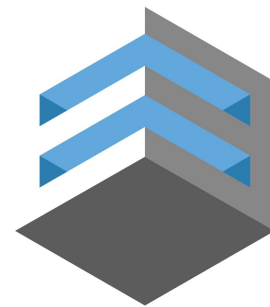


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Session 1: Word List

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

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.

coworker

n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization

synonym: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

repurpose

v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

synonym: reutilize, recycle, reuse

(1) **repurpose** an old building, (2) **repurpose** a used car

The old barn was **repurposed** into a modern event space.

decouple

v. to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously

synonym: disunite, disjoint, break up

(1) **decouple** a power supply, (2) **decouple** a space shuttle

We have to **decouple** our foreign policy from ideology.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

scrutinize

v. to examine carefully and critically; to inspect closely

synonym: examine, inspect, audit

(1) **scrutinize** her belongings, (2) **scrutinize** a suspect

The detective **scrutinized** the evidence for any clues.

philanthropic

adj. characterized by a desire to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money or providing charitable aid; of or relating to the practice of philanthropy

synonym: charitable, benevolent, generous

(1) **philanthropic** donation, (2) **philanthropic** mission

The **philanthropic** organization donated millions of dollars to fund medical research.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. scr_____ze her belongings | <i>v.</i> to examine carefully and critically; to inspect closely |
| 2. argue with a co_____er | <i>n.</i> a person who works with another in the same company or organization |
| 3. re_____e the cardboard boxes | <i>v.</i> to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again |
| 4. re_____se an old building | <i>v.</i> to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended |
| 5. re_____e milk packaging into new paper | <i>v.</i> to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again |
| 6. phi_____pic mission | <i>adj.</i> characterized by a desire to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money or providing charitable aid; of or relating to the practice of philanthropy |
| 7. de_____le a power supply | <i>v.</i> to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously |
| 8. sense of op_____sm | <i>n.</i> a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation |
| 9. fo_____nts in the snow | <i>n.</i> a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface |

ANSWERS: 1. scrutinize, 2. coworker, 3. recycle, 4. repurpose, 5. recycle, 6. philanthropic, 7. decouple, 8. optimism, 9. footprint

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| 10. phi_____pic donation | <i>adj.</i> characterized by a desire to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money or providing charitable aid; of or relating to the practice of philanthropy |
| 11. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 12. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 13. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization | <i>n.</i> a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface |
| 14. de_____le a space shuttle | <i>v.</i> to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously |
| 15. co_____er relationship | <i>n.</i> a person who works with another in the same company or organization |
| 16. scr_____ze a suspect | <i>v.</i> to examine carefully and critically; to inspect closely |
| 17. political op_____sm | <i>n.</i> a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation |
| 18. re_____se a used car | <i>v.</i> to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended |

ANSWERS: 10. philanthropic, 11. opportune, 12. opportune, 13. footprint, 14. decouple, 15. coworker, 16. scrutinize, 17. optimism, 18. repurpose

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We have to _____ our foreign policy from ideology.
v. to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously
2. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
3. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
4. The _____ organization donated millions of dollars to fund medical research.
adj. characterized by a desire to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money or providing charitable aid; of or relating to the practice of philanthropy
5. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
6. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
7. My ex-_____ and I had different working styles but managed to get along.
n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization

ANSWERS: 1. decouple, 2. opportune, 3. footprint, 4. philanthropic, 5. optimism, 6. recycle, 7. coworker

8. The detective _____ the evidence for any clues.

v. to examine carefully and critically; to inspect closely

9. The old barn was _____ into a modern event space.

v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

ANSWERS: 8. scrutinized, 9. repurposed