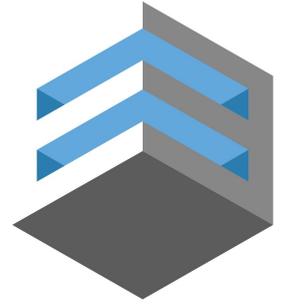


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Session 1: Word List

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

unveil

v. to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time

synonym: reveal, uncover, expose

(1) **unveil** a monument, (2) **unveil** a comprehensive plan

The company plans to **unveil** its new product at the trade show next week.

inanimate

adj. not having life or spirit; not animate

synonym: lifeless, inert, passive

(1) **inanimate** nature, (2) **inanimate** matter

The **inanimate** object was not capable of movement or feeling.

bagel

n. a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices

synonym: roll, doughnut, bialy

(1) freshly baked **bagel**, (2) **bagel** with cream cheese
I prefer a toasty **bagel** with bacon and eggs for weekend
brunch.

nod v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times,
as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or
confirmation

synonym: respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously
She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

visualize v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to
make something visible

synonym: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space
She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her
mind.

inefficient *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of
time, money, energy, etc.

synonym: ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management
The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

sew v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by
putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button
My mother taught me how to **sew**.

observatory *n.* a building designed and equipped to observe the
planets, the stars, the weather, etc.
(1) space **observatory**, (2) a meteorological **observatory**
That astronomical **observatory** stands at the top of the
mountain.

opioid

n. substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted

(1) an **opioid** analgesic, (2) **opioid** receptor

Treatment for **opioid** dependence may be a long-term process.

dissimilar

adj. not alike or having little in common

synonym: unlike, different, distinct

(1) **dissimilar** cultures, (2) **dissimilar** backgrounds

The two paintings were **dissimilar** in style and subject matter.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym: geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

detrimental

adj. causing harm or damage

synonym: harmful, damaging, injurious

(1) **detrimental** eating habits, (2) **detrimental** to good health

The new policy had a **detrimental** impact on small businesses.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular

outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

spotty

adj. characterized by irregular or uneven distribution or coverage; of or relating to temporary blemishes or discolorations on the skin; inconsistent or unreliable in quality or performance

synonym : spotted, uneven, patchy

(1) **spotty** record, (2) **spotty** history

The **spotty** internet connection made it difficult to work from home without interruptions.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

backstory

n. the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known

synonym : history, background, prehistory

(1) the **backstory** about this sweet moment, (2) **backstory** plot

The **backstory** of the main character added depth to the story.

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym : longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

incomparable

adj. beyond comparison or unrivaled; impossible to compare to anything else due to its uniqueness, excellence, or superiority

synonym: inimitable, unmatched, unparalleled

(1) **incomparable** beauty, (2) **incomparable** talent

The school's music program was **incomparable** to any other in the region.

pasture

n. an area of land used for grazing livestock

synonym: grazing land, meadow, lea

(1) **pasture** for sheep, (2) permanent **pasture**

The cows were grazing in the **pasture**.

suboptimal

adj. not the best or ideal option or solution; falling short of the optimal or desired outcome or result

synonym: inferior, unsatisfactory, imperfect

(1) **suboptimal** outcome, (2) **suboptimal** performance

The company's decision to cut corners on safety measures resulted in **suboptimal** working conditions for their employees.

bounty

n. a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task

synonym: reward, premium, recompense

(1) cash **bounty**, (2) a **bounty** on exports

The **bounty** hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.

ukulele

n. a small, four-stringed instrument of Hawaiian origin that is similar to a guitar and is played by strumming or plucking the strings

synonym: uke, small guitar

(1) tune the **ukulele**, (2) **ukulele** music

He played the **ukulele** and sang sweet Hawaiian songs on the beach.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

broccoli

n. a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family

(1) frozen **broccoli**, (2) **broccoli** sprout

He didn't like **broccoli** floret and avoided eating it.

etcetera

n. used to indicate that some other unspecified items or things could be included besides those already mentioned; and so on

synonym: and so on, and the like, and others

(1) tools, hardware, **etcetera**, (2) meetings, appointments, and **etcetera**

The museum contains a variety of artifacts, from ancient pottery to medieval armor, **etcetera**.

asparagus

n. a green vegetable with long, slender stalks and small, pointed leaves, often eaten boiled or steamed as a side dish

(1) **asparagus** salad, (2) **asparagus** soup

I love cooking **asparagus** with garlic and olive oil.

salesperson

n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

synonym: dealer, seller, vendor

(1) a **salesperson** in a store, (2) a drapery **salesperson**

He received the title of the best **salesperson** in all our

branches worldwide.

fiery

adj. very intense; like or suggestive of fire

synonym: igneous, passionate, fervent

(1) a **fiery** speech, (2) a **fiery** sunset

He is a man of **fiery** temperament.

weirdo

n. a person who looks strange and behaves strangely

synonym: freak, oddball, geek

(1) treated as a **weirdo**, (2) a total **weirdo**

The CEO was once a **weirdo**, wandering barefoot around the university.

Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------|---|
| 1. det_____al to good health | <i>adj.</i> causing harm or damage |
| 2. vi_____ze data | <i>v.</i> to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible |
| 3. s_w with thread | <i>v.</i> to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle |
| 4. s_w a button | <i>v.</i> to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle |
| 5. ba_____ry plot | <i>n.</i> the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known |
| 6. a warm no_____ia | <i>n.</i> a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past |
| 7. as_____us salad | <i>n.</i> a green vegetable with long, slender stalks and small, pointed leaves, often eaten boiled or steamed as a side dish |
| 8. ba__l with cream cheese | <i>n.</i> a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices |
| 9. space obs_____ry | <i>n.</i> a building designed and equipped to observe the planets, the stars, the weather, etc. |
| 10. dis_____ar cultures | <i>adj.</i> not alike or having little in common |

ANSWERS: 1. detrimental, 2. visualize, 3. sew, 4. sew, 5. backstory, 6. nostalgia, 7. asparagus, 8. bagel, 9. observatory, 10. dissimilar

11. the ba_____ry about this sweet moment
n. the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known
12. a fi__y sunset
adj. very intense; like or suggestive of fire
13. dis_____ar backgrounds
adj. not alike or having little in common
14. el_____e a close relationship
v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
15. ine_____nt management
adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
16. meetings, appointments, and et_____ra
n. used to indicate that some other unspecified items or things could be included besides those already mentioned; and so on
17. p__e a smoother road
v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
18. un___l a comprehensive plan
v. to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
19. sp___y record
adj. characterized by irregular or uneven distribution or coverage; of or relating to temporary blemishes or discolorations on the skin; inconsistent or unreliable in quality or performance
20. p__e a new path
v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

ANSWERS: 11. backstory, 12. fiery, 13. dissimilar, 14. elevate, 15. inefficient, 16. etcetera, 17. pave, 18. unveil, 19. spotty, 20. pave

21. in_____te matter *adj.* not having life or spirit; not animate
22. frozen br_____li *n.* a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family
23. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
24. tools, hardware, et_____ra *n.* used to indicate that some other unspecified items or things could be included besides those already mentioned; and so on
25. tune the uk_____e *n.* a small, four-stringed instrument of Hawaiian origin that is similar to a guitar and is played by strumming or plucking the strings
26. treated as a we____o *n.* a person who looks strange and behaves strangely
27. un____l a monument *v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
28. freshly baked ba__l *n.* a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices
29. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
30. pa_____e for sheep *n.* an area of land used for grazing livestock
31. ine_____nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

ANSWERS: 21. inanimate, 22. broccoli, 23. nod, 24. etcetera, 25. ukulele, 26. weirdo, 27. unveil, 28. bagel, 29. storytelling, 30. pasture, 31. inefficient

32. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
33. an op___d analgesic *n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted
34. det_____al eating habits *adj.* causing harm or damage
35. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
36. a fi__y speech *adj.* very intense; like or suggestive of fire
37. sub_____al outcome *adj.* not the best or ideal option or solution; falling short of the optimal or desired outcome or result
38. a sal_____on in a store *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
39. op___d receptor *n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted
40. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
41. in_____te nature *adj.* not having life or spirit; not animate

ANSWERS: 32. nod, 33. opioid, 34. detrimental, 35. humming, 36. fiery, 37. suboptimal, 38. salesperson, 39. opioid, 40. determinant, 41. inanimate

42. a meteorological obs_____ry *n.* a building designed and equipped to observe the planets, the stars, the weather, etc.
43. permanent pa_____e *n.* an area of land used for grazing livestock
44. br_____li sprout *n.* a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family
45. a drapery sal_____on *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
46. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
47. a total we___o *n.* a person who looks strange and behaves strangely
48. as_____us soup *n.* a green vegetable with long, slender stalks and small, pointed leaves, often eaten boiled or steamed as a side dish
49. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
50. sub_____al performance *adj.* not the best or ideal option or solution; falling short of the optimal or desired outcome or result
51. no_____ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
52. inc_____ble talent *adj.* beyond comparison or unrivaled; impossible to compare to anything else due to its uniqueness, excellence, or superiority

ANSWERS: 42. observatory, 43. pasture, 44. broccoli, 45. salesperson, 46. nerd, 47. weirdo, 48. asparagus, 49. nerd, 50. suboptimal, 51. nostalgia, 52. incomparable

53. vi_____ze flying through space *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
54. inc_____ble beauty *adj.* beyond comparison or unrivaled; impossible to compare to anything else due to its uniqueness, excellence, or superiority
55. uk_____e music *n.* a small, four-stringed instrument of Hawaiian origin that is similar to a guitar and is played by strumming or plucking the strings
56. cash bo____y *n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
57. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
58. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
59. sp____y history *adj.* characterized by irregular or uneven distribution or coverage; of or relating to temporary blemishes or discolorations on the skin; inconsistent or unreliable in quality or performance
60. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
61. a bo____y on exports *n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task

ANSWERS: 53. visualize, 54. incomparable, 55. ukulele, 56. bounty, 57. humming, 58. determinant, 59. spotty, 60. elevate, 61. bounty

62. courtroom sto_____ing

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 62. storytelling

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ object was not capable of movement or feeling.
adj. not having life or spirit; not animate
2. The cows were grazing in the _____.
n. an area of land used for grazing livestock
3. The ice cream truck's sound brought back _____ for my childhood.
n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
4. He didn't like _____ floret and avoided eating it.
n. a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family
5. The _____ hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.
n. a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
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7. The new policy had a _____ impact on small businesses.
adj. causing harm or damage
8. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
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ANSWERS: 1. inanimate, 2. pasture, 3. nostalgia, 4. broccoli, 5. bounty, 6. determinant, 7. detrimental, 8. humming

9. The CEO was once a _____ wandering barefoot around the university.
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ANSWERS: 9. weirdo, 10. inefficient, 11. dissimilar, 12. suboptimal, 13. fiery, 14. spotty, 15. opioid, 16. asparagus

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- n.* a small, four-stringed instrument of Hawaiian origin that is similar to a guitar and is played by strumming or plucking the strings
23. He received the title of the best _____ in all our branches worldwide.
- n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
24. The _____ of the main character added depth to the story.
- n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known

ANSWERS: 17. paved, 18. bagel, 19. storytelling, 20. nodded, 21. nerd, 22. ukulele, 23. salesperson, 24. backstory

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v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
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n. a building designed and equipped to observe the planets, the stars, the weather, etc.
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ANSWERS: 25. incomparable, 26. visualize, 27. sew, 28. elevates, 29. observatory, 30. etcetera, 31. unveil