

Englist.me



Vocabulary Builder Reference from...

Veronica Chau: 3 ways your money can fight climate change | TED Talk

https://www.ted.com/talks/veronica_chau_3_ways_your_money_can_fight_climate_change

Advanced Words Only

IMPORTANT

This material is a commentary and does not contain any copyrighted material of the reference source. We strongly recommend accessing/buying the reference source at the same time.

Session 1: Word List

avert

v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

synonym: discourage, prevent, deter

(1) **avert** disaster, (2) **avert** a strike

The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to **avert** flooding during the rainy season

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.

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.

decarbonize

v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

synonym: decoke, decarburise, decarburize

(1) **decarbonize** their manufacturing process,

(2) **decarbonize** its energy system

We have to seek methods to **decarbonize** its fossil fuel economy.

sideline

n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

synonym: sidestep, periphery, (verb) ignore

(1) **sideline** reporter, (2) lucrative **sideline**

The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the **sideline** for the entire game.

inextricable

adj. unable to be separated or escaped from

synonym: inescapable, inseparable, entangled

(1) an **inextricable** part of life, (2) form an **inextricable** bond

The knot was **inextricable**, and she had to use scissors to cut it.

scarcity

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

synonym: lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

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.

exacerbate

v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

synonym: worsen, aggravate, escalate

(1) **exacerbate** the situation, (2) **exacerbate** symptoms
The heat wave **exacerbated** the drought conditions.

playbook

n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

synonym : strategy, game plan, manual

(1) **playbook** strategy, (2) political **playbook**
The coach's **playbook** helped the team win the championship.

concession

n. something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

synonym : agreement, compromise, deal

(1) an oil **concession**, (2) make a **concession**
The movie theater offered a special **concession** for seniors on Tuesdays.

moreover

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

synonym : furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

incentivize

v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

synonym : encourage, motivate

(1) **incentivize** carpooling, (2) **incentivize** the right behavior
Governments **incentivize** their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

retrofit

v. to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured

synonym: backfit, reconstruct, recycle

(1) **retrofit** an electronic system, (2) **retrofit** applications

A **retrofit** may involve putting in new door jambs.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym: outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

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.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

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**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. dec_____ze its energy system *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
2. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
3. ex_____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
4. pl_____ok strategy *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
5. av__t a strike *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
6. re_____it an electronic system *v.* to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured
7. in_____ty in education *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
8. but mo_____er, they work well together *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
9. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 1. decarbonize, 2. mobilize, 3. excite, 4. playbook, 5. avert, 6. retrofit, 7. inequity, 8. moreover, 9. dedicate

10. form an ine_____ble bond *adj.* unable to be separated or escaped from
11. an oil con_____on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
12. make a con_____on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
13. mo_____er, she decided to go *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
14. inc_____ze the right behavior *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
15. sc_____ty of capital *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
16. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
17. ine_____nt management *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
18. av__t disaster *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

ANSWERS: 10. inextricable, 11. concession, 12. concession, 13. moreover, 14. incentivize, 15. scarcity, 16. opportune, 17. inefficient, 18. avert

19. de____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
20. mo____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
21. global pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
22. inc____ze carpooling *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
23. an ine____ble part of life *adj.* unable to be separated or escaped from
24. ex____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
25. the fo____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
26. exa____te symptoms *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
27. si____ne reporter *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
28. dec____ze their manufacturing process *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

ANSWERS: 19. dedicate, 20. mobilize, 21. pandemic, 22. incentivize, 23. inextricable, 24. excite, 25. footprint, 26. exacerbate, 27. sideline, 28. decarbonize

29. re_____it applications *v.* to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured
30. market in_____ty *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
31. fuel sc_____ty *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
32. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
33. lucrative si_____ne *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
34. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
35. political pl_____ok *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
36. exa_____te the situation *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
37. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
38. ine_____nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

ANSWERS: 29. retrofit, 30. inequity, 31. scarcity, 32. footprint, 33. sideline, 34. opportune, 35. playbook, 36. exacerbate, 37. pandemic, 38. inefficient

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The heat wave _____ the drought conditions.
v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
2. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
3. We have to seek methods to _____ its fossil fuel economy.
v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
4. The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to _____ flooding during the rainy season
v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
5. The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the _____ for the entire game.
n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
6. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
7. The military _____ troops to the border.
v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. exacerbated, 2. footprint, 3. decarbonize, 4. avert, 5. sideline, 6. excited, 7. mobilized

8. The system is still so _____ that it is useless.

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

9. He _____ his life to helping others.

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

10. The movie theater offered a special _____ for seniors on Tuesdays.

n. something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

11. The company is environmentally conscious, and _____ it uses sustainable materials in its products.

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

12. A _____ may involve putting in new door jambs.

v. to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured

13. There's an _____ in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.

n. a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice

14. The knot was _____ and she had to use scissors to cut it.

adj. unable to be separated or escaped from

15. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

ANSWERS: 8. inefficient, 9. dedicated, 10. concession, 11. moreover, 12. retrofit, 13. inequity, 14. inextricable, 15. opportune

16. The coach's _____ helped the team win the championship.

n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

17. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

18. Governments _____ their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

19. Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor _____.

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

ANSWERS: 16. playbook, 17. pandemic, 18. incentivize, 19. scarcity