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Session 1: Word List

quotient

n. a degree or measure of a specific quality or characteristic; the result of dividing one number by another

synonym: dividend, ratio, proportion

(1) **quotient** rule, (2) creativity **quotient**

My intelligence **quotient** is below average, according to the test results.

Wikipedia

n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

synonym: online encyclopedia, webpedia

(1) **Wikipedia** entry, (2) **Wikipedia** article

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probabilistic

adj. characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

synonym: probable, statistical, likely

(1) **probabilistic** model, (2) **probabilistic** approach

In a **probabilistic** system, the outcome is uncertain and can

vary based on chance.

techie

n. a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

synonym : geek, technician, computer expert

(1) gadget **techies**, (2) aspiring **techies**

Our company hired a **techie** consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

choke

v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

synonym : strangle, suffocate, clog

(1) **choke** with anger, (2) **choke** off the blood supply

The baby started to **choke** on a piece of apple.

impatience

n. a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

synonym : impatience, restlessness, agitation

(1) **impatience** with delays, (2) business **impatience**

The doctor advised him to manage his **impatience** as stress could exacerbate his medical condition.

bovine

adj. relating to or resembling cows or cattle; pertaining to the characteristics or behavior of bovines

synonym : cattle-like, bovid, cow-like

(1) **bovine** disease, (2) **bovine** respiratory disease

The farm had a herd of **bovine** animals, including cows and bulls.

appreciative

adj. expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with pleasure or enjoyment

synonym : grateful, thankful, pleased

(1) **appreciative** audience, (2) **appreciative** nod

The teacher was **appreciative** of the student's dedication and hard work.

yearn

v. to strongly desire or long for something

synonym : long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love

She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

sterile

adj. free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing

synonym : clean, germ-free, hygienic

(1) **sterile** environment, (2) a **sterile** man

Surgeons must use **sterile** instruments to prevent infection during an operation.

rebellion

n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

synonym : insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

congressperson

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

synonym : lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

remix

v. to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

synonym : recreate, recompose, alter

(1) **remix** a couple of tracks, (2) **remix** the album

He **remixed** the tracks to give them a jazz feel.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym : surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

pundit

n. an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

synonym : expert, commentator, punditry

(1) conservative **pundit**, (2) sports **pundit**

The political **pundit** provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.

thaw

v. to become less rigid or hostile; to melt, soften, or become more friendly

synonym : melt, defrost, unfreeze

(1) **thaw** out a glacier, (2) **thaw** relations between countries

The sun was beginning to **thaw** the frozen ground.

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.

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. business imp_____ce
n. a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
2. app_____ive audience
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3. Wi_____ia entry
n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
4. ch__e with anger
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5. hawkish con_____son
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7. qu____nt rule *n.* a degree or measure of a specific quality or characteristic; the result of dividing one number by another
8. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
9. 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
10. re__x a couple of tracks *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
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14. pro_____tic model *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

ANSWERS: 7. quotient, 8. astonishing, 9. concord, 10. remix, 11. appreciative, 12. bovine, 13. choke, 14. probabilistic

15. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
16. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
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