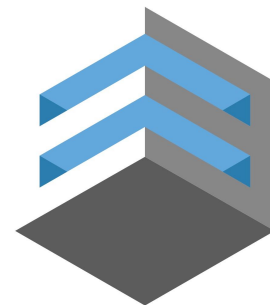


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Session 1: Word List

abolish

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to
synonym: cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship

The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

ratify

v. to officially approve or confirm something, often through a formal process or agreement; to give legal or binding validity to something by formal consent or agreement

synonym: approve, endorse, validate

(1) **ratify** a treaty, (2) **ratify** an agreement

The members of the organization voted to **ratify** the new constitution.

verge

n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

synonym: brink, edge, margin

(1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears

He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.

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.

foresee

v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

synonym: predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. di____t the facts | v. | to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear |
| 2. ve__e of bankruptcy | n. | the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border |
| 3. ab____h censorship | v. | to do away with completely; to put an end to |
| 4. on the ve__e of tears | n. | the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border |
| 5. fo____e the consequences | v. | to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future |
| 6. di____t the economy | v. | to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear |
| 7. 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 |
| 8. fo____e challenges | v. | to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future |

ANSWERS: 1. distort, 2. verge, 3. abolish, 4. verge, 5. foresee, 6. distort, 7. outlaw, 8. foresee

9. ab____h slavery v. to do away with completely; to put an end to
10. ra____y an agreement v. to officially approve or confirm something, often through a formal process or agreement; to give legal or binding validity to something by formal consent or agreement
11. ra____y a treaty v. to officially approve or confirm something, often through a formal process or agreement; to give legal or binding validity to something by formal consent or agreement
12. 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: 9. abolish, 10. ratify, 11. ratify, 12. outlaw

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The members of the organization voted to _____ the new constitution.
 - v. to officially approve or confirm something, often through a formal process or agreement; to give legal or binding validity to something by formal consent or agreement

2. I _____ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.
 - v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

3. The government voted to _____ the outdated law.
 - v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

4. He stood on the _____ of a major discovery.
 - n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

5. Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.
 - v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

6. Some communities began to _____ alcohol consumption.
 - v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

ANSWERS: 1. ratify, 2. foresee, 3. abolish, 4. verge, 5. distort, 6. outlaw