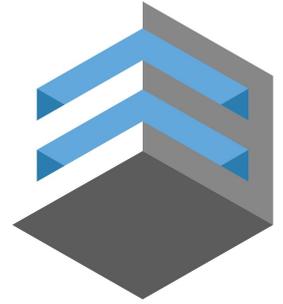


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Session 1: Word List

insurmountable

adj. impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome

synonym : invincible, hopeless, overwhelming

(1) **insurmountable** odds, (2) **insurmountable** disadvantage

The challenge seemed **insurmountable**, but they overcame it with hard work and determination.

solvable

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

synonym : attainable, resolvable, achievable

(1) **solvable** problem, (2) mathematically **solvable** equation

The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite **solvable** with a software update.

porridge

n. a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners

synonym : oatmeal, gruel, mush

(1) oat **porridge**, (2) sweet **porridge**

A bowl of hot **porridge** is a nutritious breakfast option in winter.

stunt

n. a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

synonym: feat, accomplishment, (verb) hinder

(1) skydiving **stunt**, (2) **stunt** brain growth

The daredevil attempted a dangerous **stunt** by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

farmland

n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes

synonym: agriculture, cropland

(1) **farmland** acreage, (2) fertile **farmland**

The government is encouraging farmers to expand their **farmland** to increase food production.

savannah

n. a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

synonym: grassland, plain

(1) **savannah** region, (2) tropical **savannah**

The birds live in tropical forests, **savannahs**, and arid semi-desert environments.

disastrous

adj. extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

synonym: catastrophic, destructive, fatal

(1) have **disastrous** consequences, (2) absolutely **disastrous** effect

The emission of hazardous substances has **disastrous** effects on the ecology of a region.

radiate

v. to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

synonym : give off, scatter, beam

(1) **radiate** an aura, (2) **radiate** in all directions

Roads **radiate** from the famous building in the center of the city.

smallholding

n. a small farm or estate that the owner or family typically works; often used to describe a farm that is smaller than a standard agricultural unit

synonym : small farm, homestead, mini ranch

(1) **smallholding** farm, (2) **smallholding** agriculture

The farmer's **smallholding** was enough to grow and sell vegetables for their family at the local market.

hoe

n. a garden tool with a flat blade attached at right angles to a long handle

(1) garden **hoe**, (2) weeding **hoe**

She purchased a **hoe** and a sickle for a backyard vegetable garden.

pollinate

v. to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others

synonym : fertilize, propagate

(1) **pollinate** plants, (2) **pollinate** fruit trees

Without bees to **pollinate** the flowers, many crops would not exist.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

compost

n. a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil

synonym : fertilizer, humus, manure

(1) organic **compost**, (2) **compost** pile

You can add coffee grounds and crushed eggshells to your **compost** to improve the pH balance.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

hands-on

adj. actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something

synonym : practical, involved, hands-in

(1) **hands-on** activity, (2) take a **hands-on** approach

The **hands-on** workshop allowed attendees to work with tools and materials, developing their skills in a hands-on environment.

hardworking

adj. tending to work with a lot of effort and care

synonym : diligent, dedicated, conscientious

(1) **hardworking** student, (2) retire from **hardworking** life

They sought candidates with **hardworking** and good-natured.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym: prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

supercomputer

n. a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing

synonym: high-performance computer, mainframe, giant computer

(1) **supercomputer** performance, (2) **supercomputer** technology

China has developed one of the world's fastest **supercomputers** for its space program.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. po_____te fruit trees
v. to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
2. sma_____ing agriculture
n. a small farm or estate that the owner or family typically works; often used to describe a farm that is smaller than a standard agricultural unit
3. oat po_____ge
n. a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
4. so_____le problem
adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
5. ha_____on activity
adj. actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something
6. de_____te a few hours
v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
7. vi_____ry business
adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

ANSWERS: 1. pollinate, 2. smallholding, 3. porridge, 4. solvable, 5. hands-on, 6. dedicate, 7. visionary

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| 8. fertile fa____nd | <i>n.</i> land used for farming or agricultural purposes |
| 9. in____t ancestral property | <i>v.</i> to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died |
| 10. sa____ah region | <i>n.</i> a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close |
| 11. imp______ion on stage | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation |
| 12. chemical tr__t | <i>n.</i> a particular feature of your nature |
| 13. take a ha____on approach | <i>adj.</i> actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something |
| 14. ra____e in all directions | <i>v.</i> to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions |
| 15. sma____ing farm | <i>n.</i> a small farm or estate that the owner or family typically works; often used to describe a farm that is smaller than a standard agricultural unit |
| 16. mathematically so____le equation | <i>adj.</i> capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge |
| 17. po____te plants | <i>v.</i> to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others |

ANSWERS: 8. farmland, 9. inherit, 10. savannah, 11. improvisation, 12. trait, 13. hands-on, 14. radiate, 15. smallholding, 16. solvable, 17. pollinate

18. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
19. fa_____nd acreage *n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes
20. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
21. sweet po_____ge *n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
22. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
23. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
24. sup_____ter technology *n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing
25. absolutely dis_____us effect *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
26. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
27. st__t brain growth *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

ANSWERS: 18. philanthropy, 19. farmland, 20. improvisation, 21. porridge, 22. trait, 23. opportune, 24. supercomputer, 25. disastrous, 26. sub-Saharan, 27. stunt

28. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
29. garden h_e *n.* a garden tool with a flat blade attached at right angles to a long handle
30. ra_____e an aura *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
31. retire from har_____ng life *adj.* tending to work with a lot of effort and care
32. organic co_____t *n.* a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil
33. vi_____ry ideas *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
34. ins_____ble odds *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
35. co_____t pile *n.* a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil
36. tropical sa_____ah *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
37. skydiving st__t *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

ANSWERS: 28. excite, 29. hoe, 30. radiate, 31. hardworking, 32. compost, 33. visionary, 34. insurmountable, 35. compost, 36. savannah, 37. stunt

38. har_____ng student *adj.* tending to work with a lot of effort and care
39. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
40. have dis_____us consequences *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
41. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
42. sup_____ter performance *n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing
43. weeding h_e *n.* a garden tool with a flat blade attached at right angles to a long handle
44. ins_____ble disadvantage *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
45. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
46. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
47. ex_____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
48. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 38. hardworking, 39. dedicate, 40. disastrous, 41. philanthropy, 42. supercomputer, 43. hoe, 44. insurmountable, 45. inherit, 46. sub-Saharan, 47. excite, 48. opportune

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The birds live in tropical forests, _____ and arid semi-desert environments.
 - n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
2. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.
 - n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
3. You can add coffee grounds and crushed eggshells to your _____ to improve the pH balance.
 - n.* a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil
4. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
 - n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
5. Without bees to _____ the flowers, many crops would not exist.
 - v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
6. The news of her promotion _____ her.
 - v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
7. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
 - adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. savannahs, 2. philanthropy, 3. compost, 4. improvisation, 5. pollinate, 6. excited, 7. opportune

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10. After his death, his sons _____ his business.

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

11. Roads _____ from the famous building in the center of the city.

v. to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

12. The emission of hazardous substances has _____ effects on the ecology of a region.

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13. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

14. He _____ his life to helping others.

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 8. solvable, 9. stunt, 10. inherited, 11. radiate, 12. disastrous, 13. sub-Saharan, 14. dedicated

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n. a particular feature of your nature
16. The _____ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.
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17. A bowl of hot _____ is a nutritious breakfast option in winter.
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22. The farmer's _____ was enough to grow and sell vegetables for their family at the local market.
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ANSWERS: 15. traits, 16. visionary, 17. porridge, 18. hardworking, 19. supercomputers, 20. insurmountable, 21. hoe, 22. smallholding

23. The _____ workshop allowed attendees to work with tools and materials, developing their skills in a hands-on environment.

adj. actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something

24. The government is encouraging farmers to expand their _____ to increase food production.

n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes

ANSWERS: 23. hands-on, 24. farmland