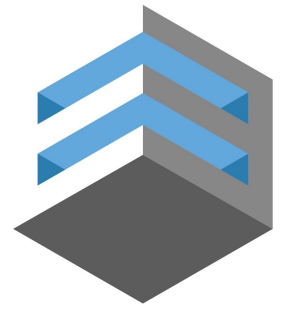


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Session 1: Word List

erupt

v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

synonym: eject, emit, burst

(1) **erupt** in anger, (2) **erupt** into tears

Battles between whites and blacks **erupted** immediately.

plume

n. a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

synonym: feather, honor, token

(1) **plume** of smoke, (2) **plume** of feathers

The bird had a beautiful **plume** on its head.

billow

v. to surge or rise in a large, swelling mass, especially of smoke or water; (noun) a large wave or swell of something, especially water or smoke

synonym: wave, swell, surge

(1) **billow** cloud, (2) **billow** like a sail

The smoke **billowed** out of the chimney and into the sky.

soot

n. a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire

synonym:

smut, dirt

(1) **soot-covered** walls, (2) black **soot**

The fire left a layer of **soot** on everything in the room.

eruption

n. an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something

synonym: explosion, outburst, burst

(1) **eruption** alert level, (2) emotional **eruption**

The volcanic **eruption** caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.

blot

v. to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper

synonym: stain, smudge, mar

(1) **blot** my eyes, (2) **blot** anything out of existence

She tried to **blot** out the unpleasant memory with alcohol.

hazy

adj. not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something

synonym: blurred, clouded, foggy

(1) **hazy** dream, (2) **hazy** atmosphere

My memories of the holiday were **hazy**.

wreak

v. to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events

synonym: cause, inflict, bring about

(1) **wreak** a lot of changes, (2) **wreak** further damage

The virus has **wreaked** havoc on the healthcare system, overwhelming hospitals and causing shortages of supplies.

havoc

n. widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

synonym: destruction, devastation, ruin

(1) cause **havoc**, (2) play **havoc** in the mind

The storm wreaked **havoc** on the town, causing widespread

damage and power outages.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym: hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

hemisphere

n. half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere

(1) northern **hemisphere**, (2) cerebral **hemisphere**

This weather pattern is unique to the southern **hemisphere**.

bleak

adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

synonym: miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

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.

haze

n. atmospheric moisture, dust, or smoke that makes it less clear; a state of mental confusion caused by lack of clarity

synonym: fog, mist, brume

(1) a **haze** of illusion, (2) **haze** of tears

We couldn't see him through the **haze** of smoke.

geoengineering

n. the study of finding ways to change the Earth's climate system, primarily to reduce global warming; deliberate and large-scale intervention in the Earth's climate

system

(1) **geoengineering** technology, (2) **geoengineering** schemes

It is unclear what all of the potential consequences of **geoengineering** could be.

restrain

v. to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

synonym: restrict, limit, control

(1) **restrain** from violence, (2) **restrain** a child

The police had to **restrain** the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.

sunshade

n. a device or material used to protect someone or something from the sun's rays, particularly a parasol or umbrella; a structure or covering that shades a window or outdoor area

synonym: umbrella, awning, parasol

(1) **sunshade** canopy, (2) car **sunshade**

The beach umbrella provided a **sunshade** for us during the hot summer day.

swath

n. a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something

synonym: strip, band, fodder

(1) a large **swath** of territory, (2) a **swath** of green grass

The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast **swath** of the population.

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym: disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic**

reform.

ripple

n. a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

synonym: wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water

Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

rebound

v. to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched

synonym: spring back, resile, recover

(1) **rebound** from a setback, (2) **rebound** back into positive growth

The basketball bounced off the rim and **rebounded** to the player.

bleach

v. to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach

synonym: whiten, lighten, blanch

(1) **bleach** stains, (2) **bleach** hair

I need to **bleach** this shirt to remove the stains.

rogue

n. a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly

synonym: baddie, con artist, crook

(1) a **rogue** detective, (2) **rogue** state

The president states emphatically that the opponent country is a **rogue** state that supports terrorism.

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym: accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pl__e of smoke | <i>n.</i> a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat |
| 2. apo____ic event | <i>adj.</i> describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world |
| 3. re____in from violence | <i>v.</i> to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses |
| 4. s__t-covered walls | <i>n.</i> a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire |
| 5. re____in a child | <i>v.</i> to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses |
| 6. a ri___e of laughter | <i>n.</i> a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind |
| 7. have apo____ic overtones | <i>adj.</i> describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world |

ANSWERS: 1. plume, 2. apocalyptic, 3. restrain, 4. soot, 5. restrain, 6. ripple, 7. apocalyptic

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| 8. uni_____ed misunderstanding | <i>adj.</i> not planned or meant |
| 9. coal fa___e | <i>n.</i> a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons |
| 10. h__y dream | <i>adj.</i> not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something |
| 11. black s__t | <i>n.</i> a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire |
| 12. a large sw__h of territory | <i>n.</i> a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something |
| 13. bi___w cloud | <i>v.</i> to surge or rise in a large, swelling mass, especially of smoke or water; (noun) a large wave or swell of something, especially water or smoke |
| 14. b__t my eyes | <i>v.</i> to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper |
| 15. a sw__h of green grass | <i>n.</i> a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something |
| 16. wr__k a lot of changes | <i>v.</i> to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events |
| 17. su_____de canopy | <i>n.</i> a device or material used to protect someone or something from the sun's rays, particularly a parasol or umbrella; a structure or covering that shades a window or outdoor area |

ANSWERS: 8. unintended, 9. famine, 10. hazy, 11. soot, 12. swath, 13. billow, 14. blot, 15. swath, 16. wreak, 17. sunshade

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| 18. emotional er____on | <i>n.</i> an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something |
| 19. geo_____ing technology | <i>n.</i> the study of finding ways to change the Earth's climate system, primarily to reduce global warming; deliberate and large-scale intervention in the Earth's climate system |
| 20. geo_____ing schemes | <i>n.</i> the study of finding ways to change the Earth's climate system, primarily to reduce global warming; deliberate and large-scale intervention in the Earth's climate system |
| 21. play ha__c in the mind | <i>n.</i> widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events |
| 22. re____d back into positive growth | <i>v.</i> to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched |
| 23. er__t into tears | <i>v.</i> (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently |
| 24. ch____c theory | <i>adj.</i> without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing |
| 25. fa___e relief | <i>n.</i> a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons |
| 26. bi___w like a sail | <i>v.</i> to surge or rise in a large, swelling mass, especially of smoke or water; (noun) a large wave or swell of something, especially water or smoke |

ANSWERS: 18. eruption, 19. geoengineering, 20. geoengineering, 21. havoc, 22. rebound, 23. erupt, 24. chaotic, 25. famine, 26. billow

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| 27. h__e of tears | <i>n.</i> atmospheric moisture, dust, or smoke that makes it less clear; a state of mental confusion caused by lack of clarity |
| 28. cause ha__c | <i>n.</i> widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events |
| 29. pl__e of feathers | <i>n.</i> a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat |
| 30. northern hem_____re | <i>n.</i> half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere |
| 31. bl___h hair | <i>v.</i> to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach |
| 32. a ro__e detective | <i>n.</i> a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly |
| 33. wr__k further damage | <i>v.</i> to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events |
| 34. ro__e state | <i>n.</i> a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly |
| 35. bl__k future | <i>adj.</i> unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope |
| 36. h__y atmosphere | <i>adj.</i> not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something |
| 37. er__t in anger | <i>v.</i> (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently |

ANSWERS: 27. haze, 28. havoc, 29. plume, 30. hemisphere, 31. bleach, 32. rogue, 33. wreak, 34. rogue, 35. bleak, 36. hazy, 37. erupt

38. bl___h stains	<i>v.</i> to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
39. cerebral hem_____re	<i>n.</i> half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
40. a h___e of illusion	<i>n.</i> atmospheric moisture, dust, or smoke that makes it less clear; a state of mental confusion caused by lack of clarity
41. b___t anything out of existence	<i>v.</i> to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper
42. prospects were bl___k	<i>adj.</i> unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
43. uni_____ed bias	<i>adj.</i> not planned or meant
44. re_____d from a setback	<i>v.</i> to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched
45. er_____on alert level	<i>n.</i> an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
46. the ch_____c economic situation	<i>adj.</i> without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
47. ri___e in the water	<i>n.</i> a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
48. car su_____de	<i>n.</i> a device or material used to protect someone or something from the sun's rays, particularly a parasol or umbrella; a structure or covering that shades a window or outdoor area

ANSWERS: 38. bleach, 39. hemisphere, 40. haze, 41. blot, 42. bleak, 43. unintended, 44. rebound, 45. eruption, 46. chaotic, 47. ripple, 48. sunshade

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The police had to _____ the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.
 - v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
2. The _____ landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.
 - adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
3. The volcanic _____ caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.
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4. The severe _____ caused by the drought has left many people without food.
 - n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
5. I need to _____ this shirt to remove the stains.
 - v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
6. The virus has _____ havoc on the healthcare system, overwhelming hospitals and causing shortages of supplies.
 - v.* to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events

ANSWERS: 1. restrain, 2. apocalyptic, 3. eruption, 4. famine, 5. bleach, 6. wreaked

7. The fire left a layer of _____ on everything in the room.
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8. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of _____ reform.
- adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
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- v.* to surge or rise in a large, swelling mass, especially of smoke or water; (noun) a large wave or swell of something, especially water or smoke
11. It is unclear what all of the potential consequences of _____ could be.
- n.* the study of finding ways to change the Earth's climate system, primarily to reduce global warming; deliberate and large-scale intervention in the Earth's climate system
12. Many businesses felt the _____ effect of the economy's decline.
- n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
13. Battles between whites and blacks _____ immediately.
- v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

ANSWERS: 7. soot, 8. chaotic, 9. plume, 10. billowed, 11. geoengineering, 12. ripple, 13. erupted

14. She tried to ____ out the unpleasant memory with alcohol.
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15. My memories of the holiday were _____.
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16. The political landscape looks _____ without a change of administration.
adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
17. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring _____ consequences.
adj. not planned or meant
18. The president states emphatically that the opponent country is a _____ state that supports terrorism.
n. a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly
19. This weather pattern is unique to the southern _____.
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20. We couldn't see him through the ____ of smoke.
n. atmospheric moisture, dust, or smoke that makes it less clear; a state of mental confusion caused by lack of clarity
21. The beach umbrella provided a _____ for us during the hot summer day.
n. a device or material used to protect someone or something from the sun's rays, particularly a parasol or umbrella; a structure or covering that shades a window or outdoor area

ANSWERS: 14. blot, 15. hazy, 16. bleak, 17. unintended, 18. rogue, 19. hemisphere, 20. haze, 21. sunshade

22. The basketball bounced off the rim and _____ to the player.
- v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched
23. The storm wreaked _____ on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.
- n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
24. The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast _____ of the population.
- n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something

ANSWERS: 22. rebounded, 23. havoc, 24. swath