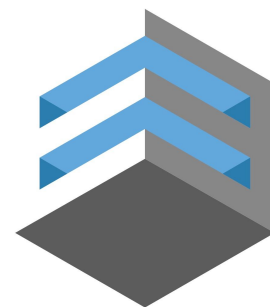


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Session 1: Word List

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym : incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym : administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

agile

adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

synonym : nimble, quick, flexible

(1) an **agile** mind, (2) **agile** in his movements

The **agile** development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.

infer

v. to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts

synonym : guess, deduce, assume

(1) **infer** quality from price, (2) **infer** the possibility

Animal desire and preference are always **inferred** from their behavior.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

algocracy

n. a form of government or social organization in which power is held by algorithms, computer systems, or automated decision-making processes rather than human beings

synonym : rule by computer, algorithmic governance

(1) an admission **algocracy**, (2) a digital **algocracy**

Our company is transforming into a data-driven **algocracy**, where decisions are based on objective insights instead of subjective opinions.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym : alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

urn

n. a large, typically rounded container, often made of ceramic, metal, or glass, used for storing the ashes of a cremated person or pet or for decorative purposes

synonym: vase, container, jar

(1) memorial **urn**, (2) **urn** decoration

The athlete's remains were scattered at sea rather than placed in an **urn**.

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.

reconsider

v. to think about a decision or opinion again to

synonym: rethink, review, revisit

(1) **reconsider** the determination, (2) **reconsider** my transfer

He humbly **reconsidered** his conduct.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym: braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story
The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

casualty

n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

synonym: victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

correlate

v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

synonym: associate, liken, connect

(1) **correlate** closely with the quality, (2) **correlate** to the size

We may frequently **correlate** age with the frequency of disease.

biomarker

n. a characteristic that is objectively measured and evaluated as an indicator of normal biological processes, pathogenic processes, or pharmacologic responses to a therapeutic intervention

synonym: indicator, measure, signature

(1) diabetes **biomarker**, (2) **biomarker** discovery

The **biomarker** test showed that the patient was responding well to the treatment.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

comp

v. short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment

synonym: waive, cover, provide

(1) **comp** their meal, (2) **comp** the employees with a bonus

The casino **comped** her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.

uneducated

adj. lacking knowledge or education

synonym: illiterate, unschooled, untaught

(1) **uneducated** poor people, (2) **uneducated** society

The lack of access to education has left many people **uneducated**.

payback

n. a punishment or retaliation that is inflicted in response to an injury or offense; the benefit or gain obtained as a result of an investment, effort, or action

synonym: retribution, revenge, retaliation

(1) long-term **payback**, (2) environmental **payback**

The company's **payback** plan allowed customers to earn cash back on purchases.

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.

humanize

v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

synonym: civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

backlash

n. a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact

synonym: reaction, retaliation, counteraction

(1) political **backlash**, (2) the **backlash** from the community

The company faced a **backlash** from customers after the recall.

derrick

n. a tall tower-like structure or framework used for hoisting and moving heavy objects, especially in the context of oil drilling or in shipyards

synonym: crane, hoist, lift

(1) **derrick** crane, (2) oil **derrick**

The company invested in a hydraulic **derrick** system to speed up its construction projects.

Session 2: Spelling

1. te____ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
2. the mi____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
3. hu____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
4. Internet ad____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
5. environmental pa____k *n.* a punishment or retaliation that is inflicted in response to an injury or offense; the benefit or gain obtained as a result of an investment, effort, or action
6. une____ed society *adj.* lacking knowledge or education
7. an ag__e mind *adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
8. c__p the employees with a bonus *v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
9. re____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
10. memorial u_n *n.* a large, typically rounded container, often made of ceramic, metal, or glass, used for storing the ashes of a cremated person or pet or for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 1. tempting, 2. mindset, 3. humming, 4. addict, 5. payback, 6. uneducated, 7. agile, 8. comp, 9. recreate, 10. urn

11. a drug ad___t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
12. de____k crane *n.* a tall tower-like structure or framework used for hoisting and moving heavy objects, especially in the context of oil drilling or in shipyards
13. rec_____er the determination *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
14. rec_____er my transfer *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
15. oil de____k *n.* a tall tower-like structure or framework used for hoisting and moving heavy objects, especially in the context of oil drilling or in shipyards
16. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
17. hu____ze my pet *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
18. hu____ze a room *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
19. u_n decoration *n.* a large, typically rounded container, often made of ceramic, metal, or glass, used for storing the ashes of a cremated person or pet or for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 11. addict, 12. derrick, 13. reconsider, 14. reconsider, 15. derrick, 16. tweet, 17. humanize, 18. humanize, 19. urn

20. civilian ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
21. political ba_____sh *n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
22. an admission al_____cy *n.* a form of government or social organization in which power is held by algorithms, computer systems, or automated decision-making processes rather than human beings
23. a digital al_____cy *n.* a form of government or social organization in which power is held by algorithms, computer systems, or automated decision-making processes rather than human beings
24. in__r the possibility *v.* to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts
25. ag__e in his movements *adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
26. long-term pa_____k *n.* a punishment or retaliation that is inflicted in response to an injury or offense; the benefit or gain obtained as a result of an investment, effort, or action
27. co_____te closely with the quality *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
28. the pa_____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

ANSWERS: 20. casualty, 21. backlash, 22. algocracy, 23. algocracy, 24. infer, 25. agile, 26. payback, 27. correlate, 28. paradox

29. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
30. the ba_____sh from the community *n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
31. in__r quality from price *v.* to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts
32. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
33. military ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
34. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
35. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
36. French pa_____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
37. une_____ed poor people *adj.* lacking knowledge or education
38. government bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

ANSWERS: 29. opportune, 30. backlash, 31. infer, 32. mindset, 33. casualty, 34. mobilize, 35. weave, 36. paradox, 37. uneducated, 38. bureaucracy

39. diabetes bi_____er *n.* a characteristic that is objectively measured and evaluated as an indicator of normal biological processes, pathogenic processes, or pharmacologic responses to a therapeutic intervention
40. we__e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
41. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
42. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
43. c__p their meal *v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
44. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
45. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
46. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
47. re_____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
48. bi_____er discovery *n.* a characteristic that is objectively measured and evaluated as an indicator of normal biological processes, pathogenic processes, or pharmacologic responses to a therapeutic intervention

ANSWERS: 39. biomarker, 40. weave, 41. tweet, 42. terrifying, 43. comp, 44. opportune, 45. mobilize, 46. humming, 47. recreate, 48. biomarker

49. co_____te to the size

v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

50. sound very te_____ng

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

51. arbitrary bur_____cy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

52. ter_____ng experience

adj. very frightening or intimidating

ANSWERS: 49. correlate, 50. tempting, 51. bureaucracy, 52. terrifying

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The athlete's remains were scattered at sea rather than placed in an ____.
n. a large, typically rounded container, often made of ceramic, metal, or glass, used for storing the ashes of a cremated person or pet or for decorative purposes
2. Unfortunately, the driver was the only _____ in the car accident.
n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
3. The company faced a _____ from customers after the recall.
n. a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
4. We have become TV _____ due to video streaming services.
n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
5. Animal desire and preference are always _____ from their behavior.
v. to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts
6. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
7. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
8. Our company is transforming into a data-driven _____ where decisions are based on objective insights instead of subjective opinions.
n. a form of government or social organization in which power is held by algorithms, computer systems, or automated decision-making processes rather than human beings

ANSWERS: 1. urn, 2. casualty, 3. backlash, 4. addicts, 5. inferred, 6. humming, 7. opportune, 8. algocracy,

9. The company's _____ plan allowed customers to earn cash back on purchases.
- n.* a punishment or retaliation that is inflicted in response to an injury or offense; the benefit or gain obtained as a result of an investment, effort, or action
10. The bumbling _____ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.
- n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
11. There are many theories to explain this _____.
- n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
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. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
- adj.* very frightening or intimidating
14. The charity event aims to _____ the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.
- v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
15. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.
- v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
16. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
- v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

ANSWERS: 9. payback, 10. bureaucracy, 11. paradox, 12. mobilized, 13. terrifying, 14. humanize, 15. weaves, 16. recreated

17. The company invested in a hydraulic _____ system to speed up its construction projects.
- n.* a tall tower-like structure or framework used for hoisting and moving heavy objects, especially in the context of oil drilling or in shipyards
18. We may frequently _____ age with the frequency of disease.
- v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
19. The chocolate cake was too _____ for me to resist.
- adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
20. He humbly _____ his conduct.
- v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
21. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
- n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
22. The lack of access to education has left many people _____.
- adj.* lacking knowledge or education
23. The casino _____ her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.
- v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
24. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
- n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

ANSWERS: 17. derrick, 18. correlate, 19. tempting, 20. reconsidered, 21. mindset, 22. uneducated, 23. comped, 24. tweet

25. The _____ development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.
adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
26. The _____ test showed that the patient was responding well to the treatment.
n. a characteristic that is objectively measured and evaluated as an indicator of normal biological processes, pathogenic processes, or pharmacologic responses to a therapeutic intervention

ANSWERS: 25. agile, 26. biomarker