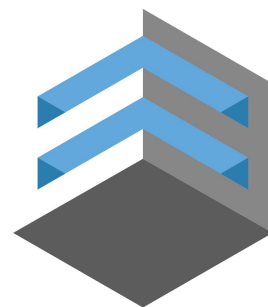


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Session 1: Word List

- rev** *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
synonym: revolution, RPM, speed
(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd
He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.
- unicorn** *n.* a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion
synonym: mythical creature, fantasy animal, legendary horse
(1) **unicorn** beetle, (2) **unicorn** investors
In medieval times, people believed that the **unicorn** horn had magical powers that could cure diseases.
- inequity** *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
synonym: injustice, unfairness, bias
(1) **inequity** in education, (2) market **inequity**
There's an **inequity** in the criminal justice system that needs

to be addressed.

anemic

adj. relating to or suffering from anemia, a condition marked by a deficiency of red blood cells or hemoglobin, resulting in lower-than-normal levels of oxygen in the body; lacking vitality, energy, or strength

synonym: weak, feeble, fragile

(1) **anemic** appearance, (2) **anemic** economy

The company's website had **anemic** traffic, with very few visitors each month.

brink

n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

synonym: edge, verge, threshold

(1) **brink** of war, (2) on the **brink**

We were on the **brink** of a financial crisis.

apathetic

adj. lacking interest, enthusiasm, or concern; indifferent or unconcerned, often in situations where one might be expected to be emotionally engaged or invested

synonym: indifferent, uninterested, unconcerned

(1) **apathetic** attitude, (2) **apathetic** response

She was **apathetic** about the project and didn't care if it succeeded or failed.

apocalyptic

adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

synonym: fateful, prophetic, ominous

(1) **apocalyptic** event, (2) have **apocalyptic** overtones

The **apocalyptic** landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

ideate

v. to conceive of and develop an idea or concept in one's mind, often as part of a creative process or a problem-solving effort

synonym: conceive, think up, brainstorm

(1) **ideate** solutions, (2) **ideate** process

The team met to **ideate** new marketing strategies for the upcoming product launch.

queer

adj. strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

synonym : strange, odd, unusual

(1) **queer** money, (2) **queer** fashion

The behavior of the clown at the party was quite **queer**.

incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

synonym : confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life

He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

figurative

adj. using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal

synonym : metaphorical, symbolic, allegorical

(1) in a **figurative** sense, (2) **figurative** painting

When he said he was starving to death, it was a **figurative** way of saying he was very hungry.

renovate

v. to improve or restore something to a better or more modern condition; to revamp or update something old, outdated, or in disrepair

synonym : renew, restore, revamp

(1) **renovate** a house, (2) **renovate** an office

We need to **renovate** the kitchen before moving into the new house.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

artifact

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

synonym : antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

birthright

n. a right or privilege that is considered to be a natural or inherent possession, often as a result of birth or ancestry

synonym : heritage, legacy, inheritance

(1) **birthright** citizenship, (2) claim **birthright**

It was his **birthright** to inherit his father's estate.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym : re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

butler

n. a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties

synonym : valet, majordomo, manservant

(1) **butler** service, (2) household **butler**

The personal **butler** announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.

parable

n. a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

synonym : allegory, fable, tale

(1) **parable** story, (2) biblical **parable**

Jesus quoted **parables** to teach important lessons to his disciples.

sow

v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

synonym : plant, scatter, seed

(1) **sow** wheat in a field, (2) **sow** discord

She carefully **sowed** the seeds in the garden.

Session 2: Spelling

1. id___e solutions *v.* to conceive of and develop an idea or concept in one's mind, often as part of a creative process or a problem-solving effort
2. biblical pa_____e *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
3. apo_____ic event *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
4. in a fig_____ve sense *adj.* using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal
5. paleolithic ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
6. claim bir_____ht *n.* a right or privilege that is considered to be a natural or inherent possession, often as a result of birth or ancestry
7. re_____te an office *v.* to improve or restore something to a better or more modern condition; to revamp or update something old, outdated, or in disrepair
8. household bu____r *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
9. bu____r service *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties

ANSWERS: 1. ideate, 2. parable, 3. apocalyptic, 4. figurative, 5. artifact, 6. birthright, 7. renovate, 8. butler, 9. butler

10. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
11. un_____n beetle *n.* a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion
12. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
13. re_____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
14. an___c appearance *adj.* relating to or suffering from anemia, a condition marked by a deficiency of red blood cells or hemoglobin, resulting in lower-than-normal levels of oxygen in the body; lacking vitality, energy, or strength
15. Peruvian ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
16. ap_____ic response *adj.* lacking interest, enthusiasm, or concern; indifferent or unconcerned, often in situations where one might be expected to be emotionally engaged or invested
17. pa_____e story *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
18. an___c economy *adj.* relating to or suffering from anemia, a condition marked by a deficiency of red blood cells or hemoglobin, resulting in lower-than-normal levels of oxygen in the body; lacking vitality, energy, or strength

ANSWERS: 10. archaeology, 11. unicorn, 12. rev, 13. reimagine, 14. anemic, 15. artifact, 16. apathetic, 17. parable, 18. anemic

19. re_____te a house *v.* to improve or restore something to a better or more modern condition; to revamp or update something old, outdated, or in disrepair
20. qu__r fashion *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
21. s_w wheat in a field *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
22. qu__r money *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
23. inc_____te the murderer *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
24. fig_____ve painting *adj.* using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal
25. bir_____ht citizenship *n.* a right or privilege that is considered to be a natural or inherent possession, often as a result of birth or ancestry
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27. have apo_____ic overtones *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
28. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 19. renovate, 20. queer, 21. sow, 22. queer, 23. incarcerate, 24. figurative, 25. birthright, 26. apathetic, 27. apocalyptic, 28. reimagine

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| 30. br__k of war | <i>n.</i> | the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place |
| 31. id___e process | <i>v.</i> | to conceive of and develop an idea or concept in one's mind, often as part of a creative process or a problem-solving effort |
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| 34. inc_____te her for life | <i>v.</i> | to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape |
| 35. s_w discord | <i>v.</i> | to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion |
| 36. low-r_v engine | <i>n.</i> | a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute |
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ANSWERS: 29. inequity, 30. brink, 31. ideate, 32. archaeology, 33. brink, 34. incarcerate, 35. sow, 36. rev, 37. inequity, 38. unicorn

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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7. We were on the _____ of a financial crisis.
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ANSWERS: 1. figurative, 2. reimagine, 3. butler, 4. apocalyptic, 5. anemic, 6. artifacts, 7. brink

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10. She carefully _____ the seeds in the garden.
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11. She teaches _____ at the local university.
n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
12. The team met to _____ new marketing strategies for the upcoming product launch.
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ANSWERS: 8. apathetic, 9. inequity, 10. sowed, 11. archaeology, 12. ideate, 13. rev, 14. parables, 15. renovate

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- n.* a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion

ANSWERS: 16. birthright, 17. queer, 18. incarcerated, 19. unicorn