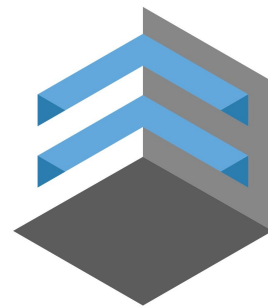


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Session 1: Word List

beetle

n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

(1) **beetle** brows, (2) a **beetle** larva

In ancient civilizations, the scarab **beetle** was worshiped as a sacred creature.

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.

overheat

v. to become too hot, or to cause something to become too hot

synonym: become too hot, heat up too much

(1) **overheat** while charging, (2) starts to **overheat**

The car engine **overheated** and had to be repaired.

whir

v. to make a low, continuous, and often rhythmic sound, similar to the sound of a machine or a motor rotating at high speed; (noun) a low, continuous sound that is produced by something rotating quickly or moving rapidly through the air

synonym: whizz, buzz, hum

(1) **whir** up and down, (2) machines **whirring**

The sound of the engine **whirred** as the plane took off.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

gizmo

n. a small gadget or mechanical device, particularly one that is difficult to name or describe

synonym: gadget, device, contraption

(1) handy **gizmo**, (2) high-tech **gizmo**

You can find all kinds of interesting **gizmos** in this store.

gadget

n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

synonym: appliance, gimmick, device

(1) a handy **gadget**, (2) time-saving **gadget**

I found the kitchen **gadget** that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

staggering

adj. so shocking as to stun or overwhelm

synonym: astounding, astonishing, stunning

(1) **staggering** number, (2) a **staggering** defeat

The amount of money required was **staggering**.

toothbrush

n. a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth

synonym: brush, scrubber, cleaner

(1) **toothbrush** stand, (2) power **toothbrush**

My **toothbrush** with end-rounded bristles is excellent for gently cleaning my teeth and gums.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

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.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym: geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

irritate

v. to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore

synonym: annoy, vex, bother

(1) **irritate** skin, (2) **irritate** my partner

The sound of his chewing loudly **irritates** me during dinner.

schematic

adj. relating to or in the form of a scheme or diagram; showing the structure or organization of something

synonym: diagrammatic, blueprint, structural

(1) **schematic** model, (2) simplified **schematic**

The engineer used a **schematic** diagram to plan out the wiring for the new building.

paywall

n. a barrier, often in the form of a subscription or membership fee, that limits access to certain online content or services designed to restrict access to content to those who are willing to pay for it

synonym: gate, subscription, barrier

(1) newspaper **paywall**, (2) content **paywall**

I can't read the article because it's behind a **paywall** and requires a subscription.

throwaway

adj. designed to be used only once and then discarded

synonym: disposable, one-time-use, expendable

(1) **throwaway** item, (2) **throwaway** culture

Throwaway plastic containers are causing a major environmental issue.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a computer n__d | <i>n.</i> a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc. |
| 2. ir____te my partner | <i>v.</i> to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore |
| 3. ov____at while charging | <i>v.</i> to become too hot, or to cause something to become too hot |
| 4. be___e brows | <i>n.</i> an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings |
| 5. time-saving ga___t | <i>n.</i> a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job |
| 6. th_____ay culture | <i>adj.</i> designed to be used only once and then discarded |
| 7. sta_____ng number | <i>adj.</i> so shocking as to stun or overwhelm |
| 8. re____e the cardboard boxes | <i>v.</i> to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again |
| 9. n__d neck | <i>n.</i> a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc. |
| 10. high-tech gi__o | <i>n.</i> a small gadget or mechanical device, particularly one that is difficult to name or describe |

ANSWERS: 1. nerd, 2. irritate, 3. overheat, 4. beetle, 5. gadget, 6. throwaway, 7. staggering, 8. recycle, 9. nerd, 10. gizmo

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| 11. a hard and re_____nt steel | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |
| 12. a be___e larva | <i>n.</i> an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings |
| 13. ir_____te skin | <i>v.</i> to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore |
| 14. content pa_____l | <i>n.</i> a barrier, often in the form of a subscription or membership fee, that limits access to certain online content or services designed to restrict access to content to those who are willing to pay for it |
| 15. in_____te the quality of his life | <i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products |
| 16. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 17. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 18. w__r up and down | <i>v.</i> to make a low, continuous, and often rhythmic sound, similar to the sound of a machine or a motor rotating at high speed; (noun) a low, continuous sound that is produced by something rotating quickly or moving rapidly through the air |
| 19. machines w__ring | <i>v.</i> to make a low, continuous, and often rhythmic sound, similar to the sound of a machine or a motor rotating at high speed; (noun) a low, continuous sound that is produced by something rotating quickly or moving rapidly through the air |

ANSWERS: 11. resilient, 12. beetle, 13. irritate, 14. paywall, 15. innovate, 16. opportune, 17. opportune, 18. whirl, 19. whirl

20. re_____nt population	<i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
21. newspaper pa_____l	<i>n.</i> a barrier, often in the form of a subscription or membership fee, that limits access to certain online content or services designed to restrict access to content to those who are willing to pay for it
22. in_____te a new method	<i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
23. em_____r the secretary to do the same	<i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something
24. th_____ay item	<i>adj.</i> designed to be used only once and then discarded
25. starts to ov_____at	<i>v.</i> to become too hot, or to cause something to become too hot
26. simplified sc_____ic	<i>adj.</i> relating to or in the form of a scheme or diagram; showing the structure or organization of something
27. em_____r my life	<i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something
28. too_____sh stand	<i>n.</i> a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
29. re_____e milk packaging into new paper	<i>v.</i> to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
30. a sta_____ng defeat	<i>adj.</i> so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
31. sc_____ic model	<i>adj.</i> relating to or in the form of a scheme or diagram; showing the structure or organization of something

ANSWERS: 20. resilient, 21. paywall, 22. innovate, 23. empower, 24. throwaway, 25. overheat, 26. schematic, 27. empower, 28. toothbrush, 29. recycle, 30. staggering, 31. schematic

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| 32. handy gi__o | <i>n.</i> a small gadget or mechanical device, particularly one that is difficult to name or describe |
| 33. power too_____sh | <i>n.</i> a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth |
| 34. a handy ga___t | <i>n.</i> a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job |

ANSWERS: 32. gizmo, 33. toothbrush, 34. gadget

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
2. The sound of his chewing loudly _____ me during dinner.
v. to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore
3. In ancient civilizations, the scarab _____ was worshiped as a sacred creature.
n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
4. The sound of the engine _____ as the plane took off.
v. to make a low, continuous, and often rhythmic sound, similar to the sound of a machine or a motor rotating at high speed; (noun) a low, continuous sound that is produced by something rotating quickly or moving rapidly through the air
5. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
6. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
7. I can't read the article because it's behind a _____ and requires a subscription.
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ANSWERS: 1. recycle, 2. irritates, 3. beetle, 4. whirred, 5. resilient, 6. empowered, 7. paywall

8. The amount of money required was _____.

adj. so shocking as to stun or overwhelm

9. You can find all kinds of interesting _____ in this store.

n. a small gadget or mechanical device, particularly one that is difficult to name or describe

10. My _____ with end-rounded bristles is excellent for gently cleaning my teeth and gums.

n. a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth

11. The car engine _____ and had to be repaired.

v. to become too hot, or to cause something to become too hot

12. He was, by nature, a cyber _____.

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

13. The engineer used a _____ diagram to plan out the wiring for the new building.

adj. relating to or in the form of a scheme or diagram; showing the structure or organization of something

14. _____ plastic containers are causing a major environmental issue.

adj. designed to be used only once and then discarded

15. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 8. staggering, 9. gizmos, 10. toothbrush, 11. overheated, 12. nerd, 13. schematic, 14. Throwaway, 15. opportune

16. I found the kitchen _____ that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

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

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

ANSWERS: 16. gadget, 17. innovate