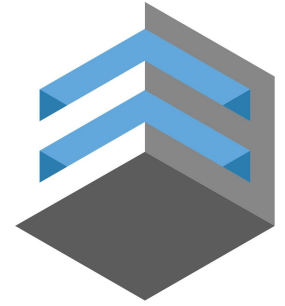


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Session 1: Word List

- hail**
- v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
- synonym* : greet, salute, welcome
- (1) **hail** the victorious team with cheers, (2) **hail** forecast
- People in the area were forced to **hail** a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.
- wrest**
- v. to forcibly take or pull something away from someone or something else; to obtain something with great effort or struggle; to twist or contort something
- synonym* : seize, snatch, grab
- (1) **wrest** information from the reluctant witness, (2) **wrest** control of the city
- The politician tried to **wrest** the microphone from the moderator during the heated debate.
- lingering**
- adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
- synonym* : prolonged, persistent, enduring
- (1) **lingering** illness, (2) **lingering** doubts

The **lingering** smell of smoke clung to his clothes even after he left the campfire.

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.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

charisma

n. a compelling charm or attractiveness that can inspire devotion and admiration from others, often associated with leadership or celebrity status

synonym : magnetism, allure, charm

(1) crowd-pulling **charisma**, (2) natural **charisma**

The politician's **charisma** won over the crowd at the rally.

impoverished

adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

synonym : destitute, bankrupt, famished

(1) **impoverished** nation, (2) **impoverished** family

The **impoverished** villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.

ensue

v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something

synonym : follow, occur, result

(1) **ensue** within a few years, (2) predict what will **ensue**
A power outage **ensued** after the storm knocked out the electricity.

resigned

adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

synonym: submissive, acquiescent, passive

(1) with a **resigned** voice, (2) **resigned** to their fate
She had a **resigned** look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.

rename

v. to give a new name to something; to change the name of something

synonym: rebrand, rechristen, re-label

(1) **rename** the street, (2) **rename** in plain English
The new owners **renamed** the restaurant to give it a fresh start.

anthem

n. a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause

synonym: hymn, song, paean

(1) a national **anthem**, (2) **anthem** singer
The **anthem** of the country was played during the ceremony.

inflated

adj. swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high

synonym: enlarged, swollen, distended

(1) **inflated** prices, (2) an **inflated** balloon
The athlete's ego became **inflated** by their success.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential
The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

outlaw

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

synonym: ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

polygamy

n. the practice of having more than one spouse at the same time

synonym: bigamy, multiple marriages

(1) abolish **polygamy**, (2) **polygamy** law

The practice of **polygamy** has been controversial and debated for centuries.

genital

adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

synonym: reproductive, genetic, sexual

(1) **genital** bleeding, (2) pain in the **genital** area

The **genital** organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

mutilation

n. the act of severely damaging or injuring a person's body or body part, particularly through cutting or disfiguring; the condition of being so damaged or disfigured

synonym: disfigurement, dismemberment, amputation

(1) **mutilation** crime, (2) physical **mutilation**

The **mutilation** of the artwork was a devastating loss for the artist.

alienate

v. to cause someone to become unfriendly or unsympathetic

synonym: estrange, isolate, separate

(1) **alienate** a group, (2) **alienate** a potential customer

His actions **alienated** him from his friends.

crackdown

n. a severe or forceful attempt to suppress or control something, such as illegal or disruptive behavior

synonym: clampdown, sweep, repression

(1) a citywide **crackdown**, (2) strict **crackdown**

The government announced a **crackdown** on illegal activities in the city.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym: dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

autocratic

adj. having absolute power and forcing people to obey completely without asking

synonym: domineering, omnipotent, authoritarian

(1) in an **autocratic** manner, (2) **autocratic** regimes

That emperor amended the law to allow him to continue his **autocratic** rule even after he abdicated.

assailant

n. a person who physically attacks or aggressively criticizes another person or group

synonym: attacker, aggressor, assailor

(1) an **assailant** with a knife, (2) masked **assailant**

The victim identified her **assailant** in a police lineup.

swarm

n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

synonym : horde, hive, throng

(1) a **swarm** of mosquitoes, (2) locust **swarm**

A **swarm** of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym : base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency

headquarter

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

assassin

n. a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money

synonym : killer, manslayer

(1) fall victim to an **assassin**, (2) would-be **assassin**

She hired an **assassin** to kill her opponent.

Session 2: Spelling

1. li_____ng doubts *adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
2. ou___w cloning of human cells *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
3. re___e in plain English *v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something
4. ou___w racial discrimination *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
5. administrative hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
6. would-be as_____in *n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
7. imp_____hed nation *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
8. locust sw___m *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
9. an___m singer *n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause
10. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

ANSWERS: 1. lingering, 2. outlaw, 3. rename, 4. outlaw, 5. headquarter, 6. assassin, 7. impoverished, 8. swarm, 9. anthem, 10. authoritarian

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| 11. li_____te people from oppression | <i>v.</i> | to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression |
| 12. in_____ed prices | <i>adj.</i> | swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high |
| 13. ins_____ize a system | <i>v.</i> | to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.) |
| 14. a national an____m | <i>n.</i> | a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause |
| 15. al_____te a potential customer | <i>v.</i> | to cause someone to become unfriendly or unsympathetic |
| 16. em_____r my life | <i>v.</i> | to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 17. physical mut_____on | <i>n.</i> | the act of severely damaging or injuring a person's body or body part, particularly through cutting or disfiguring; the condition of being so damaged or disfigured |
| 18. li_____te potential | <i>v.</i> | to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression |
| 19. masked as_____nt | <i>n.</i> | a person who physically attacks or aggressively criticizes another person or group |
| 20. aut_____ic regimes | <i>adj.</i> | having absolute power and forcing people to obey completely without asking |
| 21. natural ch_____ma | <i>n.</i> | a compelling charm or attractiveness that can inspire devotion and admiration from others, often associated with leadership or celebrity status |

ANSWERS: 11. liberate, 12. inflated, 13. institutionalize, 14. anthem, 15. alienate, 16. empower, 17. mutilation, 18. liberate, 19. assailant, 20. autocratic, 21. charisma

22. an as_____nt with a knife *n.* a person who physically attacks or aggressively criticizes another person or group
23. ge_____l bleeding *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
24. an in_____ed balloon *adj.* swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
25. predict what will en___e *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
26. abolish po_____my *n.* the practice of having more than one spouse at the same time
27. li_____ng illness *adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
28. h___l forecast *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
29. imp_____hed family *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
30. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
31. in an aut_____ic manner *adj.* having absolute power and forcing people to obey completely without asking

ANSWERS: 22. assailant, 23. genital, 24. inflated, 25. ensue, 26. polygamy, 27. lingering, 28. hail, 29. impoverished, 30. institutionalize, 31. autocratic

32. wr__t control of the city *v.* to forcibly take or pull something away from someone or something else; to obtain something with great effort or struggle; to twist or contort something
33. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
34. re___e the street *v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something
35. crowd-pulling ch_____ma *n.* a compelling charm or attractiveness that can inspire devotion and admiration from others, often associated with leadership or celebrity status
36. pain in the ge_____l area *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
37. h__l the victorious team with cheers *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
38. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
39. re_____ed to their fate *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
40. wr__t information from the reluctant witness *v.* to forcibly take or pull something away from someone or something else; to obtain something with great effort or struggle; to twist or contort something

ANSWERS: 32. wrest, 33. determinant, 34. rename, 35. charisma, 36. genital, 37. hail, 38. empower, 39. resigned, 40. wrest

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| 41. a det_____nt of crop yields | <i>n.</i> | a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 42. a sw__m of mosquitoes | <i>n.</i> | a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground |
| 43. an emergency hea_____er | <i>n.</i> | the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed |
| 44. a citywide cr_____wn | <i>n.</i> | a severe or forceful attempt to suppress or control something, such as illegal or disruptive behavior |
| 45. al_____te a group | <i>v.</i> | to cause someone to become unfriendly or unsympathetic |
| 46. fall victim to an as_____in | <i>n.</i> | a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money |
| 47. en__e within a few years | <i>v.</i> | to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something |
| 48. strict cr_____wn | <i>n.</i> | a severe or forceful attempt to suppress or control something, such as illegal or disruptive behavior |
| 49. po_____my law | <i>n.</i> | the practice of having more than one spouse at the same time |
| 50. mut_____on crime | <i>n.</i> | the act of severely damaging or injuring a person's body or body part, particularly through cutting or disfiguring; the condition of being so damaged or disfigured |

ANSWERS: 41. determinant, 42. swarm, 43. headquarter, 44. crackdown, 45. alienate, 46. assassin, 47. ensue, 48. crackdown, 49. polygamy, 50. mutilation

51. aut_____ian government

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

52. with a re_____ed voice

adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

ANSWERS: 51. authoritarian, 52. resigned

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She hired an _____ to kill her opponent.
n. a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money

2. That emperor amended the law to allow him to continue his _____ rule even after he abdicated.
adj. having absolute power and forcing people to obey completely without asking

3. The practice of _____ has been controversial and debated for centuries.
n. the practice of having more than one spouse at the same time

4. The _____ villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.
adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

5. A power outage _____ after the storm knocked out the electricity.
v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something

6. The _____ of the country was played during the ceremony.
n. a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause

7. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 1. assassin, 2. autocratic, 3. polygamy, 4. impoverished, 5. ensued, 6. anthem, 7. institutionalize

8. The politician tried to _____ the microphone from the moderator during the heated debate.
- v. to forcibly take or pull something away from someone or something else; to obtain something with great effort or struggle; to twist or contort something
9. People in the area were forced to _____ a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.
- v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
10. The _____ organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.
- adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
11. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
- v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
12. The _____ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.
- adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
13. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
14. The _____ smell of smoke clung to his clothes even after he left the campfire.
- adj. continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave

ANSWERS: 8. wrest, 9. hail, 10. genital, 11. liberated, 12. authoritarian, 13. empowered, 14. lingering

15. Some communities began to _____ alcohol consumption.
- v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
16. The politician's _____ won over the crowd at the rally.
- n.* a compelling charm or attractiveness that can inspire devotion and admiration from others, often associated with leadership or celebrity status
17. The new owners _____ the restaurant to give it a fresh start.
- v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something
18. She had a _____ look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.
- adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
19. A _____ of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.
- n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
20. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
21. The government announced a _____ on illegal activities in the city.
- n.* a severe or forceful attempt to suppress or control something, such as illegal or disruptive behavior
22. His actions _____ him from his friends.
- v.* to cause someone to become unfriendly or unsympathetic

ANSWERS: 15. outlaw, 16. charisma, 17. renamed, 18. resigned, 19. swarm, 20. determinant, 21. crackdown, 22. alienated

23. The company decided to move its _____ to New York City.
n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
24. The victim identified her _____ in a police lineup.
n. a person who physically attacks or aggressively criticizes another person or group
25. The athlete's ego became _____ by their success.
adj. swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
26. The _____ of the artwork was a devastating loss for the artist.
n. the act of severely damaging or injuring a person's body or body part, particularly through cutting or disfiguring; the condition of being so damaged or disfigured

ANSWERS: 23. headquarters, 24. assailant, 25. inflated, 26. mutilation