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Session 1: Word List

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

existence

n. the state or fact of someone or something existing

synonym: fact, being, reality

(1) the biggest tree in **existence**, (2) the struggle for **existence**

He was an atheist and therefore did not believe in the **existence** of heaven or hell.

atheist

n. a person who does not believe in the existence of a god or gods

synonym: unbeliever, non-believer, skeptic

(1) **atheist** community, (2) professed **atheist**

She was an **atheist** and did not believe in any form of

religion.

ontology

n. a branch of metaphysics concerned with the nature of being and the existence

synonym: metaphysics, philosophy of being, study of existence

(1) medical **ontology**, (2) **ontology** theory

The **ontology** of the universe is a complex and constantly evolving concept.

medieval

adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

synonym: gothic, knightly, antique

(1) **medieval** times, (2) **medieval** history

Only the **medieval** tower remained standing.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

saint

n. a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion

synonym: holy person, martyr, angel

(1) **saint** statue, (2) the departed **saint**

The faithful follower venerated the **saint's** relic.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

outline

v. to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something

synonym: recap, summarize, digest

(1) **outlined** the plan, (2) **outline** the findings
This page **outlines** our response planning for an emergency.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

cosmology

n. the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe

synonym: cosmogony

(1) physical **cosmology**, (2) modern **cosmology**

Cosmology evolved from people's philosophical questions about the natural world.

variation

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

synonym: fluctuation, change, variation

(1) **variation** of temperature, (2) gene **variation**

There is a lot of **variation** in the colors of flowers in the garden.

contingent

adj. possible but not certain to occur; (noun) a group of people or things that are present or available to do something if it is needed

synonym: conditional, possible, (noun) batch

(1) **contingent** event, (2) **contingent** of troops

The project's success is **contingent** upon the cooperation of all team members.

strict

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

synonym: rigorous, inflexible, relentless

(1) **strict** compliance regime, (2) in **strict** secrecy

Too **strict** a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

assert

v. to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

synonym: maintain, state, declare

(1) **assert** a free society, (2) **assert** a claim for unjust enrichment

She **asserted** that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

hypothesis

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

synonym: assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

intelligent

adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

synonym: brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system

Intelligent robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

cite

v. to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened

synonym: quote, mention, note

(1) **cite** various authorities, (2) **cite** a fact as evidence

The devil can **cite** Scripture for his purpose.

harmony

n. the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

synonym: balance, accord, congruence

(1) a **harmony** of colors, (2) break a **harmony**

We worked in perfect **harmony**.

adaptation

n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions

synonym: adaption, adjustment, transformation

(1) **adaptation** ability, (2) language **adaptation**

The company's **adaptation** approach has been highly effective.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym: aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym: demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

adequate

adj. enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need

synonym: enough, acceptable, able

(1) **adequate** parking facilities, (2) provide **adequate** funding

This argument is still not **adequate**.

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym: elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

Session 2: Spelling

1. in___t over and over
v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
2. c__e various authorities
v. to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened
3. me____al history
adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
4. intellectual f__t
n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
5. human ev_____on
n. a gradual process of transformation of living things
6. co_____us of having succeeded
adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
7. as___t a claim for unjust enrichment
v. to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
8. break a ha_____y
n. the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
9. ad_____te parking facilities
adj. enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need

ANSWERS: 1. insist, 2. cite, 3. medieval, 4. feat, 5. evolution, 6. conscious, 7. assert, 8. harmony, 9. adequate

10. the biggest tree in ex_____ce *n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing
11. st___t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
12. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
13. language ada_____on *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
14. provide ad_____te funding *adj.* enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need
15. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
16. ou_____ed the plan *v.* to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something
17. as___t a free society *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
18. at_____t community *n.* a person who does not believe in the existence of a god or gods
19. modern co_____gy *n.* the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe
20. con_____nt of troops *adj.* possible but not certain to occur; (noun) a group of people or things that are present or available to do something if it is needed
21. c___e a fact as evidence *v.* to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened

ANSWERS: 10. existence, 11. strict, 12. conscious, 13. adaptation, 14. adequate, 15. environment, 16. outline, 17. assert, 18. atheist, 19. cosmology, 20. contingent, 21. cite

22. test my hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
23. ada_____on ability *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
24. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
25. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
26. ou_____e the findings *v.* to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something
27. gene va_____on *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
28. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
29. sa__t statue *n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
30. me_____al times *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
31. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

ANSWERS: 22. hypothesis, 23. adaptation, 24. philosophy, 25. environment, 26. outline, 27. variation, 28. argument, 29. saint, 30. medieval, 31. definition

32. a blazing ar_____nt
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
33. physical co_____gy
n. the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe
34. a precise def_____on
n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
35. con_____nt event
adj. possible but not certain to occur; (noun) a group of people or things that are present or available to do something if it is needed
36. the struggle for ex_____ce
n. the state or fact of someone or something existing
37. medical on_____gy
n. a branch of metaphysics concerned with the nature of being and the existence
38. ev_____on theory
n. a gradual process of transformation of living things
39. int_____nt assisting system
adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
40. phi_____hy of education
n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
41. become increasingly com_____ed
adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
42. va_____on of temperature
n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

ANSWERS: 32. argument, 33. cosmology, 34. definition, 35. contingent, 36. existence, 37. ontology, 38. evolution, 39. intelligent, 40. philosophy, 41. complicated, 42. variation

43. on_____gy theory *n.* a branch of metaphysics concerned with the nature of being and the existence
44. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
45. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
46. an int_____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
47. a ha_____y of colors *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
48. in st____t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
49. a bold hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
50. professed at____t *n.* a person who does not believe in the existence of a god or gods
51. the departed sa__t *n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
52. in____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 43. ontology, 44. complicated, 45. feat, 46. intelligent, 47. harmony, 48. strict, 49. hypothesis, 50. atheist, 51. saint, 52. insist

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Ethics is a branch of _____.
 - n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

2. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
 - n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

3. They study the _____ of the universe.
 - n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

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 - v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

5. She _____ that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.
 - v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

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7. Only the _____ tower remained standing.
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ANSWERS: 1. philosophy, 2. argument, 3. evolution, 4. insisted, 5. asserted, 6. variation, 7. medieval

8. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
9. The faithful follower venerated the _____ relic.
- n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
10. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
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ANSWERS: 16. existence, 17. complicated, 18. Intelligent, 19. contingent, 20. ontology, 21. adequate, 22. adaptation, 23. harmony

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n. the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe

26. She was an _____ and did not believe in any form of religion.

n. a person who does not believe in the existence of a god or gods

ANSWERS: 24. conscious, 25. Cosmology, 26. atheist