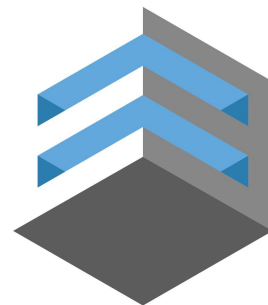


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Session 1: Word List

exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym: banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

accomplice

n. a person who helps someone else commit a crime or wrongdoing; a partner or associate in a questionable or immoral activity

synonym: confederate, partner, collaborator

(1) **accomplice** in crime, (2) secret **accomplice**

The detectives found evidence that suggested the suspect acted as an **accomplice** in the murder.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

octopus

n. a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)

synonym : devilfish

(1) giant **octopus**, (2) venomous **octopus**

He experienced nausea after eating live **octopus**.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym : coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym : corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

mogul

n. a powerful or influential person, especially in business or industry

synonym : big shot, bigwig, executive

(1) real-estate **mogul**, (2) business **mogul**

He is a media **mogul** and owns several major newspapers.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym : graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

concession

n. something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

synonym : agreement, compromise, deal

(1) an oil **concession**, (2) make a **concession**

The movie theater offered a special **concession** for seniors

on Tuesdays.

arable

adj. relating to land that is suitable for growing crops; capable of being plowed and used for agriculture

synonym: cultivable, tillable, farmable

(1) **arable** soil, (2) **arable** farming

The **arable** land in the valley was ideal for growing wheat and corn.

rainforest

n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

lure

v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something

synonym: tempt, entice, attract

(1) **lure** prey, (2) **lure** foreign investment

The salesperson used a special offer to **lure** customers into buying the product.

pathogen

n. a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease

synonym: germ, microbe, bacterium

(1) plant **pathogen**, (2) the **pathogen** in the air

mRNA vaccines are approved faster because they do not contain inactivated **pathogens**.

hitch

v. to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle

synonym: fasten, jerk, tether

(1) **hitch** a ride, (2) **hitch** up my trousers

The mechanics **hitched** the trailer to the broken-down car.

fungus

n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do

not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

synonym : mold, mildew, yeast

(1) **fungus** infection, (2) symbiotic **fungus**

Certain types of **fungus** can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym : pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

landless

adj. lacking ownership or possession of land or property; without a fixed or permanent home or residence

synonym : land-free, homeless

(1) **landless** peasants, (2) **landless** laborer

Many **landless** farmers struggle to make ends meet.

underreport

v. to give an insufficient or incomplete account of something, often intentionally or due to negligence; to deliberately or accidentally provide less information than what is accurate or required

synonym : understate, downplay, minimize

(1) **underreport** the number of employees, (2) **underreport** expenses

Some companies **underreport** their profits to avoid paying higher taxes.

orchestrate

v. to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music

synonym: plan, coordinate, arrange

(1) **orchestrate** a takeover, (2) **orchestrate** the political reinstatement

He carefully **orchestrated** the details of his business plan.

overthrow

v. to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force

synonym: defeat, destroy, conquer

(1) **overthrow** the government, (2) **overthrow** the theory

The group aims to **overthrow** the military regime.

escalate

v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

synonym: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

christen

v. to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church

synonym: baptize, name, initiate

(1) **christen** a child, (2) **christen** the baby at the baptism

The newborn baby was **christened** in a ceremony at the church.

stranglehold

n. a grip that strangles or suffocates; an excessive grip or control

synonym: grip, tight control, hold

(1) escape their **stranglehold**, (2) information **stranglehold**

The monopoly has a **stranglehold** on the market, making it difficult for new businesses to compete.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ex__e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
2. plant pa____en *n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
3. information str____old *n.* a grip that strangles or suffocates; an excessive grip or control
4. venomous oc____s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
5. ar___e soil *adj.* relating to land that is suitable for growing crops; capable of being plowed and used for agriculture
6. escape their str____old *n.* a grip that strangles or suffocates; an excessive grip or control
7. und____rt the number of employees *v.* to give an insufficient or incomplete account of something, often intentionally or due to negligence; to deliberately or accidentally provide less information than what is accurate or required
8. make a con____on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

ANSWERS: 1. exile, 2. pathogen, 3. stranglehold, 4. octopus, 5. arable, 6. stranglehold, 7. underreport, 8. concession

9. rai_____st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
10. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
11. hi__h a ride *v.* to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle
12. secret acc_____ce *n.* a person who helps someone else commit a crime or wrongdoing; a partner or associate in a questionable or immoral activity
13. the pa_____en in the air *n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
14. l__e foreign investment *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
15. ai__e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
16. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
17. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
18. br__e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

ANSWERS: 9. rainforest, 10. dictator, 11. hitch, 12. accomplice, 13. pathogen, 14. lure, 15. aisle, 16. dictator, 17. pandemic, 18. bribe

19. orc_____te the political reinstatement
v. to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music
20. la_____ss laborer
adj. lacking ownership or possession of land or property; without a fixed or permanent home or residence
21. ind_____us student
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
22. political ex__e
n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
23. business mo__l
n. a powerful or influential person, especially in business or industry
24. symbiotic fu___s
n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
25. und_____rt expenses
v. to give an insufficient or incomplete account of something, often intentionally or due to negligence; to deliberately or accidentally provide less information than what is accurate or required
26. ch_____en the baby at the baptism
v. to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church
27. en_____e poor peasants
v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

ANSWERS: 19. orchestrate, 20. landless, 21. industrious, 22. exile, 23. mogul, 24. fungus, 25. underreport, 26. christen, 27. enslave

28. fu___s infection *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
29. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
30. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
31. in___t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
32. orc_____te a takeover *v.* to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music
33. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
34. to es_____te *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
35. an oil con_____on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
36. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

ANSWERS: 28. fungus, 29. reclaim, 30. pandemic, 31. infect, 32. orchestrate, 33. industrious, 34. escalate, 35. concession, 36. reclaim

37. en____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
38. ov_____ow the government *v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
39. the center ai__e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
40. l__e prey *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
41. giant oc____s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
42. br__e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
43. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
44. hi__h up my trousers *v.* to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle
45. la_____ss peasants *adj.* lacking ownership or possession of land or property; without a fixed or permanent home or residence

ANSWERS: 37. enslave, 38. overthrow, 39. aisle, 40. lure, 41. octopus, 42. bribe, 43. infect, 44. hitch, 45. landless

46. real-estate mo__l *n.* a powerful or influential person, especially in business or industry
47. es____te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
48. ar____e farming *adj.* relating to land that is suitable for growing crops; capable of being plowed and used for agriculture
49. acc_____ce in crime *n.* a person who helps someone else commit a crime or wrongdoing; a partner or associate in a questionable or immoral activity
50. ch_____en a child *v.* to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church
51. ov_____ow the theory *v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
52. tropical rai_____st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

ANSWERS: 46. mogul, 47. escalate, 48. arable, 49. accomplice, 50. christen, 51. overthrow, 52. rainforest

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He experienced nausea after eating live _____.
n. a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
2. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.
v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
3. The group aims to _____ the military regime.
v. to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
4. Many _____ farmers struggle to make ends meet.
adj. lacking ownership or possession of land or property; without a fixed or permanent home or residence
5. The situation quickly _____ and turned violent.
v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
6. The detectives found evidence that suggested the suspect acted as an _____ in the murder.
n. a person who helps someone else commit a crime or wrongdoing; a partner or associate in a questionable or immoral activity
7. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
8. The movie theater offered a special _____ for seniors on Tuesdays.
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ANSWERS: 1. octopus, 2. infect, 3. overthrow, 4. landless, 5. escalated, 6. accomplice, 7. pandemic, 8. concession

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- n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
10. mRNA vaccines are approved faster because they do not contain inactivated _____.
- n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
11. He is a media _____ and owns several major newspapers.
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- v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
13. Her beauty _____ me completely.
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22. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
23. He carefully _____ the details of his business plan.
v. to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly;
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26. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 25. underreport, 26. industrious