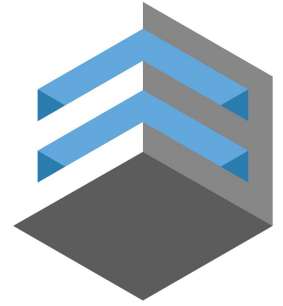


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Session 1: Word List

serene

adj. calm, peaceful, and untroubled; free from disturbances or worries

synonym : calm, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **serene** landscape, (2) a **serene** atmosphere

The **serene** sunset over the ocean was a peaceful sight to behold.

commonwealth

n. a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power

synonym : federation, union, republic

(1) the **commonwealth** of learning, (2) **commonwealth** authority

The **Commonwealth** of Nations is an association of 54 countries, mostly former territories of the British Empire.

stronghold

n. a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations

synonym : fortress, bastion, citadel

(1) the last **stronghold**, (2) **stronghold** bastion

The castle served as a **stronghold** for the kingdom, protecting against invaders.

cossack

n. a member of a people in southern Russia and Ukraine who were known for their skilled horsemanship, military prowess, and fiercely independent spirit

(1) **cossack** hat, (2) **cossack** dance

The **cossack** warrior rode his horse into battle against the enemy.

formidable

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

synonym: daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor

The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

nomad

n. a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode

synonym: wanderer, traveler, rover

(1) **nomad** worker, (2) **nomad** culture

The **nomad** tribe moved from place to place with its herd of sheep.

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.

fertile

adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive

synonym: fruitful, productive, rich

(1) **fertile** ground, (2) **fertile** market

Herbs require **fertile** soil in a sunny, sheltered location.

unclaimed

adj. not claimed, taken, or retrieved by someone who has a right or interest to it; not owned or controlled by anyone or left abandoned

synonym : abandoned, unreclaimed, unowned

(1) **unclaimed** funds, (2) **unclaimed** luggage

After a certain period of time, **unclaimed** property is sold at auction.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym : recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym : reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

ravage

v. to cause damage to something badly

synonym : devastate, ruin, destroy

(1) **ravage** a country, (2) **ravage** the brain

A large fire **ravaged** the forest.

peasant

n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

synonym : farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis

for Christianity

synonym: Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

depose

v. to compel to depart; to remove from office

synonym: displace, oust, expel

(1) **depose** a prime minister, (2) **deposed** dictator

The citizens **deposed** the monarch.

exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym: banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

musket

n. a long, smoothbore gun used in warfare from the 16th to 19th centuries, typically fired from the shoulder and loaded through the muzzle

synonym: rifle, firearm, gun

(1) antique **musket**, (2) civil war **musket**

The **musket** ball was made of lead and could cause serious injuries or even death to those hit by it.

saber

n. a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing

synonym: sword, cutlass, blade

(1) **saber** fencing, (2) ceremonial **saber**

The military commander drew his **saber** and shouted orders to the troops.

battalion

n. a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major

synonym: unit, regiment, squad

(1) infantry **battalion**, (2) armored **battalion**

The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained **battalion**.

orthodox

adj. following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

synonym : traditional, conventional, established

(1) an **orthodox** doctrine, (2) **orthodox** thought

He challenged the **orthodox** views on business.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym : defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

unmarried

adj. not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage

synonym : single, unwed, celibate

(1) young **unmarried** couple, (2) **unmarried** status

She has chosen to remain **unmarried** and focus on her career.

tenuous

adj. very weak or slight that it hardly exists

synonym : slight, fragile, slender

(1) **tenuous** relationship, (2) **tenuous** link

Evidence submitted by attorneys is **tenuous** due to a lack of objectivity.

barrack

v. to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel

synonym : house, lodge, cheer

(1) **barrack** room, (2) **barrack** the opposing team
The soldiers were instructed to **barrack** in the buildings until further notice.

regiment

n. a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine

synonym : unit, brigade, battalion

(1) logistics **regiment**, (2) marching **regiment**
The army **regiment** marched in perfect unison during the parade.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym : train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer
The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

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.

scout

n. a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

synonym : scoutmaster, explorer, surveyor

(1) boy **scout**, (2) **scout** troop
The company sent a **scout** to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.

vow

v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

synonym : promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up
They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

unison

n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

synonym : harmony, accord, unanimity

(1) singing in **unison**, (2) clap the hands in **unison**
They saluted in **unison** to the captain.

brotherhood

n. a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest

synonym : fraternity, camaraderie, companionship

(1) spirit of **brotherhood**, (2) **brotherhood** among coworkers

The **brotherhood** between the firefighters was evident in their teamwork and bravery during the blaze.

foe

n. an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another

synonym : enemy, adversary, opponent

(1) a political **foe**, (2) bitter **foe**

The superhero's arch- **foe** was an evil mastermind who always got away.

oppressive

adj. treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way

synonym : stifling, overwhelming, depressing

(1) the atmosphere was **oppressive**, (2) **oppressive** governments

The political situation has become increasingly **oppressive**.

defiance

n. behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something

synonym : disobedience, disregard, confrontation

(1) fierce **defiance**, (2) adopt an attitude of **defiance**
He acted in **defiance** of our decision.

fraternity

n. a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation

synonym: brotherhood, association, society

(1) the medical **fraternity**, (2) **fraternity** party

My college students join a **fraternity** to make connections and build a sense of community.

Session 2: Spelling

1. teaching of Ch___t
n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
2. un_____ed funds
adj. not claimed, taken, or retrieved by someone who has a right or interest to it; not owned or controlled by anyone or left abandoned
3. for_____le challenge
adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
4. pe_____t class
n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
5. up____d the law
v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
6. str_____ld bastion
n. a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations
7. an or_____ox doctrine
adj. following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
8. a se____e atmosphere
adj. calm, peaceful, and untroubled; free from disturbances or worries

ANSWERS: 1. Christ, 2. unclaimed, 3. formidable, 4. peasant, 5. uphold, 6. stronghold, 7. orthodox, 8. serene

9. sc__t troop *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
10. com_____lth authority *n.* a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power
11. ra___e the brain *v.* to cause damage to something badly
12. up___d tradition *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
13. for_____le competitor *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
14. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
15. civil war mu___t *n.* a long, smoothbore gun used in warfare from the 16th to 19th centuries, typically fired from the shoulder and loaded through the muzzle
16. re_____e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
17. co_____k hat *n.* a member of a people in southern Russia and Ukraine who were known for their skilled horsemanship, military prowess, and fiercely independent spirit

ANSWERS: 9. scout, 10. commonwealth, 11. ravage, 12. uphold, 13. formidable, 14. Christ, 15. musket, 16. reunite, 17. cossack

18. the com_____lth of learning *n.* a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power
19. 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
20. antique mu___t *n.* a long, smoothbore gun used in warfare from the 16th to 19th centuries, typically fired from the shoulder and loaded through the muzzle
21. opp_____ve governments *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
22. re_____e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
23. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
24. sa__r fencing *n.* a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing
25. fe_____e market *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
26. se___e landscape *adj.* calm, peaceful, and untroubled; free from disturbances or worries
27. infantry ba_____on *n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
28. in_____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

ANSWERS: 18. commonwealth, 19. outlaw, 20. musket, 21. oppressive, 22. reunite, 23. instruct, 24. saber, 25. fertile, 26. serene, 27. battalion, 28. instruct

29. ceremonial sa__r *n.* a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing
30. or____ox thought *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
31. singing in un___n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
32. ba____k the opposing team *v.* to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel
33. political ex__e *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
34. un_____ed luggage *adj.* not claimed, taken, or retrieved by someone who has a right or interest to it; not owned or controlled by anyone or left abandoned
35. the medical fra____ty *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
36. bro____od among coworkers *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest

ANSWERS: 29. saber, 30. orthodox, 31. unison, 32. barrack, 33. exile, 34. unclaimed, 35. fraternity, 36. brotherhood

37. ex__e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
38. te____s relationship *adj.* very weak or slight that it hardly exists
39. spirit of bro____od *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
40. fra____ty party *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
41. v_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
42. armored ba____on *n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
43. bitter f_e *n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
44. fe____e ground *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
45. no__d culture *n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
46. v_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
47. marching re____nt *n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine

ANSWERS: 37. exile, 38. tenuous, 39. brotherhood, 40. fraternity, 41. vow, 42. battalion, 43. foe, 44. fertile, 45. nomad, 46. vow, 47. regiment

48. the atmosphere was opp_____ve *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
49. no__d worker *n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
50. de___ed dictator *v.* to compel to depart; to remove from office
51. boy sc__t *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
52. young un_____ed couple *adj.* not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage
53. fierce de_____ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
54. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
55. adopt an attitude of de_____ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
56. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
57. te_____s link *adj.* very weak or slight that it hardly exists
58. 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

ANSWERS: 48. oppressive, 49. nomad, 50. depose, 51. scout, 52. unmarried, 53. defiance, 54. reclaim, 55. defiance, 56. reclaim, 57. tenuous, 58. outlaw

59. exploited pe____t *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
60. the last str_____ld *n.* a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations
61. logistics re____nt *n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine
62. clap the hands in un____n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
63. de____e a prime minister *v.* to compel to depart; to remove from office
64. co____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
65. a political f_e *n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
66. co____k dance *n.* a member of a people in southern Russia and Ukraine who were known for their skilled horsemanship, military prowess, and fiercely independent spirit
67. un____ed status *adj.* not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage

ANSWERS: 59. peasant, 60. stronghold, 61. regiment, 62. unison, 63. depose, 64. confuse, 65. foe, 66. cossack, 67. unmarried

68. ba____k room
- v. to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel
69. co____e fantasy with reality
- v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
70. ra____e a country
- v. to cause damage to something badly

ANSWERS: 68. barrack, 69. confuse, 70. ravage

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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