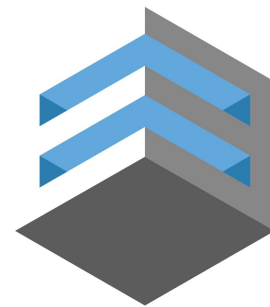


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Session 1: Word List

felon

n. a person convicted of a serious crime; an offender of the most serious kind

synonym: criminal, convict, offender

(1) serial **felon**, (2) convicted **felon**

The robbery was committed by a notorious **felon** previously convicted of armed robbery.

intercom

n. a device used for communication within a building, vehicle, or other enclosed space, typically consisting of a speaker or microphone that connects to a central control unit

synonym: interphone, speakerphone

(1) office **intercom**, (2) wireless **intercom** system

Please buzz me on the **intercom** when you arrive at the front gate.

bevy

n. a large group or collection of people or things, particularly a group of birds or women

synonym: group, flock, cluster

(1) **bevy** of options, (2) **bevy** of beauties

A **bevy** of birds was flying together in formation.

hover

v. to stay in one place in the air

synonym: hang, float over, drift

(1) **hover** between life and death, (2) **hover** around the table

Two birds were **hovering** overhead.

panther

n. a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia

synonym: panthera, big cat, feline

(1) black **panther**, (2) **panther** habitat

The **panther's** sleek black coat and piercing yellow eyes make for a striking vision in the forest.

flummox

v. to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised

synonym: baffle, confuse, perplex

(1) **flummox** user, (2) **flummox** the audience

The complex puzzle game **flummoxed** me for hours, but I finally solved it.

aback

adv. to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something

synonym: surprised, astounded, shocked

(1) flat **aback**, (2) **aback** shock

The sudden news of the merger took me **aback**.

toiletry

n. items used for personal grooming and hygiene, such as soap, toothbrush, and shampoo

synonym: grooming kit, hygiene products

(1) travel **toiletry**, (2) **toiletry** bag

Remember to pack your **toiletry** goods when you go on vacation, or you'll have to repurchase them.

interrogate

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

synonym : question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police
The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

curt

adj. rudely brief or abrupt in speech or manner; blunt

synonym : abrupt, brusque, terse

(1) **curt** dismissal, (2) **curt** nod

The receptionist's **curt** reply made me feel unwelcome in the office.

vilify

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them

synonym : defame, slander, malign

(1) **vilify** the press, (2) publicly **vilify**

The media has been **vilifying** the politician for his controversial statements.

eloquent

adj. able to speak or write clearly and impressively

synonym : persuasive, fluent, well-spoken

(1) an **eloquent** speaker, (2) **eloquent** writing

She gave an **eloquent** speech at the graduation ceremony.

persuasive

adj. tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

synonym : convincing, compelling, influential

(1) **persuasive** advertising, (2) **persuasive** speaker

He made a **persuasive** argument for the new policy.

discredit

v. to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

synonym : disprove, undermine, disgrace

(1) **discredit** a theory, (2) **discredit** a witness

The company's unethical practices have **discredited** its

brand image in the eyes of consumers.

irrational

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking;
(mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed
as the ratio of two integers

synonym: illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers

They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the dictatorship.

detain

v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them
from leaving

synonym: hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation

The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

beret

n. a soft, round, flat-crowned felt or woolen hat, typically
worn by men and associated with French or Basque
culture

synonym: cap, tam, military hat

(1) military **beret**, (2) woolen **beret**

The French painter wore a black **beret** as a symbol of his artistic identity.

homage

n. a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act
of reverence or by paying tribute

synonym: respect, deference, reverence

(1) paying **homage** to tradition, (2) vassal **homage**

The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of **homage** to the retiring athlete.

racy

adj. having an exciting or provocative quality; lively and
entertaining, often with a sexual or scandalous
connotation

synonym: spicy, rich, suggestive

(1) **racy** talker, (2) **racy** humor

The author's **racy** writing style added excitement to the novel.

villain

n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

synonym: scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

(1) evil **villain**, (2) authoritarian **villain**

The **villain** in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym: falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. travel to____ry | <i>n.</i> items used for personal grooming and hygiene, such as soap, toothbrush, and shampoo |
| 2. b__y of options | <i>n.</i> a large group or collection of people or things, particularly a group of birds or women |
| 3. ho__r between life and death | <i>v.</i> to stay in one place in the air |
| 4. evil vi____n | <i>n.</i> a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel |
| 5. r__y humor | <i>adj.</i> having an exciting or provocative quality; lively and entertaining, often with a sexual or scandalous connotation |
| 6. serial fe__n | <i>n.</i> a person convicted of a serious crime; an offender of the most serious kind |
| 7. de____n for investigation | <i>v.</i> to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving |
| 8. vi____y the press | <i>v.</i> to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them |
| 9. c__t dismissal | <i>adj.</i> rudely brief or abrupt in speech or manner; blunt |
| 10. an el____nt speaker | <i>adj.</i> able to speak or write clearly and impressively |
| 11. fl____x the audience | <i>v.</i> to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised |

ANSWERS: 1. toiletry, 2. bevy, 3. hover, 4. villain, 5. racy, 6. felon, 7. detain, 8. vilify, 9. curt, 10. eloquent, 11. flummox

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| 12. publicly vi___y | <i>v.</i> to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them |
| 13. woolen be__t | <i>n.</i> a soft, round, flat-crowned felt or woolen hat, typically worn by men and associated with French or Basque culture |
| 14. irr_____al numbers | <i>adj.</i> not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers |
| 15. c__t nod | <i>adj.</i> rudely brief or abrupt in speech or manner; blunt |
| 16. to_____ry bag | <i>n.</i> items used for personal grooming and hygiene, such as soap, toothbrush, and shampoo |
| 17. de___n a terrorist | <i>v.</i> to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving |
| 18. office in_____om | <i>n.</i> a device used for communication within a building, vehicle, or other enclosed space, typically consisting of a speaker or microphone that connects to a central control unit |
| 19. vassal ho___e | <i>n.</i> a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute |
| 20. r__y talker | <i>adj.</i> having an exciting or provocative quality; lively and entertaining, often with a sexual or scandalous connotation |

ANSWERS: 12. vilify, 13. beret, 14. irrational, 15. curt, 16. toiletry, 17. detain, 18. intercom, 19. homage, 20. racy

21. convicted fe__n	<i>n.</i> a person convicted of a serious crime; an offender of the most serious kind
22. di_____it a witness	<i>v.</i> to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
23. b__y of beauties	<i>n.</i> a large group or collection of people or things, particularly a group of birds or women
24. paying ho___e to tradition	<i>n.</i> a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
25. di_____it a theory	<i>v.</i> to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
26. authoritarian vi_____n	<i>n.</i> a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
27. ab__k shock	<i>adv.</i> to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
28. an irr_____al request	<i>adj.</i> not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
29. el_____nt writing	<i>adj.</i> able to speak or write clearly and impressively
30. military be__t	<i>n.</i> a soft, round, flat-crowned felt or woolen hat, typically worn by men and associated with French or Basque culture

ANSWERS: 21. felon, 22. discredit, 23. bevy, 24. homage, 25. discredit, 26. villain, 27. aback, 28. irrational, 29. eloquent, 30. beret

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| 31. ho__r around the table | <i>v.</i> to stay in one place in the air |
| 32. fl____x user | <i>v.</i> to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised |
| 33. wireless in____om system | <i>n.</i> a device used for communication within a building, vehicle, or other enclosed space, typically consisting of a speaker or microphone that connects to a central control unit |
| 34. int_____ted by police | <i>v.</i> to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner |
| 35. flat ab__k | <i>adv.</i> to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something |
| 36. pa____r habitat | <i>n.</i> a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia |
| 37. per_____ve speaker | <i>adj.</i> tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing |
| 38. mis_____ion about a vaccine | <i>n.</i> information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately |
| 39. int_____te an enemy soldier | <i>v.</i> to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner |
| 40. per_____ve advertising | <i>adj.</i> tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing |

ANSWERS: 31. hover, 32. flummox, 33. intercom, 34. interrogate, 35. aback, 36. panther, 37. persuasive, 38. misinformation, 39. interrogate, 40. persuasive

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| 41. combat mis_____ion on social media | <i>n.</i> information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately |
| 42. black pa____r | <i>n.</i> a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia |

ANSWERS: 41. misinformation, 42. panther

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately _____ the witness.
v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
2. The sudden news of the merger took me _____.
adv. to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
3. The media has been _____ the politician for his controversial statements.
v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them
4. The receptionist's _____ reply made me feel unwelcome in the office.
adj. rudely brief or abrupt in speech or manner; blunt
5. They continued to endure _____ treatment by the dictatorship.
adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
6. The author's _____ writing style added excitement to the novel.
adj. having an exciting or provocative quality; lively and entertaining, often with a sexual or scandalous connotation
7. The _____ in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.
n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
8. A _____ of birds was flying together in formation.
n. a large group or collection of people or things, particularly a group of birds or women

ANSWERS: 1. interrogate, 2. aback, 3. vilifying, 4. curt, 5. irrational, 6. racy, 7. villain, 8. bevy

9. Remember to pack your _____ goods when you go on vacation, or you'll have to repurchase them.
- n.* items used for personal grooming and hygiene, such as soap, toothbrush, and shampoo
10. The French painter wore a black _____ as a symbol of his artistic identity.
- n.* a soft, round, flat-crowned felt or woolen hat, typically worn by men and associated with French or Basque culture
11. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific _____ about vaccines.
- n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
12. He made a _____ argument for the new policy.
- adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
13. She gave an _____ speech at the graduation ceremony.
- adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively
14. The police _____ the suspect for questioning.
- v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
15. Two birds were _____ overhead.
- v.* to stay in one place in the air
16. The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of _____ to the retiring athlete.
- n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

ANSWERS: 9. toiletry, 10. beret, 11. misinformation, 12. persuasive, 13. eloquent, 14. detained, 15. hovering, 16. homage

17. The complex puzzle game _____ me for hours, but I finally solved it.
- v.* to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised
18. The company's unethical practices have _____ its brand image in the eyes of consumers.
- v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
19. The robbery was committed by a notorious _____ previously convicted of armed robbery.
- n.* a person convicted of a serious crime; an offender of the most serious kind
20. The _____ sleek black coat and piercing yellow eyes make for a striking vision in the forest.
- n.* a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia
21. Please buzz me on the _____ when you arrive at the front gate.
- n.* a device used for communication within a building, vehicle, or other enclosed space, typically consisting of a speaker or microphone that connects to a central control unit

ANSWERS: 17. flummoxed, 18. discredited, 19. felon, 20. panther's, 21. intercom