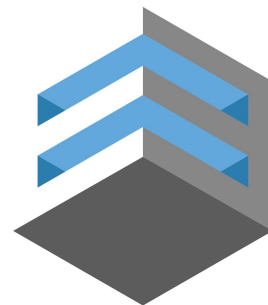


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Session 1: Word List

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

foremost

adj. most important, leading, or prominent

synonym: leading, primary, first

(1) **foremost** expert, (2) keep **foremost** in mind

The **foremost** priority is the safety of the passengers.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

emergency

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

synonym: crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

vacation

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

synonym: leave, recess, break

(1) a short **vacation**, (2) summer **vacation**

Do you have a plan for a long **vacation**?

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

multitasking

n. the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

synonym: juggling, multihandling, parallelism

(1) computer **multitasking**, (2) **multitasking** ability

She could finish all her work on time because of her **multitasking** skills.

split

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

synonym: break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

efficient

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

synonym : productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

percentage

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

synonym : rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high **percentage**

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

automatically

adv. without needing a direct human control

synonym : mechanically, unconsciously, spontaneously

(1) record driving **automatically**, (2) **automatically** adjusted

Our subscription plan is **automatically** renewed.

provider

n. a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

synonym : supplier

(1) an information **provider**, (2) the **provider** of the family

People select Internet **providers** not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.

automatic

adj. able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control

synonym : mechanical, robotic, intuitive

(1) **automatic** operation, (2) the **automatic** shrinking of the pupils

In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an **automatic** pilot during cruising.

inertia

n. the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act

synonym : sluggishness, lethargy, idleness

(1) **inertia** resistance, (2) Newton's law of **inertia**

The object's **inertia** kept it moving in a straight line until acted upon by an outside force.

subsequent

adj. happening or occurring later or after something else

synonym : later, following, ensuing

(1) over **subsequent** months, (2) reduce **subsequent** mortality

In the **subsequent** meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym : move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

tempt

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

synonym : entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds

Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym :

application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

download

v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

synonym: load, save, transfer

(1) **download** files from the Internet, (2) **download** the assignment from the website

I need to **download** the latest update for my computer's operating system.

automated

adj. carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor

synonym: computerized, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **automated** manual transmission, (2) **automated** way

The plant will continue operating through an **automated** system 24 hours a day.

mystification

n. the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate

synonym: puzzle, perplexity, confusion

(1) **mystification** of the public, (2) **mystification** of the subject

The magician's tricks were a source of **mystification** for the audience.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. sp__t a reward equally | <i>v.</i> to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line |
| 2. te__t the taste buds | <i>v.</i> to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong |
| 3. mys_____ion of the public | <i>n.</i> the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate |
| 4. sp__t a bill | <i>v.</i> to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line |
| 5. tr_____er a file | <i>v.</i> to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another |
| 6. the pr_____er of the family | <i>n.</i> a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted |
| 7. aut_____lly adjusted | <i>adv.</i> without needing a direct human control |
| 8. par_____te fully in conversation | <i>v.</i> to take part in something |
| 9. record driving aut_____lly | <i>adv.</i> without needing a direct human control |
| 10. computer mul_____ing | <i>n.</i> the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time |
| 11. im_____e a process | <i>v.</i> to make or become better |

ANSWERS: 1. split, 2. tempt, 3. mystification, 4. split, 5. transfer, 6. provider, 7. automatically, 8. participate, 9. automatically, 10. multitasking, 11. improve

12. military st____gy	<i>n.</i> a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
13. fo____st expert	<i>adj.</i> most important, leading, or prominent
14. the per____ge of the gold content	<i>n.</i> the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
15. do____ad the assignment from the website	<i>v.</i> to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
16. ty____l leader	<i>adj.</i> having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
17. the au____ic shrinking of the pupils	<i>adj.</i> able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
18. reduce sub____nt mortality	<i>adj.</i> happening or occurring later or after something else
19. pro____on of disease	<i>n.</i> the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
20. au____ed manual transmission	<i>adj.</i> carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
21. an information pr____er	<i>n.</i> a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
22. par____te in the program	<i>v.</i> to take part in something
23. develop a st____gy	<i>n.</i> a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

ANSWERS: 12. strategy, 13. foremost, 14. percentage, 15. download, 16. typical, 17. automatic, 18. subsequent, 19. progression, 20. automated, 21. provider, 22. participate, 23. strategy

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| 24. summer va_____on | <i>n.</i> a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure |
| 25. do_____ad files from the Internet | <i>v.</i> to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device |
| 26. pro_____on of civilization | <i>n.</i> the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward |
| 27. mul_____ing ability | <i>n.</i> the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time |
| 28. killer a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 29. keep fo_____st in mind | <i>adj.</i> most important, leading, or prominent |
| 30. au_____ed way | <i>adj.</i> carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor |
| 31. te__t young people | <i>v.</i> to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong |
| 32. energy-ef_____nt appliances | <i>adj.</i> performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials |

ANSWERS: 24. vacation, 25. download, 26. progression, 27. multitasking, 28. app, 29. foremost, 30. automated, 31. tempt, 32. efficient

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| 33. ef_____nt operation | <i>adj.</i> performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials |
| 34. em_____cy action | <i>n.</i> a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action |
| 35. Newton's law of in_____a | <i>n.</i> the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act |
| 36. im_____e the test score | <i>v.</i> to make or become better |
| 37. over sub_____nt months | <i>adj.</i> happening or occurring later or after something else |
| 38. tr_____er power | <i>v.</i> to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another |
| 39. cannot log in to the a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
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| 41. mys_____ion of the subject | <i>n.</i> the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate |
| 42. fairly ty_____l symptoms | <i>adj.</i> having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things |
| 43. acute em_____cy | <i>n.</i> a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action |

ANSWERS: 33. efficient, 34. emergency, 35. inertia, 36. improve, 37. subsequent, 38. transfer, 39. app, 40. percentage, 41. mystification, 42. typical, 43. emergency

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| 44. a short va____on | <i>n.</i> a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure |
| 45. au____ic operation | <i>adj.</i> able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control |
| 46. in____a resistance | <i>n.</i> the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act |

ANSWERS: 44. vacation, 45. automatic, 46. inertia

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an _____ pilot during cruising.
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5. Though he was evil, he never _____ his friends into wrongdoing.
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6. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.
adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
7. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something

ANSWERS: 1. automatic, 2. mystification, 3. app's, 4. automatically, 5. tempted, 6. efficient, 7. participated

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ANSWERS: 8. download, 9. percentage, 10. multitasking, 11. vacation?, 12. improve, 13. inertia, 14. emergency, 15. providers

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ANSWERS: 16. foremost, 17. automated, 18. progression, 19. split, 20. subsequent, 21. typical, 22. transferred, 23. strategy