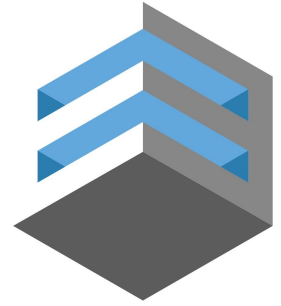


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Session 1: Word List

prenatal

adj. of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth
synonym: antecedent, preconception, prebirth

(1) **prenatal** checkup, (2) **prenatal** development

Prenatal care is essential for ensuring the health of both mother and baby.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

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.

poke

v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
synonym: prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire

They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

nanny

n. a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis

synonym: childcare provider, babysitter, nurse

(1) part-time **nanny**, (2) professional **nanny**

She works as a **nanny** for a family with two young children.

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.

enrich

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

synonym: enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services

Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

nuance

n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

synonym: shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**

The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym: assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the

premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

negligible

adj. so small or insignificant as to be not worth considering; negligible amounts or effects are too minor or unimportant to have any major impact

synonym: insignificant, trivial, minor

(1) **negligible** impact, (2) a **negligible** amount of time

The cost of the repairs was **negligible** compared to the value of the antique car.

upfront

adj. frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance

synonym: honest, authentic, fair

(1) an **upfront** tone, (2) pay **upfront**

He was very **upfront** with him about his intentions.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. po__t the premise | v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration |
| 2. professional na__y | n. a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis |
| 3. a neg_____le amount of time | adj. so small or insignificant as to be not worth considering; negligible amounts or effects are too minor or unimportant to have any major impact |
| 4. an up_____t tone | adj. frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance |
| 5. rich in nu___e | n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc. |
| 6. subtle cultural nu___e | n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc. |
| 7. neg_____le impact | adj. so small or insignificant as to be not worth considering; negligible amounts or effects are too minor or unimportant to have any major impact |
| 8. pr_____al checkup | adj. of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth |
| 9. co_____e the listener | v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |

ANSWERS: 1. posit, 2. nanny, 3. negligible, 4. upfront, 5. nuance, 6. nuance, 7. negligible, 8. prenatal, 9. confuse

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| 10. part-time na__y | <i>n.</i> | a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis |
| 11. po__t the existence of life after death | <i>v.</i> | to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration |
| 12. em____r my life | <i>v.</i> | to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 13. p__e around the desk | <i>v.</i> | to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger |
| 14. 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 |
| 15. en___h public services | <i>v.</i> | to make better or improve in quality by adding something else |
| 16. pr____al development | <i>adj.</i> | of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth |
| 17. co____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> | to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 18. em____r the secretary to do the same | <i>v.</i> | to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 19. en___h a gas with a balloon | <i>v.</i> | to make better or improve in quality by adding something else |
| 20. p__e a fire | <i>v.</i> | to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger |
| 21. environmental det_____nt | <i>n.</i> | a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |

ANSWERS: 10. nanny, 11. posit, 12. empower, 13. poke, 14. determinant, 15. enrich, 16. prenatal, 17. confuse, 18. empower, 19. enrich, 20. poke, 21. determinant

22. pay up____t

adj. frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment)
in advance

ANSWERS: 22. upfront

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Reading not only increases knowledge but also _____ life.
v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
2. She works as a _____ for a family with two young children.
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3. The painter has tried to express every _____ of the woman's expression in his work.
n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
4. _____ care is essential for ensuring the health of both mother and baby.
adj. of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth
5. They _____ fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.
v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
6. The cost of the repairs was _____ compared to the value of the antique car.
adj. so small or insignificant as to be not worth considering; negligible amounts or effects are too minor or unimportant to have any major impact
7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. enriches, 2. nanny, 3. nuance, 4. Prenatal, 5. poked, 6. negligible, 7. determinant

8. 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

9. Her remarks _____ the debate.

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

10. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

11. He was very _____ with him about his intentions.

adj. frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance

ANSWERS: 8. empowered, 9. confused, 10. posit, 11. upfront