell** an old tale

He **retells** the truth to plead not guilty.

genesis

n. the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind

synonym: beginning, creation, provenance

(1) the **genesis** of civilization, (2) in the Book of **Genesis**

The politician's remarks became the **genesis** of the clash between the two countries.

undeniable

adj. not possible to deny; true or certain

synonym: absolute, definite, indubitable

(1) an **undeniable** fact, (2) an **undeniable** masterpiece
Her influence on teenagers is **undeniable**.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses
The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

heavy-handed

adj. clumsy, insensitive, or overly forceful

synonym: coercive, cruel, oppressive

(1) **heavy-handed** interference, (2) in a **heavy-handed** manner

The people got angry with the government's **heavy-handed** economic policies.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

unflinching

adj. not showing any fear or hesitation; steadfast or resolute

synonym: steadfast, resolute, unwavering

(1) **unflinching** in battle, (2) **unflinching** determination

The firefighter showed **unflinching** bravery in the face of danger.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. capable of ima_____ve creation | <i>adj.</i> having or showing new and creative ideas |
| 2. an und_____le masterpiece | <i>adj.</i> not possible to deny; true or certain |
| 3. prison st__t | <i>n.</i> a period of time spent doing a particular job or activity; a set amount of work or activity |
| 4. a high person's wr__h | <i>n.</i> extreme anger |
| 5. gro_____ing concept | <i>adj.</i> producing fresh findings; using novel techniques |
| 6. in deadly ea_____t | <i>adj.</i> serious in intention, purpose, or effort; showing dedication and willingness to do one's best |
| 7. re___l an old tale | <i>v.</i> to tell someone about something again or differently |
| 8. unf_____ng in battle | <i>adj.</i> not showing any fear or hesitation; steadfast or resolute |
| 9. gro_____ing settlement | <i>adj.</i> producing fresh findings; using novel techniques |
| 10. pa_____o community | <i>n.</i> a term used in Spanish-speaking countries to refer to a compatriot or fellow citizen, especially one from the same region or town |
| 11. sp___l out luxuriously on the sofa | <i>v.</i> to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out |
| 12. pr___h to the masses | <i>v.</i> to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience |

ANSWERS: 1. imaginative, 2. undeniable, 3. stint, 4. wrath, 5. groundbreaking, 6. earnest, 7. retell, 8. unflinching, 9. groundbreaking, 10. paisano, 11. sprawl, 12. preach

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| 13. unf_____ng determination | <i>adj.</i> not showing any fear or hesitation; steadfast or resolute |
| 14. my best pa_____o | <i>n.</i> a term used in Spanish-speaking countries to refer to a compatriot or fellow citizen, especially one from the same region or town |
| 15. an unskilled la_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who works with their hands, especially manual work in manual trades and industries |
| 16. the movement of mi_____t birds | <i>n.</i> a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another |
| 17. de____t a scene | <i>v.</i> to illustrate someone or something in a photograph |
| 18. ind_____ble fact | <i>adj.</i> not able to be denied or disputed; true |
| 19. st____e commodities | <i>adj.</i> important, basic, or essential to something or someone; forming an integral part of a particular diet or industry |
| 20. de____t a feeling of isolation | <i>v.</i> to illustrate someone or something in a photograph |
| 21. the ge_____s of civilization | <i>n.</i> the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind |
| 22. mi_____t worker | <i>n.</i> a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another |

ANSWERS: 13. unflinching, 14. paisano, 15. laborer, 16. migrant, 17. depict, 18. indisputable, 19. staple, 20. depict, 21. genesis, 22. migrant

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| 23. in___e with spirit | <i>v.</i> to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue |
| 24. a pic_____ue hero | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to a type of fiction that typically features a roguish hero of low social status who lives by their wit and cunning |
| 25. pic_____ue adventure | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to a type of fiction that typically features a roguish hero of low social status who lives by their wit and cunning |
| 26. wr__h of God | <i>n.</i> extreme anger |
| 27. sp___l for acres | <i>v.</i> to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out |
| 28. miserable pl___t | <i>n.</i> a difficult or unfortunate situation |
| 29. a hea_____ing sight | <i>adj.</i> causing great sadness or distress; deeply touching or emotional |
| 30. st__t of work | <i>n.</i> a period of time spent doing a particular job or activity; a set amount of work or activity |
| 31. in the Book of Ge____s | <i>n.</i> the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind |
| 32. ea_____t effort | <i>adj.</i> serious in intention, purpose, or effort; showing dedication and willingness to do one's best |
| 33. ind_____ble genius | <i>adj.</i> not able to be denied or disputed; true |

ANSWERS: 23. infuse, 24. picaresque, 25. picaresque, 26. wrath, 27. sprawl, 28. plight, 29. heartrending, 30. stint, 31. genesis, 32. earnest, 33. indisputable

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| 34. a no____a set in a medieval kingdom | <i>n.</i> a written work of fiction that is longer than a short story but shorter than a novel |
| 35. st____e ingredient | <i>adj.</i> important, basic, or essential to something or someone; forming an integral part of a particular diet or industry |
| 36. hea____ded interference | <i>adj.</i> clumsy, insensitive, or overly forceful |
| 37. re____l a story | <i>v.</i> to tell someone about something again or differently |
| 38. in a hea____ded manner | <i>adj.</i> clumsy, insensitive, or overly forceful |
| 39. boundless gen____ty | <i>n.</i> the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely |
| 40. an und____le fact | <i>adj.</i> not possible to deny; true or certain |
| 41. ima____ve as a child | <i>adj.</i> having or showing new and creative ideas |
| 42. pr____h the gospel | <i>v.</i> to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience |
| 43. the pl____t of the poor | <i>n.</i> a difficult or unfortunate situation |
| 44. act of gen____ty | <i>n.</i> the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely |
| 45. va____t tribes | <i>n.</i> a person who wanders from place to place without a permanent home or job; a homeless person |
| 46. unb____le spirit | <i>adj.</i> impossible to break, damage, or destroy; extremely durable |

ANSWERS: 34. novella, 35. staple, 36. heavy-handed, 37. retell, 38. heavy-handed, 39. generosity, 40. undeniable, 41. imaginative, 42. preach, 43. plight, 44. generosity, 45. vagrant, 46. unbreakable

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| 47. va____t lifestyle | <i>n.</i> a person who wanders from place to place without a permanent home or job; a homeless person |
| 48. hea_____ing tragedy | <i>adj.</i> causing great sadness or distress; deeply touching or emotional |
| 49. unb_____le plastic dinnerware | <i>adj.</i> impossible to break, damage, or destroy; extremely durable |
| 50. la____r's union | <i>n.</i> a person who works with their hands, especially manual work in manual trades and industries |
| 51. write a no____a | <i>n.</i> a written work of fiction that is longer than a short story but shorter than a novel |
| 52. in___e life with meaning | <i>v.</i> to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue |

ANSWERS: 47. vagrant, 48. heartrending, 49. unbreakable, 50. laborer, 51. novella, 52. infuse

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He _____ the truth to plead not guilty.
v. to tell someone about something again or differently
2. The _____ bond between the siblings was evident to everyone who saw them together.
adj. impossible to break, damage, or destroy; extremely durable
3. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.
v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
4. The government has ignored the _____ of the homeless population.
n. a difficult or unfortunate situation
5. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.
v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
6. Her influence on teenagers is _____.
adj. not possible to deny; true or certain
7. The firefighter showed _____ bravery in the face of danger.
adj. not showing any fear or hesitation; steadfast or resolute
8. The evidence was _____ and the jury reached a quick verdict.
adj. not able to be denied or disputed; true
9. Rice is a _____ food in many Asian countries.
adj. important, basic, or essential to something or someone; forming an integral part of a particular diet or industry

ANSWERS: 1. retells, 2. unbreakable, 3. depicted, 4. plight, 5. preached, 6. undeniable, 7. unflinching, 8. indisputable, 9. staple

10. The lush vegetation _____ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.
v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
11. He is remembered for his _____ and civilization.
n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
12. He finally exploded with _____ due to the team's repeated failures.
n. extreme anger
13. The city had a growing population of _____ with many homeless people sleeping on the streets.
n. a person who wanders from place to place without a permanent home or job; a homeless person
14. I am reading a famous _____ about a group of friends who go on a road trip.
n. a written work of fiction that is longer than a short story but shorter than a novel
15. She _____ fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.
v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
16. The seasonal _____ worked hard to build the bridge.
n. a person who works with their hands, especially manual work in manual trades and industries
17. The _____ story of the refugees touched the hearts of many people.
adj. causing great sadness or distress; deeply touching or emotional
18. He took a short _____ as a teacher before returning to law practice.
n. a period of time spent doing a particular job or activity; a set amount of work or activity

ANSWERS: 10. sprawls, 11. generosity, 12. wrath, 13. vagrants, 14. novella, 15. infused, 16. laborer, 17. heartrending, 18. stint

19. He has produced _____ research on the subject.

adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

20. She gave an _____ speech about the importance of education.

adj. serious in intention, purpose, or effort; showing dedication and willingness to do one's best

21. The _____ novel follows the adventures of a rogue as he travels through Europe.

adj. of or relating to a type of fiction that typically features a roguish hero of low social status who lives by their wit and cunning

22. She is a hard worker but not very _____.

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

23. The government revoked his license to employ _____ labor crews.

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

24. A true _____ will always have your back, no matter what.

n. a term used in Spanish-speaking countries to refer to a compatriot or fellow citizen, especially one from the same region or town

25. The politician's remarks became the _____ of the clash between the two countries.

n. the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind

ANSWERS: 19. groundbreaking, 20. earnest, 21. picaresque, 22. imaginative, 23. migrant, 24. paisano, 25. genesis

26. The people got angry with the government's _____ economic policies.
adj. clumsy, insensitive, or overly forceful

ANSWERS: 26. heavy-handed