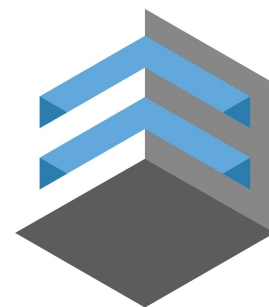


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Session 1: Word List

hardworking

adj. tending to work with a lot of effort and care

synonym: diligent, dedicated, conscientious

(1) **hardworking** student, (2) retire from **hardworking** life

They sought candidates with **hardworking** and good-natured.

tweak

v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

synonym: nip, pinch, fine-tune

(1) **tweak** his cheek, (2) **tweak** the economy

He didn't **tweak** the plan, even though he had time.

microdose

n. a very small amount of a drug or other substance that is believed to have beneficial effects, particularly about psychoactive substances

synonym: small dose, microportion, microhit

(1) **microdose** regimen, (2) **microdose** therapy

His daily **microdose** of cannabis helped him manage his chronic pain.

seedling

n. a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots

synonym : sapling, sprout, shoot

(1) a green **seedling**, (2) **seedling** tray

The **seedlings** in the garden needed to be thinned out to have enough space to grow.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

nutshell

n. the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something

synonym : summary, essence, covering

(1) move into a **nutshell**, (2) **nutshell** version

Can you explain your argument in a **nutshell**?

audacious

adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

synonym : bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

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. imp_____ion on stage
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
2. mi_____se regimen
n. a very small amount of a drug or other substance that is believed to have beneficial effects, particularly about psychoactive substances
3. au_____us stunt
adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
4. a green se_____ng
n. a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots
5. au_____us decision
adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
6. tw__k his cheek
v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
7. move into a nu_____ll
n. the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something
8. har_____ng student
adj. tending to work with a lot of effort and care

ANSWERS: 1. improvisation, 2. microdose, 3. audacious, 4. seedling, 5. audacious, 6. tweak, 7. nutshell, 8. hardworking

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| 9. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 10. retire from har_____ng life | <i>adj.</i> tending to work with a lot of effort and care |
| 11. jazz imp_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation |
| 12. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 13. nu_____ll version | <i>n.</i> the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something |
| 14. se_____ng tray | <i>n.</i> a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots |
| 15. mi_____se therapy | <i>n.</i> a very small amount of a drug or other substance that is believed to have beneficial effects, particularly about psychoactive substances |
| 16. tw__k the economy | <i>v.</i> to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely |

ANSWERS: 9. opportune, 10. hardworking, 11. improvisation, 12. opportune, 13. nutshell, 14. seedling, 15. microdose, 16. tweak

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

2. Can you explain your argument in a _____
n. the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something

3. The young entrepreneur had an _____ plan to start his own company.
adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

4. They sought candidates with _____ and good-natured.
adj. tending to work with a lot of effort and care

5. He didn't _____ the plan, even though he had time.
v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

6. The _____ in the garden needed to be thinned out to have enough space to grow.
n. a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots

7. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. improvisation, 2. nutshell?, 3. audacious, 4. hardworking, 5. tweak, 6. seedlings, 7. opportune

8. His daily _____ of cannabis helped him manage his chronic pain.
- n.* a very small amount of a drug or other substance that is believed to have beneficial effects, particularly about psychoactive substances

ANSWERS: 8. microdose