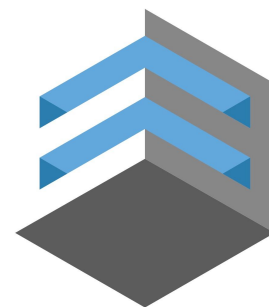


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Session 1: Word List

slew

v. to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay;
(noun) a large number or amount or extent

synonym: slide, curve, (noun) heap

(1) **slew** around suddenly, (2) have a **slew** of ideas

He **slew** many Trojan warriors in this war.

deluge

n. a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something

synonym: flood, downpour, surge

(1) get caught in the **deluge**, (2) a **deluge** of fire

Recent developments in data analysis techniques have been instrumental in finding insights from the data **deluge**.

veil

n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

synonym: cover, mask, (verb) conceal

(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face

He lifted her **veil** with both hands.

repercussion

n. an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action

synonym: impact, consequence, outcome

(1) the **repercussion** of an action, (2) cultural **repercussion**
The decision had far-reaching **repercussions** and affected many people.

resigned

adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

synonym : submissive, acquiescent, passive

(1) with a **resigned** voice, (2) **resigned** to their fate
She had a **resigned** look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers
A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

allegation

n. an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law

synonym : claim, assertion, declaration

(1) baseless **allegations**, (2) **allegation** of corruption
The **allegation** of fraud against the politician damaged his reputation.

cello

n. a large stringed instrument of the viola family, typically held between the knees when played; also known as violoncello

synonym : violoncello, violincello

(1) the beautiful sound of a **cello**, (2) **cello** music
She played a passionate solo on her **cello**.

phenomenal

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

synonym : extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

secretcy

n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

synonym: confidentiality, clandestineness, closeness

(1) government **secretcy**, (2) maintain **secretcy**

The company's **secretcy** surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

exposition

n. a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

synonym: explanation, description, account

(1) an international **exposition**, (2) rational **exposition**

The **exposition** in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.

baffle

v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

synonym: perplex, astound, hinder

(1) **baffle** his plan, (2) **baffle** outside noises

The paradox **baffled** most philosophers.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

stash

v. to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use

synonym: hoard, stockpile, reserve

(1) **stash** gems in a safe, (2) **stash** your phone

He **stashed** away a large amount of money in a Swiss bank.

caiman

n. a type of predatory reptile that belongs to the crocodylian family which resembles alligators and crocodiles but are smaller in size, typically found in Central and South America

synonym: alligator, crocodile, reptile

(1) **caiman** conservation, (2) **caiman** population

The **caiman's** diet mainly consists of fish and small mammals.

undercover

adj. carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

synonym: covert, hidden, stealthy

(1) **undercover** operation, (2) **undercover** journalist

The **undercover** police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.

entrench

v. to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area

synonym: establish, fortify, secure

(1) **entrench** power, (2) **entrench** beliefs

The general tried to **entrench** his troops on the hill to avoid the attack.

evasion

n. the act of avoiding or escaping from someone or something, such as an opponent, a pursuer, or an unpleasant situation

synonym: escape, avoidance, dodging

(1) **evasion** of responsibility, (2) take shelter in **evasion**

The **evasion** of his responsibility was reprehensible.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym: judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

gloom

n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty

synonym: darkness, depression, melancholy

(1) a sense of **gloom**, (2) **gloom-filled** room

The **gloom** of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.

optimist

n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

synonym: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

bipartisan

adj. involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

synonym: neutral, impartial, nonpartisan

(1) promote **bipartisan** cooperation, (2) **bipartisan** agreement

The legislation was passed with **bipartisan** support from both parties.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym: upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

peek

n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

synonym: glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bip_____an agreement *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
2. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
3. en_____ch beliefs *v.* to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area
4. st__h your phone *v.* to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use
5. s__w around suddenly *v.* to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent
6. promote bip_____an cooperation *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
7. v__l of mystery *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
8. the beautiful sound of a ce__o *n.* a large stringed instrument of the viola family, typically held between the knees when played; also known as violoncello
9. a sense of gl__m *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
10. excessive op_____st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

ANSWERS: 1. bipartisan, 2. doom, 3. entrench, 4. stash, 5. slew, 6. bipartisan, 7. veil, 8. cello, 9. gloom, 10. optimist

11. ca___n population *n.* a type of predatory reptile that belongs to the crocodylian family which resembles alligators and crocodiles but are smaller in size, typically found in Central and South America
12. Se___e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
13. an international exp_____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
14. Se___e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
15. di_____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
16. di_____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
17. maintain se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
18. get caught in the de___e *n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something
19. baseless all_____ons *n.* an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law
20. phe_____al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding

ANSWERS: 11. caiman, 12. Senate, 13. exposition, 14. Senate, 15. disguise, 16. disguise, 17. secrecy, 18. deluge, 19. allegation, 20. phenomenal

21. st__h gems in a safe *v.* to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use
22. military di____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
23. with a re____ed voice *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
24. a de____e of fire *n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something
25. re____ed to their fate *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
26. ba____e outside noises *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
27. und____er journalist *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
28. the rep____ion of an action *n.* an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action
29. ca____n conservation *n.* a type of predatory reptile that belongs to the crocodylian family which resembles alligators and crocodiles but are smaller in size, typically found in Central and South America

ANSWERS: 21. stash, 22. dictator, 23. resigned, 24. deluge, 25. resigned, 26. baffle, 27. undercover, 28. repercussion, 29. caiman

30. co____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
31. ba____e his plan *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
32. ce__o music *n.* a large stringed instrument of the viola family, typically held between the knees when played; also known as violoncello
33. ev____n of responsibility *n.* the act of avoiding or escaping from someone or something, such as an opponent, a pursuer, or an unpleasant situation
34. op____st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
35. co____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
36. fl____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
37. gl__m-filled room *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
38. p__k at others' misfortune *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
39. all____on of corruption *n.* an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law

ANSWERS: 30. confuse, 31. baffle, 32. cello, 33. evasion, 34. optimist, 35. confuse, 36. flourish, 37. gloom, 38. peek, 39. allegation

40. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
41. v__l her face *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
42. sneak p__k *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
43. en____ch power *v.* to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area
44. have a s__w of ideas *v.* to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent
45. a di____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
46. rational exp____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
47. fl____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
48. cultural rep____ion *n.* an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action
49. und____er operation *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

ANSWERS: 40. doom, 41. veil, 42. peek, 43. entrench, 44. slew, 45. dictator, 46. exposition, 47. flourish, 48. repercussion, 49. undercover

50. government se_____y

n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

51. take shelter in ev_____n

n. the act of avoiding or escaping from someone or something, such as an opponent, a pursuer, or an unpleasant situation

52. phe_____al growth

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

ANSWERS: 50. secrecy, 51. evasion, 52. phenomenal

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The general tried to _____ his troops on the hill to avoid the attack.
v. to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area
2. The _____ of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.
n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
3. The _____ of fraud against the politician damaged his reputation.
n. an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law
4. The legislation was passed with _____ support from both parties.
adj. involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
5. She is a confident _____ who always looks on the bright side.
n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
6. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
7. The _____ police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.
adj. carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

ANSWERS: 1. entrench, 2. gloom, 3. allegation, 4. bipartisan, 5. optimist, 6. confused, 7. undercover

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9. The _____ in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.
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15. He _____ away a large amount of money in a Swiss bank.
- v. to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use

ANSWERS: 8. baffled, 9. exposition, 10. disguised, 11. resigned, 12. flourished, 13. cello, 14. caiman's, 15. stashed

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20. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.

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21. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

22. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

23. The _____ of his responsibility was reprehensible.

n. the act of avoiding or escaping from someone or something, such as an opponent, a pursuer, or an unpleasant situation

ANSWERS: 16. peek, 17. veil, 18. secrecy, 19. slew, 20. dictator, 21. Senate, 22. doom, 23. evasion

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26. The athlete's _____ performance broke all previous records.

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

ANSWERS: 24. deluge, 25. repercussions, 26. phenomenal