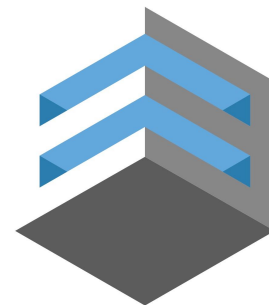


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Session 1: Word List

covet

- v. to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for

synonym: desire, yearn, crave

(1) **covet** wealth, (2) **covet** fame

She couldn't help but **covet** her friend's designer handbag.

vie

- v. to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise

synonym: compete, contend, strive

(1) **vie** for a trophy, (2) **vie** for attention

They both **vied** for the top spot in the company.

colonize

- v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

synonym: settle, occupy, inhabit

(1) **colonize** planets, (2) **colonize** for cultivation

European powers **colonized** much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

destabilize

- v. to cause something to become less stable or secure

synonym: unsettle, disrupt, upset

(1) **destabilize** the market, (2) **destabilize** a good relationship

The political crisis **destabilized** the country and caused widespread turmoil.

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.

fertile

adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive

synonym: fruitful, productive, rich

(1) **fertile** ground, (2) **fertile** market

Herbs require **fertile** soil in a sunny, sheltered location.

horseback

n. the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse

synonym: equestrian, horse riding, mounted

(1) **horseback** trek, (2) **horseback** adventure

We went on a scenic trail ride on **horseback** through the mountains.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym: defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

squash

v. to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully

synonym: smash, crush, compress

(1) **squash** a package, (2) **squash** a rebellion

I like to **squash** my grapes when making homemade wine.

lucrative

adj. producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding

synonym: profitable, moneymaking, remunerative

(1) **lucrative** deal, (2) **lucrative** market

Investing in real estate can be a **lucrative** business if done correctly.

spectacle

n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

synonym: marvel, sensation, phenomenon

(1) pretty **spectacle**, (2) **spectacle** lens

She could not help watching the sad **spectacle**.

hefty

adj. large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance

synonym: weighty, substantial, sizeable

(1) **hefty** price, (2) **hefty** breakfast

The **hefty** box of books was too heavy to lift on my own.

smallpox

n. a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death

synonym: variola

(1) **smallpox** epidemic, (2) **smallpox** vaccine

An outbreak of **smallpox** occurred in the 1920s.

ravage

v. to cause damage to something badly

synonym: devastate, ruin, destroy

(1) **ravage** a country, (2) **ravage** the brain

A large fire **ravaged** the forest.

cede

v. to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

synonym: surrender, relinquish, yield

(1) **cede** power, (2) **cede** custody of the kids

The landowner agreed to **cede** part of his property to the government for the public good.

formidable

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

synonym: daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor

The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

appease

v. to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety

synonym: pacify, calm, soothe

(1) **appease** hunger, (2) **appease** her fears

The manager tried to **appease** the angry customer by offering them a refund.

strategize

v. to plan or devise a detailed plan, especially for achieving success in situations

synonym: plan, devise, scheme

(1) **strategize** for success, (2) **strategize** about how to win

The company **strategized** about how to increase sales.

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym: envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

reaffirm

v. to state something again strongly to emphasize that it is still true

synonym: declare, acknowledge, advocate

(1) **reaffirm** a relationship, (2) **reaffirm** the basic points

The board member of the pharmaceutical company **reaffirmed** the commitment to public health.

horde

n. a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled

synonym: crowd, swarm, mass

(1) **horde** of attackers, (2) the **horde** of shoppers

The **horde** of zombies was approaching quickly.

settler

n. a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

synonym: frontiersperson, immigrant, emigrant

(1) new **settlers**, (2) **settlers** on some foreign shore

A large proportion of railway workers in **settler** colonies were white.

encroach

v. to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.

synonym: invade, impinge, infringe

(1) **encroach** on the realm, (2) **encroach** on the habitat of the animal

You have no right to **encroach** on my leisure time.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

retaliation

n. the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act

synonym: retribution, revenge, vengeance

(1) **retaliation** tactics, (2) **retaliation** against discrimination

The company faced heavy **retaliation** from its competitors after releasing a controversial product.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

prospector

n. a person who searches for minerals such as gold or silver by systematically digging, panning, or prospecting

synonym: miner, digger, explorer

(1) **prospector's** shovel, (2) gold **prospector**

The **prospector's** camp was in a remote area of the wilderness.

decimate

v. to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number

synonym: devastate, destroy, annihilate

(1) **decimate** population, (2) **decimate** economy

The hurricane **decimated** the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.

starvation

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

synonym: hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

dismantle

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

synonym: take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system

The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

massacre

n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

synonym: slaughter, bloodbath, butchery

(1) **massacre** in the village, (2) animal **massacre**

The **massacre** of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 2. sq____h a rebellion | <i>v.</i> to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully |
| 3. ho_____ck trek | <i>n.</i> the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse |
| 4. sm_____ox vaccine | <i>n.</i> a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death |
| 5. pro_____or's shovel | <i>n.</i> a person who searches for minerals such as gold or silver by systematically digging, panning, or prospecting |
| 6. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 7. animal ma_____re | <i>n.</i> the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals |
| 8. lu_____ve market | <i>adj.</i> producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding |
| 9. sta_____on wages | <i>n.</i> a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death |
| 10. co_____ze planets | <i>v.</i> to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers |

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. squash, 3. horseback, 4. smallpox, 5. prospector, 6. opportune, 7. massacre, 8. lucrative, 9. starvation, 10. colonize

11. re____rm a relationship	<i>v.</i> to state something again strongly to emphasize that it is still true
12. v_e for a trophy	<i>v.</i> to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise
13. gold pro____or	<i>n.</i> a person who searches for minerals such as gold or silver by systematically digging, panning, or prospecting
14. die of sta____on	<i>n.</i> a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
15. des____ze the market	<i>v.</i> to cause something to become less stable or secure
16. di____b his sleep	<i>v.</i> to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
17. v_e for attention	<i>v.</i> to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise
18. co__t fame	<i>v.</i> to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for
19. de____te economy	<i>v.</i> to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
20. he__y price	<i>adj.</i> large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance

ANSWERS: 11. reaffirm, 12. vie, 13. prospector, 14. starvation, 15. destabilize, 16. disturb, 17. vie, 18. covet, 19. decimate, 20. hefty

21. re_____rm the basic points	<i>v.</i> to state something again strongly to emphasize that it is still true
22. ra____e the brain	<i>v.</i> to cause damage to something badly
23. sq____h a package	<i>v.</i> to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
24. str_____ze about how to win	<i>v.</i> to plan or devise a detailed plan, especially for achieving success in situations
25. di_____le a system	<i>v.</i> to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
26. ap_____e hunger	<i>v.</i> to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety
27. sp_____le lens	<i>n.</i> something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
28. ret_____on against discrimination	<i>n.</i> the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act
29. di_____le a machine	<i>v.</i> to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
30. ra____e a country	<i>v.</i> to cause damage to something badly

ANSWERS: 21. reaffirm, 22. ravage, 23. squash, 24. strategize, 25. dismantle, 26. appease, 27. spectacle, 28. retaliation, 29. dismantle, 30. ravage

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| 31. de____te population | <i>v.</i> to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number |
| 32. fe____e market | <i>adj.</i> capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive |
| 33. lu____ve deal | <i>adj.</i> producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding |
| 34. en____ch on the realm | <i>v.</i> to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc. |
| 35. he__y breakfast | <i>adj.</i> large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance |
| 36. en____ch on the habitat of the animal | <i>v.</i> to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc. |
| 37. for____le competitor | <i>adj.</i> causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration |
| 38. mo____ze a stiff joint | <i>v.</i> to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose |
| 39. ho____ck adventure | <i>n.</i> the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse |

ANSWERS: 31. decimate, 32. fertile, 33. lucrative, 34. encroach, 35. hefty, 36. encroach, 37. formidable, 38. mobilize, 39. horseback

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| 40. ret_____on tactics | <i>n.</i> the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act |
| 41. pretty sp_____le | <i>n.</i> something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision |
| 42. new se_____rs | <i>n.</i> a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area |
| 43. expel a di_____at | <i>n.</i> a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations |
| 44. mo_____ze cooperation | <i>v.</i> to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose |
| 45. des_____ze a good relationship | <i>v.</i> to cause something to become less stable or secure |
| 46. for_____le challenge | <i>adj.</i> causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration |
| 47. di_____b the peace | <i>v.</i> to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc. |
| 48. fe_____e ground | <i>adj.</i> capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive |

ANSWERS: 40. retaliation, 41. spectacle, 42. settler, 43. diplomat, 44. mobilize, 45. destabilize, 46. formidable, 47. disturb, 48. fertile

49. co____r fatal disease	<i>v.</i> to bring under control by force or authority
50. ap____e her fears	<i>v.</i> to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety
51. ho__e of attackers	<i>n.</i> a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled
52. c__e power	<i>v.</i> to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
53. c__e custody of the kids	<i>v.</i> to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
54. co__t wealth	<i>v.</i> to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for
55. allied di____at	<i>n.</i> a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
56. str____ze for success	<i>v.</i> to plan or devise a detailed plan, especially for achieving success in situations
57. se____rs on some foreign shore	<i>n.</i> a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

ANSWERS: 49. conquer, 50. appease, 51. horde, 52. cede, 53. cede, 54. covet, 55. diplomat, 56. strategize, 57. settler

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| 58. the ho__e of shoppers | <i>n.</i> a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled |
| 59. sm____ox epidemic | <i>n.</i> a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death |
| 60. co____ze for cultivation | <i>v.</i> to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers |
| 61. co____r the world | <i>v.</i> to bring under control by force or authority |
| 62. ma____re in the village | <i>n.</i> the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals |

ANSWERS: 58. horde, 59. smallpox, 60. colonize, 61. conquer, 62. massacre

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. A large proportion of railway workers in _____ colonies were white.
n. a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
2. The political crisis _____ the country and caused widespread turmoil.
v. to cause something to become less stable or secure
3. You have no right to _____ on my leisure time.
v. to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.
4. She could not help watching the sad _____.
n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
5. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
6. They both _____ for the top spot in the company.
v. to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise
7. The senior _____ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.
n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

ANSWERS: 1. settler, 2. destabilized, 3. encroach, 4. spectacle, 5. opportune, 6. vied, 7. diplomat

8. I like to _____ my grapes when making homemade wine.
- v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
9. A large fire _____ the forest.
- v.* to cause damage to something badly
10. The _____ box of books was too heavy to lift on my own.
- adj.* large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance
11. The company faced heavy _____ from its competitors after releasing a controversial product.
- n.* the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act
12. The military _____ troops to the border.
- v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
13. The _____ of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.
- n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
14. We went on a scenic trail ride on _____ through the mountains.
- n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
15. The _____ camp was in a remote area of the wilderness.
- n.* a person who searches for minerals such as gold or silver by systematically digging, panning, or prospecting

ANSWERS: 8. squash, 9. ravaged, 10. hefty, 11. retaliation, 12. mobilized, 13. massacre, 14. horseback, 15. prospector's

16. The drought led to widespread _____ in the region.

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

17. The mountain range was a _____ obstacle for the hikers.

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

18. She couldn't help but _____ her friend's designer handbag.

v. to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for

19. Herbs require _____ soil in a sunny, sheltered location.

adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive

20. The hurricane _____ the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.

v. to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number

21. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

22. The manager tried to _____ the angry customer by offering them a refund.

v. to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety

23. The landowner agreed to _____ part of his property to the government for the public good.

v. to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

ANSWERS: 16. starvation, 17. formidable, 18. covet, 19. fertile, 20. decimated, 21. disturb, 22. appease, 23. cede

24. Investing in real estate can be a _____ business if done correctly.

adj. producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding

25. The _____ of zombies was approaching quickly.

n. a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled

26. The board member of the pharmaceutical company _____ the commitment to public health.

v. to state something again strongly to emphasize that it is still true

27. An outbreak of _____ occurred in the 1920s.

n. a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death

28. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.

v. to bring under control by force or authority

29. The company _____ about how to increase sales.

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30. European powers _____ much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

31. The old building had to be _____ because it was structurally unsound.

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

ANSWERS: 24. lucrative, 25. horde, 26. reaffirmed, 27. smallpox, 28. conquer, 29. strategized, 30. colonized, 31. dismantled

ANSWERS: