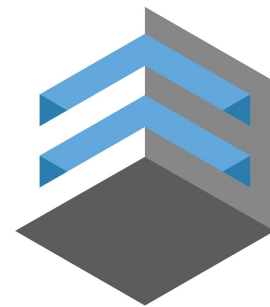


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Session 1: Word List

dissatisfy

v. to fail to satisfy someone

synonym: disappoint, disgruntle, dishearten

(1) **dissatisfy** the users with bugs, (2) **dissatisfy** people with service

The company's results **dissatisfy** everyone.

amputate

v. to cut off a part of the body, especially by surgery

synonym: cut off, cut away

(1) **amputate** both legs, (2) **amputate** below the knee

Finally, they had to **amputate** his foot to free him from the wrecked car.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym: evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

microcredit

n. small loans, typically less than \$50,000, given to individuals or groups, particularly those who lack access to traditional banking services, to start or expand small businesses or other income-generating activities

synonym: microfinance, microloan, small loan

(1) **microcredit** lender, (2) **microcredit** program

The government has established a **microcredit** scheme to stimulate entrepreneurship and create job opportunities.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym: status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

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.

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.

epicenter

n. the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake

synonym: ground zero, focus, center

(1) the **epicenter** of the sports world, (2) **epicenter** magnitude

The **epicenter** of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.

mango

n. tropical fruit with smooth, juicy flesh and a large, hard seed in the middle

synonym: fruit, tropical fruit

(1) ripe **mango**, (2) fresh **mango**

She cut the **mango** into small pieces and added them to the salad.

loudspeaker

n. an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas

synonym: speaker, loudhailer, megaphone

(1) wireless **loudspeaker**, (2) **loudspeaker** system

The teacher spoke through the **loudspeaker** so that every student could hear the announcement.

slum

n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym: shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

chlorine

n. a chemical element with the symbol Cl and atomic number 17, a greenish-yellow gas that is highly reactive

and used in a variety of applications, including as a bleach and disinfectant

synonym : element, greenish-yellow gas, bleach

(1) **chlorine** gas, (2) **chlorine** tablet

Some people are sensitive to the smell of **chlorine** and experience headaches or respiratory irritation.

plum

n. a small, sweet fruit with juicy flesh and a hard stone in the middle; a desirable or highly valued object, person, or position

(1) **plum** pudding, (2) **plum** harvest

The farmer proudly displayed his basket of freshly picked **plums** at the market.

botanical

adj. relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants

synonym : botanic, plant-based, herbal

(1) **botanical** extract, (2) **botanical** illustrations

The **botanical** gardens were filled with exotic plants from all around the world.

hillside

n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline

synonym : slope, incline

(1) **hillside** landscape, (2) **hillside** vineyard

The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the **hillside**.

pristine

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

synonym : chaste, pure, immaculate

(1) **pristine** beach, (2) maintain the **pristine** condition

It is terrific to camp in **pristine** nature.

firewood

n. wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes

synonym : fire logs, fire sticks, kindling

(1) chop **firewood**, (2) stacks of **firewood**

My neighbor gave me some extra **firewood** from their own supply.

typhoid

n. a severe bacterial infection that is typically spread through contaminated food or water; symptoms include fever, headache, muscle aches, and gastrointestinal problems

synonym : typhus, enteric fever

(1) **typhoid** outbreak, (2) **typhoid** vaccination

The doctor prescribed antibiotics to treat her **typhoid** symptoms.

dysentery

n. a disease of the bowels characterized by severe and bloody diarrhea (= frequent and watery bowel movements)

(1) amoebic **dysentery**, (2) **dysentery** epidemic

In some communities of the country, **dysentery** was the leading cause of death.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

cleanliness

n. the state of being clean or free from dirt, dust, or foreign substances; the practice of maintaining good hygiene and cleanliness

synonym : neatness, hygiene, sanitation

(1) **cleanliness** standards, (2) **cleanliness** of the kitchen

We must prioritize our workplace's **cleanliness** for our employees' safety.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. am_____te both legs | <i>v.</i> to cut off a part of the body, especially by surgery |
| 2. mic_____it program | <i>n.</i> small loans, typically less than \$50,000, given to individuals or groups, particularly those who lack access to traditional banking services, to start or expand small businesses or other income-generating activities |
| 3. dis_____fy people with service | <i>v.</i> to fail to satisfy someone |
| 4. don't dis_____nt me | <i>v.</i> to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad |
| 5. lou_____er system | <i>n.</i> an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas |
| 6. stacks of fi_____od | <i>n.</i> wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes |
| 7. p__m pudding | <i>n.</i> a small, sweet fruit with juicy flesh and a hard stone in the middle; a desirable or highly valued object, person, or position |
| 8. dy_____ry epidemic | <i>n.</i> a disease of the bowels characterized by severe and bloody diarrhea (= frequent and watery bowel movements) |
| 9. un___d the stroller | <i>v.</i> to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown |

ANSWERS: 1. amputate, 2. microcredit, 3. dissatisfy, 4. disappoint, 5. loudspeaker, 6. firewood, 7. plum, 8. dysentery, 9. unfold

10. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
11. s__m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
12. ty____d vaccination *n.* a severe bacterial infection that is typically spread through contaminated food or water; symptoms include fever, headache, muscle aches, and gastrointestinal problems
13. di____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
14. s__m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
15. ty____d outbreak *n.* a severe bacterial infection that is typically spread through contaminated food or water; symptoms include fever, headache, muscle aches, and gastrointestinal problems
16. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

ANSWERS: 10. app, 11. slum, 12. typhoid, 13. displace, 14. slum, 15. typhoid, 16. quo

17. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
18. ch_____ne tablet *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Cl and atomic number 17, a greenish-yellow gas that is highly reactive and used in a variety of applications, including as a bleach and disinfectant
19. pr_____ne beach *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
20. wireless lou_____er *n.* an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas
21. di_____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
22. dis_____fy the users with bugs *v.* to fail to satisfy someone
23. bo_____al extract *adj.* relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants
24. p__m harvest *n.* a small, sweet fruit with juicy flesh and a hard stone in the middle; a desirable or highly valued object, person, or position
25. ex_____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
26. am_____te below the knee *v.* to cut off a part of the body, especially by surgery

ANSWERS: 17. opportune, 18. chlorine, 19. pristine, 20. loudspeaker, 21. displace, 22. dissatisfy, 23. botanical, 24. plum, 25. excite, 26. amputate

27. hi____de vineyard *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
28. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
29. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
30. bo_____al illustrations *adj.* relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants
31. amoebic dy_____ry *n.* a disease of the bowels characterized by severe and bloody diarrhea (= frequent and watery bowel movements)
32. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
33. maintain the pr_____ne condition *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
34. cle_____ss of the kitchen *n.* the state of being clean or free from dirt, dust, or foreign substances; the practice of maintaining good hygiene and cleanliness
35. in___t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
36. chop fi_____od *n.* wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes

ANSWERS: 27. hillside, 28. app, 29. disappoint, 30. botanical, 31. dysentery, 32. quo, 33. pristine, 34. cleanliness, 35. infect, 36. firewood

37. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
38. the ep_____er of the sports world *n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
39. ch_____ne gas *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Cl and atomic number 17, a greenish-yellow gas that is highly reactive and used in a variety of applications, including as a bleach and disinfectant
40. un___d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
41. ripe ma___o *n.* tropical fruit with smooth, juicy flesh and a large, hard seed in the middle
42. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
43. mic_____it lender *n.* small loans, typically less than \$50,000, given to individuals or groups, particularly those who lack access to traditional banking services, to start or expand small businesses or other income-generating activities
44. cle_____ss standards *n.* the state of being clean or free from dirt, dust, or foreign substances; the practice of maintaining good hygiene and cleanliness
45. hi_____de landscape *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline

ANSWERS: 37. excite, 38. epicenter, 39. chlorine, 40. unfold, 41. mango, 42. infect, 43. microcredit, 44. cleanliness, 45. hillside

46. op_____ne occasion

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

47. fresh ma__o

n. tropical fruit with smooth, juicy flesh and a large, hard seed in the middle

48. ep_____er magnitude

n. the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake

ANSWERS: 46. opportune, 47. mango, 48. epicenter

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.
v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
2. She cut the _____ into small pieces and added them to the salad.
n. tropical fruit with smooth, juicy flesh and a large, hard seed in the middle
3. The company's results _____ everyone.
v. to fail to satisfy someone
4. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.
v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
5. The company has been successful in maintaining the status _____.
n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
6. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.
v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
7. We must prioritize our workplace's _____ for our employees' safety.
n. the state of being clean or free from dirt, dust, or foreign substances; the practice of maintaining good hygiene and cleanliness
8. It is terrific to camp in _____ nature.
adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

ANSWERS: 1. infect, 2. mango, 3. dissatisfy, 4. disappoint, 5. quo, 6. displace, 7. cleanliness, 8. pristine

9. The _____ of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.
n. the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
10. The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the _____.
n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
11. In some communities of the country, _____ was the leading cause of death.
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12. The doctor prescribed antibiotics to treat her _____ symptoms.
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15. The _____ gardens were filled with exotic plants from all around the world.
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ANSWERS: 9. epicenter, 10. hillside, 11. dysentery, 12. typhoid, 13. microcredit, 14. app's, 15. botanical

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20. The teacher spoke through the _____ so that every student could hear the announcement.
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21. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.
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22. My neighbor gave me some extra _____ from their own supply.
- n.* wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes
23. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 16. amputate, 17. chlorine, 18. excited, 19. slums, 20. loudspeaker, 21. unfolded, 22. firewood, 23. opportune

24. The farmer proudly displayed his basket of freshly picked _____ at the market.
- n.* a small, sweet fruit with juicy flesh and a hard stone in the middle; a desirable or highly valued object, person, or position

ANSWERS: 24. plums