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All Words

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Session 1: Word List

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym: stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym: apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

polish

n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

synonym: shine, buff, gloss

(1) **polish** finishing, (2) surface **polish**

I used a special **polish** to make my car's paint shine.

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym: board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

inspiring

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

synonym: exhilarating, encouraging, heartening

(1) **inspiring** stories, (2) awe- **inspiring** sight

An **inspiring** teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym: candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. col_____te with the police | <i>v.</i> to work with someone else to produce or achieve something |
| 2. historical phe_____on | <i>n.</i> something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood |
| 3. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise | <i>n.</i> the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed |
| 4. pa__l discussion | <i>n.</i> a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something |
| 5. awe-in_____ng sight | <i>adj.</i> stimulating and motivating you to want to do something |
| 6. env_____nt affairs | <i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live |
| 7. cost of solar pa__ls | <i>n.</i> a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something |

ANSWERS: 1. collaborate, 2. phenomenon, 3. platform, 4. panel, 5. inspiring, 6. environment, 7. panel

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| 8. im_____ry number | <i>adj.</i> existing only in someone's mind |
| 9. col_____te on a press release | <i>v.</i> to work with someone else to produce or achieve something |
| 10. natural phe_____on | <i>n.</i> something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood |
| 11. po___h finishing | <i>n.</i> a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface |
| 12. chaotic env_____nt | <i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live |
| 13. effects of cl_____e change | <i>n.</i> the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period |
| 14. a cold cl_____e | <i>n.</i> the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period |
| 15. in_____e a feeling of curiosity | <i>v.</i> to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative |
| 16. a circular mo_____nt | <i>n.</i> a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively |
| 17. surface po___h | <i>n.</i> a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface |
| 18. fr__k and open discussion | <i>adj.</i> honest and sincere; open and candid in expression |

ANSWERS: 8. imaginary, 9. collaborate, 10. phenomenon, 11. polish, 12. environment, 13. climate, 14. climate, 15. inspire, 16. movement, 17. polish, 18. frank

19. in_____ng stories *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
20. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
21. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
22. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
23. perfect ex_____e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
24. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
25. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
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ANSWERS: 19. inspiring, 20. inspire, 21. germ, 22. movement, 23. excuse, 24. imaginary, 25. frank, 26. germ, 27. platform

28. ex___e for inaction

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ANSWERS: 28. excuse

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

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ANSWERS: 1. inspired, 2. polish, 3. imaginary, 4. panel, 5. platform, 6. excuse, 7. movement

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v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

ANSWERS: 8. germ, 9. Climate, 10. inspiring, 11. environment, 12. frank, 13. phenomenon, 14. collaborate