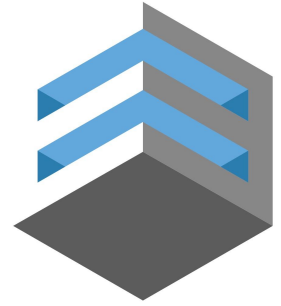


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Session 1: Word List

recreation

n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

synonym : amusement, entertainment, refreshment

(1) outdoor **recreation**, (2) **recreation** of the homeland

Basketball is their usual **recreation** after school.

compose

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

synonym : compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

allegro

n. a tempo marking indicating that music should be played in a lively, brisk manner

(1) **allegro** moderato, (2) molto **allegro**

The music began with an **allegro** tempo, setting a lively and energetic tone.

den

n. a wild animal's lair or hiding places, such as a fox or bear

synonym : lair, burrow, nest

(1) gambling **den**, (2) bear **den**

The fox had dug a **den** in the side of the hill, where it could rest and hide from predators.

doe *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

concert *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

synonym: gig, musical, show

(1) have a **concert** again, (2) a benefit **concert**

This artist always packs the **concert** halls.

magical *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

typical *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

couch *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

synonym: sofa, settee, divan

(1) leather **couch**, (2) a **couch** potato

I love to relax on the **couch** and watch movies on the weekends.

influenza

n. (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics

synonym : grippe, flu

(1) an epidemic outbreak of **influenza**, (2) **influenza B** strain

The research institute allocated a lot of money to study the cause and prevention of **influenza**.

browse

v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

synonym : look around, look through, scan

(1) **browse** a website, (2) **browse** through the text

We **browsed** in a souvenir shop.

keyboard

n. device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work

synonym : console, piano

(1) numeric **keyboard**, (2) **keyboard** instruments

Please strike the "enter" on the **keyboard**.

download

v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

synonym : load, save, transfer

(1) **download** files from the Internet, (2) **download** the assignment from the website

I need to **download** the latest update for my computer's operating system.

prejudice

n. a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

synonym : bias, preconception, predisposition

(1) deep-rooted **prejudice**, (2) color **prejudice**
This community is free of social **prejudice**.

amazement

n. a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected

synonym: astonishment, wonder, surprise

(1) express **amazement**, (2) feeling of **amazement**

The magician's disappearing act left the audience in **amazement**.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

melancholy

n. a feeling of sadness, disappointment, or boredom, often accompanied by a lack of energy or motivation

synonym: sadness, sorrow, gloom

(1) feel **melancholy**, (2) nostalgic **melancholy**

His **melancholy** mood was apparent to everyone who knew him.

energetic

adj. possessing or exerting or displaying energy

synonym: active, animated, lively

(1) **energetic** density, (2) **energetic** dog

This process caused an **energetic** chemical reaction.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things

It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

vital

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

synonym : critical, crucial, invigorating

(1) play a **vital** role, (2) **vital** for a healthy society

Perseverance and optimism are **vital** to success.

jazz

n. a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

synonym : swing, blues, bebop

(1) **jazz** club, (2) a school **jazz** band

He listened to **jazz** music to relax after a long day at work.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym : ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym : stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. al____o moderato | <i>n.</i> a tempo marking indicating that music should be played in a lively, brisk manner |
| 2. buck and d_e | <i>n.</i> a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit |
| 3. do____ad the assignment from the website | <i>v.</i> to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device |
| 4. ma____l powers | <i>adj.</i> produced by or containing supernatural powers |
| 5. br____e a website | <i>v.</i> to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants |
| 6. com____ty theory | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand |
| 7. deep-rooted pr____ce | <i>n.</i> a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge |
| 8. fairly ty____l symptoms | <i>adj.</i> having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things |

ANSWERS: 1. allegro, 2. doe, 3. download, 4. magical, 5. browse, 6. complexity, 7. prejudice, 8. typical

9. do_____ad files from the Internet *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
10. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
11. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
12. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
13. a benefit co_____t *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
14. rec_____on of the homeland *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
15. gambling d_n *n.* a wild animal's lair or hiding places, such as a fox or bear
16. an epidemic outbreak of in_____za *n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
17. play a vi__l role *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something

ANSWERS: 9. download, 10. constant, 11. complexity, 12. firm, 13. concert, 14. recreation, 15. den, 16. influenza, 17. vital

27. numeric ke____rd *n.* device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work
28. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
29. ma____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
30. express am____nt *n.* a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected
31. a co____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
32. en____ic dog *adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
33. feeling of am____nt *n.* a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected
34. co____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
35. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
36. en____ic density *adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
37. j__z club *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

ANSWERS: 27. keyboard, 28. relate, 29. magical, 30. amazement, 31. constant, 32. energetic, 33. amazement, 34. contrast, 35. doe, 36. energetic, 37. jazz

38. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
39. br___e through the text *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
40. leather co__h *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
41. feel mel_____ly *n.* a feeling of sadness, disappointment, or boredom, often accompanied by a lack of energy or motivation
42. have a co_____t again *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
43. outdoor rec_____on *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
44. nostalgic mel_____ly *n.* a feeling of sadness, disappointment, or boredom, often accompanied by a lack of energy or motivation
45. co_____e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
46. molto al_____o *n.* a tempo marking indicating that music should be played in a lively, brisk manner

ANSWERS: 38. invite, 39. browse, 40. couch, 41. melancholy, 42. concert, 43. recreation, 44. melancholy, 45. compose, 46. allegro

47. a school j__z band
- n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
48. bear d_n
- n.* a wild animal's lair or hiding places, such as a fox or bear
49. in___e criticism
- v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
50. color pr_____ce
- n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

ANSWERS: 47. jazz, 48. den, 49. invite, 50. prejudice

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The fox had dug a ____ in the side of the hill, where it could rest and hide from predators.
n. a wild animal's lair or hiding places, such as a fox or bear

2. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

3. Basketball is their usual _____ after school.
n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

4. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

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adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

6. This community is free of social _____.
n. a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

7. We _____ in a souvenir shop.
v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

ANSWERS: 1. den, 2. Constant, 3. recreation, 4. complexity, 5. firm, 6. prejudice, 7. browsed

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n. a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
9. This process caused an _____ chemical reaction.
adj. possessing or exerting or displaying energy
10. His _____ mood was apparent to everyone who knew him.
n. a feeling of sadness, disappointment, or boredom, often accompanied by a lack of energy or motivation
11. The music began with an _____ tempo, setting a lively and energetic tone.
n. a tempo marking indicating that music should be played in a lively, brisk manner
12. The structure is _____ of three main components.
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14. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
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15. This artwork is _____ of her work.
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

ANSWERS: 8. jazz, 9. energetic, 10. melancholy, 11. allegro, 12. composed, 13. concert, 14. invite, 15. typical

16. I need to _____ the latest update for my computer's operating system.

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20. I love to relax on the _____ and watch movies on the weekends.

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21. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

- v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

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ANSWERS: 16. download, 17. amazement, 18. magical, 19. vital, 20. couch, 21. relate, 22. influenza

23. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.

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24. Please strike the "enter" on the _____.

n. device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work

25. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 23. contrast, 24. keyboard, 25. doe