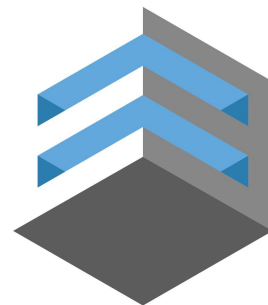


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Session 1: Word List

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

sprawl

v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

synonym : drape, spread out

(1) **sprawl** out luxuriously on the sofa, (2) **sprawl** for acres

The lush vegetation **sprawls** across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

reorganize

v. to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of organization

synonym : rearrange, reconstruct, reshuffle

(1) **reorganize** a department, (2) **reorganize** his debts

The new CEO was appointed to **reorganize** their business.

belch

v. to expel air from the stomach through the mouth with a noisy or offensive sound, typically as a result of swallowing air or because of indigestion

synonym : burp, eruct, rumble

(1) **belch** chemical waste into the atmosphere, (2) **belch**

loudly

The bubbling mud in the hot spring occasionally **belch** up a foul odor.

prosthetic

adj. of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant

(1) have **prosthetic** arms, (2) **prosthetic** limbs

New **prosthetic** joints are less prone to metal poisoning.

environmentalist

n. a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

synonym: conservationist

(1) dedicated **environmentalist**, (2) an **environmentalist** political party

The **environmentalist** lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.

commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

synonym: travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

decimate

v. to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number

synonym: devastate, destroy, annihilate

(1) **decimate** population, (2) **decimate** economy

The hurricane **decimated** the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.

undifferentiated

adj. having few or no clear distinctive characters; (of cells) not having specialized or mature structures or functions

synonym: uniform, identical, alike

(1) **undifferentiated** cells, (2) **undifferentiated** market

The infant makes **undifferentiated** reflex responses to stimuli.

ream

n. a unit of measurement for the quantity of paper, usually equal to 500 sheets; a large quantity of something

synonym : batch, heap, ton

(1) **ream** weight, (2) **ream** of ideas

I need to buy a **ream** of printer paper for the office.

clover

n. a small plant with trifoliate leaves and small, typically white or pink flowers, often used as a fodder crop or for soil improvement due to its ability to fix nitrogen in the soil

synonym : shamrock, trefoil, trifolium

(1) **clover** leaf, (2) four-leaf **clover**

The rabbits happily grazed on the **clover-filled** field.

reputed

adj. widely believed to be a certain way or to have a certain quality, without necessarily being proven or confirmed; having a certain reputation or status based on hearsay or common belief

synonym : alleged, supposed, rumored

(1) **reputed** company, (2) **reputed** author

He was a **reputed** expert in his field, known for his groundbreaking research.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym : head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**

GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

exaggeration

n. an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

synonym :

hyperbole, overstatement, embellishment

(1) sensational **exaggeration**, (2) minimal **exaggeration**
His story was filled with obvious **exaggerations**.

millennial

adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

synonym: thousand, (noun) Generation Y

(1) **millennial** record, (2) the **millennial** reign
Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by **millennial-scale** changes in climate.

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym: self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody **entrepreneurship**

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

obese

adj. excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more

synonym: overweight, corpulent, plump

(1) **obese** individuals, (2) **obese** children

The doctor warned him that his **obese** condition put him at risk for numerous health problems.

enlist

v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

synonym: join, sign up, appoint

(1) **enlist** in a cause, (2) **enlist** for a soldier

He decided to **enlist** in the military after graduating from high school.

gluttony

n. the habitual and excessive consumption of food or drink, often to the point of waste or harm; the tendency to overindulge or be excessively greedy or selfish

synonym : greed, overindulgence, gluttonousness

(1) the sin of **gluttony**, (2) **gluttony** feast

His **gluttony** for sweets and fatty foods led to his obesity and health problems.

sloth

n. laziness or lack of energy or motivation to do something; a slow-moving, arboreal mammal found in Central and South America

synonym : laziness, indolence, idleness

(1) lazy **sloth**, (2) overcome **sloth**

The **sloth's** slow movements are a product of their physiology.

aptly

adv. in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence

synonym : appropriately, fittingly, properly

(1) **aptly** named, (2) **aptly** timed

She **aptly** described the complex scientific concept in simple terms everyone could understand.

smashing

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

synonym : great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

dime

n. an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar

(1) **dime** store, (2) behind a **dime**

He never received a **dime**, even from the company of a close friend.

pestilential

adj. relating to or causing infectious diseases or plagues; having the characteristics or qualities associated with a destructive or harmful influence

synonym : noxious, infectious, plague-ridden

(1) **pestilential** mosquito, (2) **pestilential** disease

The **pestilential** smell coming from the garbage bin was unbearable.

communion

n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

synonym : affinity, intimacy, camaraderie

(1) **communion** with God, (2) spiritual **communion** with nature

We use this tableware in a **communion** service.

emit

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

synonym : give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

gadget

n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

synonym : appliance, gimmick, device

(1) a handy **gadget**, (2) time-saving **gadget**

I found the kitchen **gadget** that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

photovoltaics

n. a branch of technology that involves the conversion of sunlight into electricity using solar cells or other photoelectric devices; the generation of electricity directly from sunlight, typically using solar panels

synonym : solar cells, solar power

(1) **photovoltaics** recycling initiatives, (2) **photovoltaics** system

The development of thin-film **photovoltaics** has allowed for a wider range of applications in building design.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

decompose

v. to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements

synonym : break down, rot, spoil

(1) **decompose** matter, (2) **decompose** into simpler molecules

After the earthquake, many of the buildings in the city were left in ruins and began to **decompose**.

forbid

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

synonym : prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

synonym : contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

solace

n. comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering

synonym: comfort, condolence, peace

(1) **solace** in music, (2) offer **solace**

The grieving widow found **solace** in reading her late husband's letters.

Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------------------|------|---|
| 1. de_____se into simpler molecules | v. | to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements |
| 2. ob__e individuals | adj. | excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more |
| 3. reo_____ze a department | v. | to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of organization |
| 4. gl_____ny feast | n. | the habitual and excessive consumption of food or drink, often to the point of waste or harm; the tendency to overindulge or be excessively greedy or selfish |
| 5. r__m of ideas | n. | a unit of measurement for the quantity of paper, usually equal to 500 sheets; a large quantity of something |
| 6. de_____se matter | v. | to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements |
| 7. e__t a gamma ray | v. | to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc. |
| 8. daily co_____e | v. | to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work |

ANSWERS: 1. decompose, 2. obese, 3. reorganize, 4. gluttony, 5. ream, 6. decompose, 7. emit, 8. commute

9. sp___l for acres *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
10. re____d company *adj.* widely believed to be a certain way or to have a certain quality, without necessarily being proven or confirmed; having a certain reputation or status based on hearsay or common belief
11. have pro____ic arms *adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
12. r__m weight *n.* a unit of measurement for the quantity of paper, usually equal to 500 sheets; a large quantity of something
13. po____e the thread *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
14. co____e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
15. ap__y named *adv.* in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence
16. minimal exa____ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
17. give sm____ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

ANSWERS: 9. sprawl, 10. reputed, 11. prosthetic, 12. ream, 13. pollute, 14. commute, 15. aptly, 16. exaggeration, 17. smashing

18. four-leaf cl___r *n.* a small plant with trifoliate leaves and small, typically white or pink flowers, often used as a fodder crop or for soil improvement due to its ability to fix nitrogen in the soil
19. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
20. overcome sl__h *n.* laziness or lack of energy or motivation to do something; a slow-moving, arboreal mammal found in Central and South America
21. de_____te population *v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
22. dedicated env_____ist *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
23. und_____ted market *adj.* having few or no clear distinctive characters; (of cells) not having specialized or mature structures or functions
24. fo___d smoking in public areas *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
25. ob__e children *adj.* excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more

ANSWERS: 18. clover, 19. electrify, 20. sloth, 21. decimate, 22. environmentalist, 23. undifferentiated, 24. forbid, 25. obese

26. so___e in music *n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering
27. pro_____ic limbs *adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
28. behind a d__e *n.* an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar
29. be__h loudly *v.* to expel air from the stomach through the mouth with a noisy or offensive sound, typically as a result of swallowing air or because of indigestion
30. co_____on with God *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
31. und_____ted cells *adj.* having few or no clear distinctive characters; (of cells) not having specialized or mature structures or functions
32. per ca___a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
33. a handy ga___t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
34. re_____d author *adj.* widely believed to be a certain way or to have a certain quality, without necessarily being proven or confirmed; having a certain reputation or status based on hearsay or common belief

ANSWERS: 26. solace, 27. prosthetic, 28. dime, 29. belch, 30. communion, 31. undifferentiated, 32. capita, 33. gadget, 34. reputed

35. an env_____ist political party *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
36. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
37. sensational exa_____ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
38. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
39. e__t air pollution *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
40. en___t for a soldier *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
41. be__h chemical waste into the atmosphere *v.* to expel air from the stomach through the mouth with a noisy or offensive sound, typically as a result of swallowing air or because of indigestion
42. pho_____ics system *n.* a branch of technology that involves the conversion of sunlight into electricity using solar cells or other photoelectric devices; the generation of electricity directly from sunlight, typically using solar panels
43. the agricultural yield per ca___a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

ANSWERS: 35. environmentalist, 36. electrify, 37. exaggeration, 38. resilient, 39. emit, 40. enlist, 41. belch, 42. photovoltaics, 43. capita

44. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
45. mil_____al record *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
46. ap__y timed *adv.* in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence
47. pho_____ics recycling initiatives *n.* a branch of technology that involves the conversion of sunlight into electricity using solar cells or other photoelectric devices; the generation of electricity directly from sunlight, typically using solar panels
48. a sm_____ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
49. ent_____hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
50. sp___l out luxuriously on the sofa *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
51. cl___r leaf *n.* a small plant with trifoliate leaves and small, typically white or pink flowers, often used as a fodder crop or for soil improvement due to its ability to fix nitrogen in the soil
52. reo_____ze his debts *v.* to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of organization

ANSWERS: 44. germ, 45. millennial, 46. aptly, 47. photovoltaics, 48. smashing, 49. entrepreneurship, 50. sprawl, 51. clover, 52. reorganize

53. pes_____ial mosquito *adj.* relating to or causing infectious diseases or plagues; having the characteristics or qualities associated with a destructive or harmful influence
54. the sin of gl_____ny *n.* the habitual and excessive consumption of food or drink, often to the point of waste or harm; the tendency to overindulge or be excessively greedy or selfish
55. lazy sl__h *n.* laziness or lack of energy or motivation to do something; a slow-moving, arboreal mammal found in Central and South America
56. en___t in a cause *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
57. embody ent_____hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
58. offer so___e *n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering
59. time-saving ga___t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
60. d__e store *n.* an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar
61. the mil_____al reign *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

ANSWERS: 53. pestilential, 54. gluttony, 55. sloth, 56. enlist, 57. entrepreneurship, 58. solace, 59. gadget, 60. dime, 61. millennial

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68. spiritual co_____on with nature *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

ANSWERS: 62. resilient, 63. pestilential, 64. forbid, 65. decimate, 66. germ, 67. pollute, 68. communion

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He decided to _____ in the military after graduating from high school.
v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

2. She _____ described the complex scientific concept in simple terms everyone could understand.
adv. in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence

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ANSWERS: 8. solace, 9. dime, 10. environmentalist, 11. belch, 12. electrify, 13. resilient, 14. obese, 15. sloth's

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ANSWERS: 16. reorganize, 17. forbid, 18. commute, 19. gluttony, 20. communion, 21. prosthetic, 22. sprawls, 23. capita

24. The band's new album was a _____ success, reaching the top of the charts.

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

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ANSWERS: 24. smashing, 25. millennial-scale, 26. ream, 27. entrepreneurship, 28. decompose, 29. pestilential, 30. germ

31. The infant makes _____ reflex responses to stimuli.

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34. During the unloading, the container box _____ a clicking sound.

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

ANSWERS: 31. undifferentiated, 32. exaggerations, 33. pollute, 34. emits