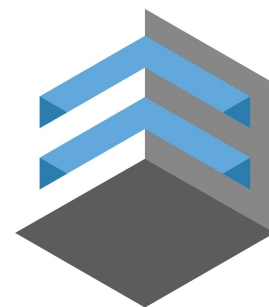


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Session 1: Word List

pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

synonym: contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

coop

v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

synonym: birdcage, enclosure, cage

(1) fly the **coop**, (2) chicken **coop**

The farmer put a **coop** over the hens.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

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.

plateau

n. an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress

synonym : mesa, tableland, plain

(1) **plateau** region, (2) **plateau** in performance

The hikers finally reached the **plateau** after a long climb up the mountain.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. chicken c__p | v. | a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry |
| 2. medical in___n | v. | to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria |
| 3. op_____ne occasion | adj. | suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 4. co___r degree | v. | to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something |
| 5. po_____e the air | v. | to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals |
| 6. in___n civilians | v. | to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria |
| 7. fly the c__p | v. | a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry |
| 8. pl_____u in performance | n. | an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress |

ANSWERS: 1. coop, 2. intern, 3. opportune, 4. confer, 5. pollute, 6. intern, 7. coop, 8. plateau

9. po____e the thread *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
10. pl____u region *n.* an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress
11. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
12. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 9. pollute, 10. plateau, 11. opportune, 12. confer

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
 - v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
2. The hikers finally reached the _____ after a long climb up the mountain.
 - n. an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress
3. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
 - adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
 - v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
5. The farmer put a _____ over the hens.
 - v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
6. We should do our best not to _____ the environment.
 - v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

ANSWERS: 1. confer, 2. plateau, 3. opportune, 4. interned, 5. coop, 6. pollute