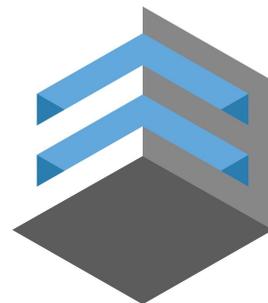


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Session 1: Word List

imbue

v. to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell

synonym : infuse, permeate, instill

(1) **imbue** with confidence, (2) **imbue** with meaning

He tried to **imbue** his children with a love of learning and curiosity.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

bleak

adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

synonym : miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

conflagration

n. a large, destructive fire that spreads quickly and can cause extensive damage; a great and wide-ranging

conflict or war

synonym: blaze, holocaust, firestorm

(1) **conflagration** aftermath, (2) urban **conflagration**

The **conflagration** in the forest destroyed many homes and caused much damage.

firefighter

n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires

(1) forest **firefighter**, (2) decided to be a **firefighter**

The **firefighter** broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

hydrant

n. a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes

synonym: fireplug, tap, spigot

(1) **hydrant** valve, (2) fire **hydrant**

The residents reported a leaky **hydrant** in their community, prompting the city to dispatch a maintenance crew

extinguish

v. to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining

synonym: quench, smother, blow out

(1) **extinguish** a cigarette, (2) **extinguish** the street lamp

Firefighters made every effort to **extinguish** the blaze immediately.

uninhabited

adj. not able to be lived in by humans or animals; devoid of human or animal life

synonym: deserted, abandoned, vacant

(1) **uninhabited** region, (2) **uninhabited** house

The remote island is **uninhabited** and has no permanent residents.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

devastation

n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

synonym : destruction, ruin, havoc

(1) financial **devastation**, (2) **devastation** to life

The economic recession caused **devastation** in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

pinpoint

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

synonym : name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation

This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

evacuate

v. to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

synonym : empty, clear out, vacate

(1) **evacuate** the building, (2) **evacuate** civilians

The town was forced to **evacuate** due to the hurricane approaching.

firefight

n. a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used

synonym : battle, conflict, fight

(1) killed in a **firefight**, (2) turn into a **firefight**

The platoon experienced a full-scale **firefight**.

commemorate

v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

synonym: honor, remember, celebrate

(1) **commemorate** her long life, (2) **commemorate** a deed

The country **commemorated** the war heroes on Memorial Day.

abundantly

adv. in large quantities; plentifully

synonym: plentifully, copiously, lavishly

(1) **abundantly** clear, (2) **abundantly** available

The policy change resulted in an **abundantly** positive outcome for the company.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

urgently

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

synonym: promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required

I need to send this email **urgently**.

bolster

v. to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources

synonym: reinforce, support, strengthen

(1) **bolster** confidence, (2) **bolster** the economy

The company hired a new advertising agency to **bolster** its marketing efforts.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by

causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

coronavirus

n. a group of viruses that cause respiratory, gastrointestinal, and neurological diseases in humans and other animals

(1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus** bankruptcy

Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped this year's beer festival.

standardize

v. to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process

synonym: uniform, systemize, homogenize

(1) **standardize** a language, (2) **standardize** administrative practices

The company **standardized** its procedures to improve efficiency and quality control.

shambles

n. a state of complete disorder, chaos, or ruin; an utter mess or failure

synonym: disorder, chaos, mess

(1) financial **shambles**, (2) organizational **shambles**

After the party, the house was in **shambles** and needed much cleaning.

lifesaving

n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

(1) **lifesaving** efforts, (2) **lifesaving** device

The patient needs a **lifesaving** transplant operation.

unprotected

adj. not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense

synonym: uncovered, defenseless, vulnerable

(1) **unprotected** area, (2) **unprotected** Wi-Fi

It's important never to have **unprotected** sex to prevent the spread of STDs.

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.

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

disbeliever

n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

synonym: non-believer, skeptic, doubter

(1) persuade a **disbeliever**, (2) stubborn **disbeliever**

Despite the evidence, she remained a **disbeliever** in the theory of evolution.

skeletal

adj. of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated

synonym: bony, emaciated, gaunt

(1) **skeletal** system, (2) **skeletal** muscles

The older man was skinny and **skeletal** and not in good health.

wane

v. to decrease in size, strength, or intensity

synonym: decrease, diminish, fade

(1) **wane** over time, (2) **wane** in popularity

The fragrance of this material **wanes** over weeks to months.

cadre

n. a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement

synonym: core group, leadership, elite

(1) elite **cadre**, (2) **cadre** of leaders

The **cadre** of experienced soldiers led the attack.

quarantine

n. a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease

synonym: isolation, confinement, restriction

(1) out of **quarantine**, (2) mandatory **quarantine**

Due to the outbreak, the government imposed a two-week **quarantine** for all travelers.

paycheck

n. a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check

synonym: salary, earnings, income

(1) electronic **paycheck**, (2) monthly **paycheck**

I received a bonus on top of my regular **paycheck** this month.

blazing

adj. burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

synonym: burning, fiery, scorching

(1) **blazing** fury, (2) **blazing** fire

The **blazing** sun beat down on the desert.

inferno

n. a place or condition of intense suffering, especially Hell, in traditional Christian beliefs

synonym: hell, fiery pit, furnace

(1) a raging **inferno**, (2) devastating **inferno**

The building was consumed by an **inferno**, reducing it to ashes.

engulf

v. to swallow up; to surround and cover completely

synonym: swallow, submerge, inundate

(1) **engulf** the politician, (2) **engulf** in water

The fire quickly **engulfed** the entire building.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. abu_____ly available *adv.* in large quantities; plentifully
2. uni_____ed region *adj.* not able to be lived in by humans or animals; devoid of human or animal life
3. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
5. im__e with meaning *v.* to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell
6. a raging in_____o *n.* a place or condition of intense suffering, especially Hell, in traditional Christian beliefs
7. abu_____ly clear *adv.* in large quantities; plentifully
8. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
9. va_____te against scarlet fever *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
10. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

ANSWERS: 1. abundantly, 2. uninhabited, 3. opportune, 4. empower, 5. imbue, 6. inferno, 7. abundantly, 8. disrupt, 9. vaccinate, 10. overwhelm

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| 11. sk____al system | <i>adj.</i> of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated |
| 12. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude | <i>v.</i> to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody |
| 13. bl_____g fury | <i>adj.</i> burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive |
| 14. decided to be a fir_____er | <i>n.</i> a person whose job is to extinguish fires |
| 15. sta_____ze administrative practices | <i>v.</i> to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process |
| 16. ext_____sh a cigarette | <i>v.</i> to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining |
| 17. w__e over time | <i>v.</i> to decrease in size, strength, or intensity |
| 18. stubborn dis_____er | <i>n.</i> a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea |
| 19. com_____te her long life | <i>v.</i> to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute |
| 20. un___d the stroller | <i>v.</i> to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown |
| 21. forest fir_____er | <i>n.</i> a person whose job is to extinguish fires |
| 22. con_____ion aftermath | <i>n.</i> a large, destructive fire that spreads quickly and can cause extensive damage; a great and wide-ranging conflict or war |

ANSWERS: 11. skeletal, 12. overwhelm, 13. blazing, 14. firefighter, 15. standardize, 16. extinguish, 17. wane, 18. disbeliever, 19. commemorate, 20. unfold, 21. firefighter, 22. conflagration

23. sta_____ze a language *v.* to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process
24. com_____te a deed *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
25. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
26. bl__k future *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
27. en___f in water *v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
28. electronic pa_____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
29. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
30. urban con_____ion *n.* a large, destructive fire that spreads quickly and can cause extensive damage; a great and wide-ranging conflict or war
31. bo_____r the economy *v.* to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources
32. turn into a fi_____ht *n.* a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used
33. cor_____us bankruptcy *n.* a group of viruses that cause respiratory, gastrointestinal, and neurological diseases in humans and other animals

ANSWERS: 23. standardize, 24. commemorate, 25. medicinal, 26. bleak, 27. engulf, 28. paycheck, 29. pandemic, 30. conflagration, 31. bolster, 32. firefight, 33. coronavirus

34. monthly pa_____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
35. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
36. ext_____sh the street lamp *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
37. persuade a dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
38. dev_____on to life *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
39. devastating in_____o *n.* a place or condition of intense suffering, especially Hell, in traditional Christian beliefs
40. lif_____ng efforts *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
41. unp_____ed Wi-Fi *adj.* not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense
42. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
43. lif_____ng device *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
44. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
45. ur_____ly required *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

ANSWERS: 34. paycheck, 35. pandemic, 36. extinguish, 37. disbeliever, 38. devastation, 39. inferno, 40. lifesaving, 41. unprotected, 42. empathy, 43. lifesaving, 44. empathy, 45. urgently

46. bl____g fire *adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive
47. elite ca__e *n.* a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement
48. financial dev_____on *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
49. ca__e of leaders *n.* a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement
50. im__e with confidence *v.* to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell
51. cor_____us antibody test kit *n.* a group of viruses that cause respiratory, gastrointestinal, and neurological diseases in humans and other animals
52. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
53. un___d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
54. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
55. fire hy_____t *n.* a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes

ANSWERS: 46. blazing, 47. cadre, 48. devastation, 49. cadre, 50. imbue, 51. coronavirus, 52. afterward, 53. unfold, 54. medicinal, 55. hydrant

56. pi_____nt the problem
v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
57. uni_____ed house
adj. not able to be lived in by humans or animals; devoid of human or animal life
58. ev_____te civilians
v. to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk
59. w__e in popularity
v. to decrease in size, strength, or intensity
60. organizational sh_____es
n. a state of complete disorder, chaos, or ruin; an utter mess or failure
61. unp_____ed area
adj. not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense
62. en____f the politician
v. to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
63. sk_____al muscles
adj. of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated
64. mandatory qua_____ne
n. a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
65. financial sh_____es
n. a state of complete disorder, chaos, or ruin; an utter mess or failure
66. a few years af_____rd
adv. after the time mentioned
67. pi_____nt signs of manipulation
v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
68. tackle the problem ur_____ly
adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

ANSWERS: 56. pinpoint, 57. uninhabited, 58. evacuate, 59. wane, 60. shambles, 61. unprotected, 62. engulf, 63. skeletal, 64. quarantine, 65. shambles, 66. afterward, 67. pinpoint, 68. urgently

69. killed in a fi_____ht *n.* a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used
70. ev_____te the building *v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk
71. hy_____t valve *n.* a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes
72. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
73. va_____te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
74. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
75. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
76. out of qua_____ne *n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
77. bo_____r confidence *v.* to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources
78. prospects were bl__k *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

ANSWERS: 69. firefight, 70. evacuate, 71. hydrant, 72. disrupt, 73. vaccinate, 74. opportune, 75. empower, 76. quarantine, 77. bolster, 78. bleak

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The town was forced to _____ due to the hurricane approaching.
v. to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

2. It's important never to have _____ sex to prevent the spread of STDs.
adj. not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense

3. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.
v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

4. The _____ of experienced soldiers led the attack.
n. a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement

5. The economic recession caused _____ in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.
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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. Firefighters made every effort to _____ the blaze immediately.
v. to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining

8. The fragrance of this material _____ over weeks to months.
v. to decrease in size, strength, or intensity

ANSWERS: 1. evacuate, 2. unprotected, 3. overwhelm, 4. cadre, 5. devastation, 6. empowered, 7. extinguish, 8. wanes

9. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
10. The policy change resulted in an _____ positive outcome for the company.
adv. in large quantities; plentifully
11. The residents reported a leaky _____ in their community, prompting the city to dispatch a maintenance crew
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12. After the party, the house was in _____ and needed much cleaning.
n. a state of complete disorder, chaos, or ruin; an utter mess or failure
13. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
14. The nurse _____ the children in the school.
v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
15. Despite the evidence, she remained a _____ in the theory of evolution.
n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
16. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
adv. after the time mentioned
17. He tried to _____ his children with a love of learning and curiosity.
v. to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell

ANSWERS: 9. pandemic, 10. abundantly, 11. hydrant, 12. shambles, 13. Empathy, 14. vaccinated, 15. disbeliever, 16. afterward, 17. imbue

18. The older man was skinny and _____ and not in good health.
adj. of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated
19. The building was consumed by an _____ reducing it to ashes.
n. a place or condition of intense suffering, especially Hell, in traditional Christian beliefs
20. Due to the outbreak, the government imposed a two-week _____ for all travelers.
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21. I need to send this email _____.
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22. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
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23. The company _____ its procedures to improve efficiency and quality control.
v. to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process
24. The platoon experienced a full-scale _____.
n. a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used
25. The remote island is _____ and has no permanent residents.
adj. not able to be lived in by humans or animals; devoid of human or animal life

ANSWERS: 18. skeletal, 19. inferno, 20. quarantine, 21. urgently, 22. medicinal, 23. standardized, 24. firefight, 25. uninhabited

26. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
- v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
27. The _____ in the forest destroyed many homes and caused much damage.
- n. a large, destructive fire that spreads quickly and can cause extensive damage; a great and wide-ranging conflict or war
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- v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
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- v. to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
31. Considering the situation of _____ organized stopped this year's beer festival.
- n. a group of viruses that cause respiratory, gastrointestinal, and neurological diseases in humans and other animals
32. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
33. The _____ broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.
- n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires

ANSWERS: 26. disrupt, 27. conflagration, 28. unfolded, 29. commemorated, 30. engulfed, 31. coronavirus, 32. opportune, 33. firefighter

34. The _____ sun beat down on the desert.

adj. burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

35. I received a bonus on top of my regular _____ this month.

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ANSWERS: 34. blazing, 35. paycheck, 36. pinpoints, 37. bolster, 38. bleak, 39. lifesaving