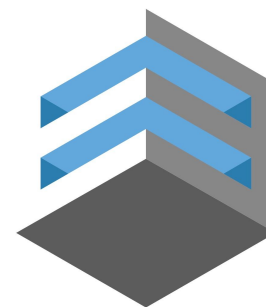


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Session 1: Word List

endow

v. to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution

synonym: finance, subsidize, support

(1) **endow** him with the power, (2) **endow** the scholarship

Some people believe that human is **endowed** with reason and capable of distinguishing good from evil.

liberty

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

synonym: freedom, autonomy, independence

(1) personal **liberty**, (2) **liberty** as a right

The founding fathers fought for the **liberty** of the American people.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym: seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

declaration

n. a formal or explicit statement or announcement

synonym: statement, announcement, proclamation

(1) **declaration** of independence, (2) unilateral **declaration**

The President made the **declaration** of war.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

concord

n. a state of agreement, harmony, or mutual understanding; a formal agreement or treaty; a musical chord that is in harmony; unity or compatibility in thoughts, opinions, or actions

synonym: agreement, harmony, unity

(1) **concord** agreement, (2) global **concord**

The negotiation resulted in a peaceful **concord** between the two nations.

continental

adj. of or relating to a continent (= one of the earth's large landmasses)

synonym: mainland, intercontinental, transcontinental

(1) **continental** divide, (2) polar **continental** air

The **continental** breakfast at the hotel was included with the room.

Congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym: legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **Congress**, (2) peace **Congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information

on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

resolution

n. a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display

synonym: determination, decision, settlement

(1) **resolution** of a conflict, (2) display **resolution**

He made a New Year's **resolution** to exercise more and eat healthier.

approve

v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

synonym: accept, authorize, agree

(1) **approve** a measures, (2) unanimously **approve** a resolution

My boss wouldn't **approve** of the plan.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym: accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

influential

adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

synonym: potent, significant, meaningful

(1) an **influential** newspaper, (2) an **influential** politician

Early childhood experiences are very **influential** for people.

delegate

n. a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone

synonym: representative, envoy, agent

(1) **delegate** a routine task, (2) send a **delegate**

The **delegate** from the small country was not allowed to speak at the meeting.

footnote

n. a note of additional information provided at the bottom of a page in a book or document, often indicated by a superscript number or symbol in the main text

synonym: annotation, comment, reference

(1) **footnote** citation, (2) add a **footnote**

I included a **footnote** in my essay to provide additional information and sources for my argument.

memorable

adj. worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

synonym : extraordinary, noteworthy, unforgettable

(1) create **memorable** experiences, (2) least **memorable** song

His passionate speech makes a **memorable** impression.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym : expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

tweak

v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

synonym : nip, pinch, fine-tune

(1) **tweak** his cheek, (2) **tweak** the economy

He didn't **tweak** the plan, even though he had time.

fume

v. to emit gas, smoke, vapor, or a strong, unpleasant odor; to show anger, irritation, or annoyance in a visible way;
(*noun*) gas or vapor that is emitted from a substance, usually as a result of heating or combustion

synonym : smoke, vaporize, emit

(1) **fume** with anger, (2) acrid **fumes**

The angry customer began to **fume** when their order was

delayed.

delete

v. to remove something, especially that has been written;
to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information

synonym: erase, wipe out, remove

(1) **delete** a file, (2) **delete** this modification

Highlight the sentences that you want to **delete**.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's
power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer
service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets
enough exercise and a healthy diet.

slave

n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by
someone; a person entirely dominated by some
influence or a person

synonym: captive, bondservant, hard worker

(1) a **slave** of drink, (2) a **slave** trader

You should work hard but not be a **slave** to it.

slavery

n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling
people as property and forcing them to work

synonym: bondage, servitude, enslavement

(1) **slavery** labor, (2) institution of **slavery**

The abolition of **slavery** in the United States was a major
achievement in the fight for human rights.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery
store earlier that day.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pu___e freedoms
v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
2. re__r to a book
v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
3. ce_____te Christmas
v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
4. ind_____nce ceremony
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
5. global co____d
n. a state of agreement, harmony, or mutual understanding; a formal agreement or treaty; a musical chord that is in harmony; unity or compatibility in thoughts, opinions, or actions
6. polar con_____al air
adj. of or relating to a continent (= one of the earth's large landmasses)
7. eve_____ly succeed
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
8. tw__k the economy
v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
9. de___e topic
n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 1. pursue, 2. refer, 3. celebrate, 4. independence, 5. concord, 6. continental, 7. eventually, 8. tweak, 9. debate

10. de_____te a routine task *n.* a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone
11. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
12. ap_____e a measures *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
13. li_____y as a right *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
14. tw__k his cheek *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
15. display res_____on *n.* a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display
16. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
17. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
18. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
19. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 10. delegate, 11. eventually, 12. approve, 13. liberty, 14. tweak, 15. resolution, 16. slightly, 17. largely, 18. discuss, 19. mention

20. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
21. res_____on of a conflict *n.* a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display
22. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
23. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
24. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
25. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
26. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
27. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
28. acrid f__es *v.* to emit gas, smoke, vapor, or a strong, unpleasant odor; to show anger, irritation, or annoyance in a visible way; (noun) gas or vapor that is emitted from a substance, usually as a result of heating or combustion

ANSWERS: 20. nation, 21. resolution, 22. creditor, 23. mention, 24. nation, 25. creditor, 26. adopt, 27. pursue, 28. fume

29. ready-made ph___es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
30. sl_____y labor *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
31. a sl__e trader *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
32. send a de_____te *n.* a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone
33. noun ph___e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
34. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
35. peace co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
36. unilateral dec_____on *n.* a formal or explicit statement or announcement
37. fo_____te citation *n.* a note of additional information provided at the bottom of a page in a book or document, often indicated by a superscript number or symbol in the main text

ANSWERS: 29. phrase, 30. slavery, 31. slave, 32. delegate, 33. phrase, 34. debate, 35. congress, 36. declaration, 37. footnote

38. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
39. sl____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
40. la____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
41. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
42. de___e a file *v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
43. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
44. en__w him with the power *v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
45. f__e with anger *v.* to emit gas, smoke, vapor, or a strong, unpleasant odor; to show anger, irritation, or annoyance in a visible way; (noun) gas or vapor that is emitted from a substance, usually as a result of heating or combustion
46. de___e this modification *v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
47. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence

ANSWERS: 38. refer, 39. slightly, 40. largely, 41. responsible, 42. delete, 43. responsible, 44. endow, 45. fume, 46. delete, 47. independence

48. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
49. co_____d agreement *n.* a state of agreement, harmony, or mutual understanding; a formal agreement or treaty; a musical chord that is in harmony; unity or compatibility in thoughts, opinions, or actions
50. institution of sl_____y *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
51. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
52. con_____al divide *adj.* of or relating to a continent (= one of the earth's large landmasses)
53. an inf_____al politician *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
54. a sl__e of drink *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
55. create me_____le experiences *adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
56. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

ANSWERS: 48. congress, 49. concord, 50. slavery, 51. discuss, 52. continental, 53. influential, 54. slave, 55. memorable, 56. adopt

57. add a fo____te *n.* a note of additional information provided at the bottom of a page in a book or document, often indicated by a superscript number or symbol in the main text
58. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
59. en__w the scholarship *v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
60. an inf_____al newspaper *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
61. unanimously ap_____e a resolution *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
62. least me_____le song *adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
63. personal li_____y *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
64. dec_____on of independence *n.* a formal or explicit statement or announcement

ANSWERS: 57. footnote, 58. celebrate, 59. endow, 60. influential, 61. approve, 62. memorable, 63. liberty, 64. declaration

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ from the small country was not allowed to speak at the meeting.
n. a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone
2. The President made the _____ of war.
n. a formal or explicit statement or announcement
3. He made a New Year's _____ to exercise more and eat healthier.
n. a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display
4. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
5. Some people believe that human is _____ with reason and capable of distinguishing good from evil.
v. to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
6. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
7. The founding fathers fought for the _____ of the American people.
n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

ANSWERS: 1. delegate, 2. declaration, 3. resolution, 4. responsible, 5. endowed, 6. creditor, 7. liberty

8. Highlight the sentences that you want to _____.
- v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
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- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
10. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
- n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
11. Early childhood experiences are very _____ for people.
- adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
12. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.
- n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
13. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
14. His passionate speech makes a _____ impression.
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ANSWERS: 8. delete, 9. mentioned, 10. independence, 11. influential, 12. Congress, 13. nation, 14. memorable, 15. concord

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- adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
18. She intends to _____ a political career.
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19. The _____ breakfast at the hotel was included with the room.
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23. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
- v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

ANSWERS: 16. slavery, 17. eventually, 18. pursue, 19. continental, 20. fume, 21. largely, 22. discuss, 23. adopted

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25. My boss wouldn't _____ of the plan.
- v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
26. I included a _____ in my essay to provide additional information and sources for my argument.
- n.* a note of additional information provided at the bottom of a page in a book or document, often indicated by a superscript number or symbol in the main text
27. He moved his body _____ to the left.
- adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
28. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
- v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
29. He didn't _____ the plan, even though he had time.
- v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
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- n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together

ANSWERS: 24. debate, 25. approve, 26. footnote, 27. slightly, 28. refer, 29. tweak, 30. celebrated, 31. phrase

32. You should work hard but not be a _____ to it.

- n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

ANSWERS: 32. slave