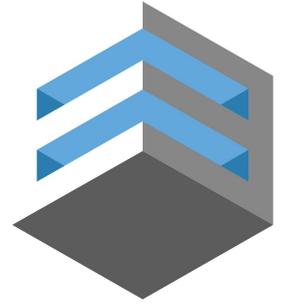


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Session 1: Word List

gable

n. the triangular part of a wall that is formed by the two sides of a sloping roof; the portion of a building's facade that is above the eaves

synonym: peak, apex

(1) **gable** roof, (2) decorative **gable**

The old Victorian house had a beautiful **gable** on its roof.

impeach

v. to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office

synonym: charge, accuse, claim

(1) **impeach** him with an error, (2) **impeach** official

The House of Representatives **impeached** the president for abuse of power.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

censure

n. strong criticism or disapproval; an official expression of disapproval or rebuke; (verb) to criticize or express disapproval of someone or something in a formal or official way

synonym

: condemnation, criticism, disapproval

(1) **censure** him for his failure, (2) **censure** resolution

The athlete received a **censure** from her coaches for violating team rules.

polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

synonym: polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

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.

capitol

n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

synonym: government building, legislative center

(1) the nation's **capitol**, (2) **Capitol** Hill hearing

The **capitol** building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

worldview

n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

synonym: perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient

civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

doe *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare
(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**
Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

idealist *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
synonym: dreamer, idealizer, visionary
(1) **idealist** at heart, (2) an **idealist** perspective
As a dedicated **idealist**, she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

weave *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
synonym: braid, unite, contrive
(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story
The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

pierce *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
synonym: jab, penetrate, stab
(1) **pierce** the armored shells, (2) **pierce** a mystery
The extreme cold **pierced** our bones.

intellect *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness
(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

Vulcan

n. a hypothetical planet that was once believed to exist between Mercury and the Sun proposed in the 19th century to account for certain irregularities in Mercury's orbit; (of Roman mythology) the god of fire, including the fire of volcanoes, metalworking, and the forge

(1) **Vulcan** asteroid, (2) **Vulcan** god

Vulcan's Forge is a nickname for the island of Hawaii due to its active volcanoes.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym : positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

estranged

adj. separated or alienated from someone or something that was once familiar or close; emotionally detached or distant due to a breakdown in a relationship or connection

synonym : alienated, distant, estrous

(1) **estranged** relationship, (2) become **estranged**

After years of not speaking to each other, the **estranged** family members finally reunited.

rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

synonym : recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

yearn

v. to strongly desire or long for something

synonym: long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love

She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

Session 2: Spelling

1. Vu___n asteroid *n.* a hypothetical planet that was once believed to exist between Mercury and the Sun proposed in the 19th century to account for certain irregularities in Mercury's orbit; (of Roman mythology) the god of fire, including the fire of volcanoes, metalworking, and the forge

2. dielectric pol_____ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

3. decorative ga__e *n.* the triangular part of a wall that is formed by the two sides of a sloping roof; the portion of a building's facade that is above the eaves

4. es_____ed relationship *adj.* separated or alienated from someone or something that was once familiar or close; emotionally detached or distant due to a breakdown in a relationship or connection

5. id_____st at heart *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

6. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

ANSWERS: 1. Vulcan, 2. polarization, 3. gable, 4. estranged, 5. idealist, 6. cofounder

7. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
8. mainstream wo_____ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
9. Ca_____l Hill hearing *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
10. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
11. pol_____ion effect *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
12. we__e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
13. 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
14. the nation's ca_____l *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
15. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 7. optimism, 8. worldview, 9. capitol, 10. opportune, 11. polarization, 12. weave, 13. Christ, 14. capitol, 15. doe

16. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
17. ce_____e resolution *n.* strong criticism or disapproval; an official expression of disapproval or rebuke; (verb) to criticize or express disapproval of someone or something in a formal or official way
18. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
19. red_____er a value *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
20. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
21. pi___e the armored shells *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
22. become es_____ed *adj.* separated or alienated from someone or something that was once familiar or close; emotionally detached or distant due to a breakdown in a relationship or connection
23. red_____er an old truth *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
24. Vu___n god *n.* a hypothetical planet that was once believed to exist between Mercury and the Sun proposed in the 19th century to account for certain irregularities in Mercury's orbit; (of Roman mythology) the god of fire, including the fire of volcanoes, metalworking, and the forge

ANSWERS: 16. optimism, 17. censure, 18. doe, 19. rediscover, 20. intellect, 21. pierce, 22. estranged, 23. rediscover, 24. Vulcan

25. 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
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27. im_____h official *v.* to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office
28. ga__e roof *n.* the triangular part of a wall that is formed by the two sides of a sloping roof; the portion of a building's facade that is above the eaves
29. im_____h him with an error *v.* to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office
30. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
31. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
32. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
33. ye__n after my old days *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
34. ce_____e him for his failure *n.* strong criticism or disapproval; an official expression of disapproval or rebuke; (verb) to criticize or express disapproval of someone or something in a formal or official way

ANSWERS: 25. Christ, 26. idealist, 27. impeach, 28. gable, 29. impeach, 30. worldview, 31. opportune, 32. intellect, 33. yearn, 34. censure

35. pi___e a mystery *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
36. ye__n for love *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
37. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
38. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

ANSWERS: 35. pierce, 36. yearn, 37. weave, 38. cofounder

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.
 - n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

2. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of 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

3. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
 - n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

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ANSWERS: 1. capitol, 2. Christmas, 3. doe, 4. cofounder, 5. estranged, 6. opportune, 7. idealist,

8. The old Victorian house had a beautiful _____ on its roof.
- n.* the triangular part of a wall that is formed by the two sides of a sloping roof; the portion of a building's facade that is above the eaves
9. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.
- v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
10. _____ Forge is a nickname for the island of Hawaii due to its active volcanoes.
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ANSWERS: 8. gable, 9. weaves, 10. Vulcan's, 11. censure, 12. pierced, 13. worldviews, 14. impeached

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ANSWERS: 15. optimism, 16. yearned, 17. intellect, 18. rediscovered, 19. polarization