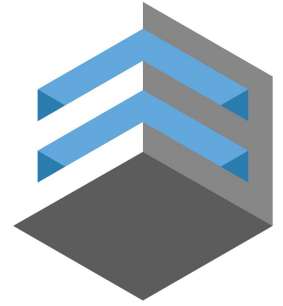


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Session 1: Word List

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth
He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

vestige

n. a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished

synonym: trace, remnant, relic

(1) a **vestige** of a castle wall, (2) a **vestige** of the virus
The abandoned building was a **vestige** of the city's past, with nothing left but memories.

turnout

n. the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election

synonym: attendance, number, crowd

(1) the voter **turnout**, (2) an enormous **turnout** of people
The gig attracted a large **turnout**.

buggy

n. a small, lightweight car, usually with no roof, especially drawn by a single horse; (adjective) infested with bugs

synonym: carriage, cart, wagon

(1) baby **buggy**, (2) **buggy** update

This Middle Eastern resort offers dune **buggy** tours through the desert.

sabbatical

n. a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions

synonym: leave, vacation, break

(1) **sabbatical** leave, (2) **sabbatical** year

After ten years of teaching, she took a **sabbatical** to travel the world.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

stump

v. to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled

synonym: mix up

(1) the riddle **stumped** everybody, (2) we are **stumped** with the problem

He is **stumped** with the question.

verge

n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

synonym: brink, edge, margin

(1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears

He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. sab_____al year | <i>n.</i> a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions |
| 2. an enormous tu_____t of people | <i>n.</i> the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election |
| 3. the riddle st__ped everybody | <i>v.</i> to cause to be perplexed or confused;
(noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled |
| 4. the voter tu_____t | <i>n.</i> the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election |
| 5. we are st__ped with the problem | <i>v.</i> to cause to be perplexed or confused;
(noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled |
| 6. fa_____te the young | <i>v.</i> to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly |
| 7. bu__y update | <i>n.</i> a small, lightweight car, usually with no roof, especially drawn by a single horse;
(adjective) infested with bugs |
| 8. un_____r a potential problem | <i>v.</i> to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden |
| 9. sab_____al leave | <i>n.</i> a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions |

ANSWERS: 1. sabbatical, 2. turnout, 3. stump, 4. turnout, 5. stump, 6. fascinate, 7. buggy, 8. uncover, 9. sabbatical

10. ve__e of bankruptcy *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
11. a ve_____e of the virus *n.* a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished
12. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
13. a ve_____e of a castle wall *n.* a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished
14. on the ve__e of tears *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
15. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
16. baby bu__y *n.* a small, lightweight car, usually with no roof, especially drawn by a single horse; (adjective) infested with bugs

ANSWERS: 10. verge, 11. vestige, 12. fascinate, 13. vestige, 14. verge, 15. uncover, 16. buggy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This Middle Eastern resort offers dune _____ tours through the desert.
n. a small, lightweight car, usually with no roof, especially drawn by a single horse; (adjective) infested with bugs
2. He is _____ with the question.
v. to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
3. The gig attracted a large _____.
n. the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election
4. After ten years of teaching, she took a _____ to travel the world.
n. a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
5. The magic tricks _____ the children.
v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
6. He stood on the _____ of a major discovery.
n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
7. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.
v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
8. The abandoned building was a _____ of the city's past, with nothing left but memories.
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ANSWERS: 1. buggy, 2. stumped, 3. turnout, 4. sabbatical, 5. fascinated, 6. verge, 7. uncovered, 8. vestige

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