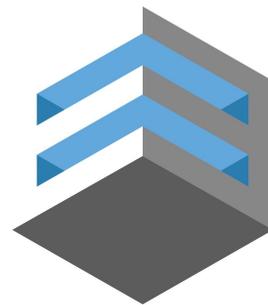


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Session 1: Word List

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.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

stubborn

adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

synonym: persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

instill

v. to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
synonym : implant, ingrain, inculcate

(1) **instill** confidence, (2) **instill** medication into my eye

The teacher attempted to **instill** the importance of hard work in her students.

humanize

v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

synonym : civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

equate

v. to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous

synonym : associate, liken, relate

(1) **equate** mistakes with failure, (2) **equate** to legal responsibility

It isn't very reasonable to **equate** money with happiness.

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.

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym : admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith
The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

affluent

adj. rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth

synonym: wealthy, rich, prosperous

(1) **affluent** society, (2) live in **affluent** circumstances
She lived in an **affluent** neighborhood surrounded by wealth and luxury.

scold

v. to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily

synonym: reprimand, rebuke, chastise

(1) **scold** him for being late, (2) **scold** in a loud voice
He **scolded** his employees for not meeting their deadlines.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym: demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym: smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym: stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction
Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pr____e a disease | v. | to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect |
| 2. sc__d him for being late | v. | to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily |
| 3. fri_____ng experience | adj. | causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming |
| 4. environmental det_____nt | n. | a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 5. live in af_____nt circumstances | adj. | rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth |
| 6. a det_____nt of crop yields | n. | a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 7. cast fri_____ng eyes | adj. | causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming |
| 8. eq___e mistakes with failure | v. | to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous |
| 9. int_____ted by police | v. | to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner |
| 10. sc__d in a loud voice | v. | to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily |
| 11. in_____l medication into my eye | v. | to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually |

ANSWERS: 1. provoke, 2. scold, 3. frightening, 4. determinant, 5. affluent, 6. determinant, 7. frightening, 8. equate, 9. interrogate, 10. scold, 11. instill

12. int_____te an enemy soldier *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
13. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
14. eq___e to legal responsibility *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
15. pr_____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
16. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; *(verb)* to become unclear; to lose clear vision
17. af_____nt society *adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
18. in_____l confidence *v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
19. motion b__r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; *(verb)* to become unclear; to lose clear vision
20. hu_____ze a room *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
21. a con_____on of guilt *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

ANSWERS: 12. interrogate, 13. confession, 14. equate, 15. provoke, 16. blur, 17. affluent, 18. instill, 19. blur, 20. humanize, 21. confession

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
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ANSWERS: 1. determinant, 2. scolded, 3. affluent, 4. yelled, 5. provoked, 6. instill, 7. blur, 8. interrogate

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ANSWERS: 9. confession, 10. humanize, 11. equate, 12. stubborn, 13. degrade, 14. frightening