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All Words

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Session 1: Word List

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling
The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease
The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

cite

v. to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened

synonym : quote, mention, note

(1) **cite** various authorities, (2) **cite** a fact as evidence
The devil can **cite** Scripture for his purpose.

reed

n. a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and

saxophone

synonym : cane, grass

(1) **reed** instrument, (2) a young bud of **reed**

The **reed** in the wind instrument needs to be replaced.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

surreal

adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

synonym : dreamlike, fantastical, unreal

(1) **surreal** number, (2) **surreal** art

The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a **surreal** feel.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

mind-blowing

adj. extremely impressive in a way that affects someone's mind or emotions

synonym : amazing, incredible, shocking

(1) **mind-blowing** discovery, (2) a **mind-blowing** horror story

The **mind-blowing** effects of the psychedelic drug were unlike anything he had ever experienced.

jam

n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

synonym : difficulty, mess, preserve

(1) a traffic **jam**, (2) a jar of **jam**

The shredder in the print room often has paper **jams**.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym : dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

Session 2: Spelling

1. c__e a fact as evidence
v. to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened
2. a traffic j_m
n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
3. su____l number
adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
4. ho____le smell
adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
5. the most am____g feeling
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
6. am____g advances
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
7. ho____le accident
adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
8. a min____ing horror story
adj. extremely impressive in a way that affects someone's mind or emotions
9. a jar of j_m
n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
10. min____ing discovery
adj. extremely impressive in a way that affects someone's mind or emotions

ANSWERS: 1. cite, 2. jam, 3. surreal, 4. horrible, 5. amazing, 6. amazing, 7. horrible, 8. mind-blowing, 9. jam, 10. mind-blowing

11. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
12. common in _____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
13. pro _____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
14. c__e various authorities *v.* to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened
15. pro _____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
16. su _____l art *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
17. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
18. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
19. a young bud of r__d *n.* a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone
20. r__d instrument *n.* a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone

ANSWERS: 11. influence, 12. invention, 13. progression, 14. cite, 15. progression, 16. surreal, 17. influence, 18. invention, 19. reed, 20. reed

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The devil can _____ Scripture for his purpose.
v. to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened
2. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
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6. Necessity is the mother of _____.
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7. The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a _____ feel.
adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

ANSWERS: 1. cite, 2. progression, 3. mind-blowing, 4. reed, 5. influence, 6. invention, 7. surreal

8. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.

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9. The shredder in the print room often has paper _____.

n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

10. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 8. horrible, 9. jams, 10. amazing