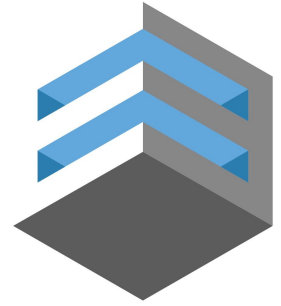


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Session 1: Word List

hinder

v. to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something

synonym: frustrate, hamper, interfere

(1) **hinder** athletic performance, (2) **hinder** international exchanges

The pandemic **hindered** the growth of the airline industry.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

astonished

adj. extremely surprised and upset

synonym: amazed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted

(1) **astonished** at the success, (2) cast **astonished** eyes

She was **astonished** by the news and could hardly believe it.

fertilize

v. to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

synonym: pollinate, inseminate, enrich

(1) **fertilize** the soil, (2) **fertilize** the female egg

The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to **fertilize** a wife.

gong

n. a metal disk that produces a deep, resonant sound when struck with a mallet or other object, often used in percussion music or as a signal in various contexts

synonym: bell, chime, clang

(1) **gong** sound, (2) temple **gong**

As the martial arts master began the demonstration, the sound of the **gong** filled the dojo.

skew

v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

synonym: slant, tilt, distort

(1) **skew** the message, (2) **skew** social values

The results of the poll are **skewed** because it only surveyed a small group of people.

converge

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

synonym: congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points

The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co___r honor v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
2. fe_____ze the female egg v. to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
3. co_____ge from different points v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
4. cast ast_____ed eyes *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
5. fe_____ze the soil v. to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
6. g__g sound *n.* a metal disk that produces a deep, resonant sound when struck with a mallet or other object, often used in percussion music or as a signal in various contexts
7. s__w social values v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
8. co_____ge of a series v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

ANSWERS: 1. confer, 2. fertilize, 3. converge, 4. astonished, 5. fertilize, 6. gong, 7. skew, 8. converge

9. hi___r international exchanges *v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
10. ast_____ed at the success *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
11. hi___r athletic performance *v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
12. s__w the message *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
13. temple g__g *n.* a metal disk that produces a deep, resonant sound when struck with a mallet or other object, often used in percussion music or as a signal in various contexts
14. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 9. hinder, 10. astonished, 11. hinder, 12. skew, 13. gong, 14. confer

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. As the martial arts master began the demonstration, the sound of the _____ filled the dojo.
 - n.* a metal disk that produces a deep, resonant sound when struck with a mallet or other object, often used in percussion music or as a signal in various contexts
2. The results of the poll are _____ because it only surveyed a small group of people.
 - v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
3. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
 - v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
4. The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to _____ a wife.
 - v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
5. She was _____ by the news and could hardly believe it.
 - adj.* extremely surprised and upset
6. The two rivers _____ into one near this area.
 - v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
7. The pandemic _____ the growth of the airline industry.
 - v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something

ANSWERS: 1. gong, 2. skewed, 3. confer, 4. fertilize, 5. astonished, 6. converge, 7. hindered

ANSWERS: