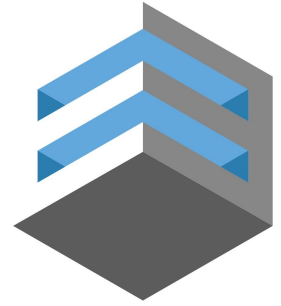


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Session 1: Word List

tweak

v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

synonym: nip, pinch, fine-tune

(1) **tweak** his cheek, (2) **tweak** the economy

He didn't **tweak** the plan, even though he had time.

wristband

n. a strip of material worn around the wrist for decoration, support, or identification purposes

synonym: bracelet, sweatband, wristlet

(1) **wristband** watch, (2) festival **wristband**

The nightclub bouncer checked the **wristbands** of everyone entering the premises to ensure their age.

synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

synonym: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

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.

whistle

v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

synonym : sound, honk, tweet

(1) **whistle** a tune, (2) **whistle** for help

The employee decided to **whistle-blow** on the company's illegal activities.

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

synonym : aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym : mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

revolve

v. to rotate around a central point

synonym : rotate, spin, orbit

(1) **revolve** at high speed, (2) **revolve** around a central axis

The Earth **revolves** around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.

reorder

v. to arrange something in a different or new order; to request or purchase an item or items again

synonym : rearrange, reschedule, redo

(1) **reorder** priorities, (2) **reorder** steps

The manager decided to **reorder** the products on the shelf to improve sales.

unavoidable

adj. impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable

synonym : inevitable, inescapable, certain

(1) an **unavoidable** accident, (2) under **unavoidable** circumstances

There are now fears that war is **unavoidable**.

drastic

adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

synonym: extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

entrust

v. to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment

synonym: trust, delegate, hand over

(1) **entrust** with responsibility, (2) **entrust** money to him
I **entrusted** my keys to my neighbor while I was on vacation.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. en____t money to him
v. to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment
2. wr_____nd watch
n. a strip of material worn around the wrist for decoration, support, or identification purposes
3. make dr____c revision
adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
4. tw__k his cheek
v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
5. dr____c measures
adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
6. re____r priorities
v. to arrange something in a different or new order; to request or purchase an item or items again
7. sma_____ne app developer
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
8. mi__c a human voice
v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
9. wh____e a tune
v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

ANSWERS: 1. entrust, 2. wristband, 3. drastic, 4. tweak, 5. drastic, 6. reorder, 7. smartphone, 8. mimic, 9. whistle

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| 10. co_____e the listener | v. | to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 11. an una_____le accident | adj. | impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable |
| 12. re_____e at high speed | v. | to rotate around a central point |
| 13. tw__k the economy | v. | to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely |
| 14. an__y at the time | v. | to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly |
| 15. syn_____ze our watches | v. | to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate |
| 16. under una_____le circumstances | adj. | impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable |
| 17. mi__c numerous instruments | v. | to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh |
| 18. co_____e fantasy with reality | v. | to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 19. re_____e around a central axis | v. | to rotate around a central point |
| 20. syn_____ze movements | v. | to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate |
| 21. wh_____e for help | v. | to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound |
| 22. re_____r steps | v. | to arrange something in a different or new order; to request or purchase an item or items again |

ANSWERS: 10. confuse, 11. unavoidable, 12. revolve, 13. tweak, 14. annoy, 15. synchronize, 16. unavoidable, 17. mimic, 18. confuse, 19. revolve, 20. synchronize, 21. whistle, 22. reorder

23. en____t with responsibility *v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment
24. an__y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
25. festival wr_____nd *n.* a strip of material worn around the wrist for decoration, support, or identification purposes
26. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 23. entrust, 24. annoy, 25. wristband, 26. smartphone

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
2. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.
v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
3. I _____ my keys to my neighbor while I was on vacation.
v. to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment
4. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
5. There are now fears that war is _____.
adj. impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable
6. He didn't _____ the plan, even though he had time.
v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
7. The manager decided to _____ the products on the shelf to improve sales.
v. to arrange something in a different or new order; to request or purchase an item or items again
8. The Earth _____ around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.
v. to rotate around a central point

ANSWERS: 1. smartphones, 2. annoy, 3. entrusted, 4. confused, 5. unavoidable, 6. tweak, 7. reorder, 8. revolves

9. The global community is undergoing _____ changes at present.
adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
10. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
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11. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly _____.
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12. The employee decided to _____ on the company's illegal activities.
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13. The nightclub bouncer checked the _____ of everyone entering the premises to ensure their age.
n. a strip of material worn around the wrist for decoration, support, or identification purposes

ANSWERS: 9. drastic, 10. mimic, 11. synchronized, 12. whistle-blow, 13. wristbands