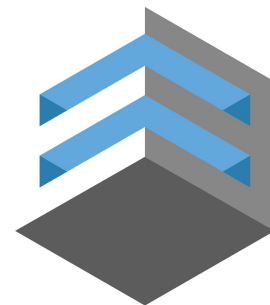


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Session 1: Word List

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

recession

n. a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

synonym: downturn, slump, contraction

(1) **recession** period, (2) recover from a **recession**

The country is facing a **recession**, with high unemployment and low GDP.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

distrust

n. a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something

synonym : suspicion, doubt, misgiving

(1) **distrust** in politics, (2) growing **distrust**

The employee's consistent tardiness and lack of accountability made her coworkers develop **distrust** in her abilities.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

someplace

adv. somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location

synonym : somewhere, anywhere, wherever

(1) from **someplace** deep inside, (2) **someplace** quiet

Let's go **someplace** new and try something we have not done before.

robin

n. a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America

synonym : thrush, red-breast, redbird

(1) **robin** eggs, (2) **robin's** nest

I love listening to the cheerful song of the **robin** in my garden.

souvenir

n. an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake

synonym : memento, keepsake, token

(1) city **souvenir**, (2) **souvenir** shop

I bought my sister a miniature Eiffel Tower **souvenir** when I visited Paris.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

chow

n. a slang term for food, typically referring to a particular type of cuisine or meal, such as Chinese chow or chowder

synonym: food, grub, eats

(1) **chow** time, (2) fast **chow**

We decided to order some Chinese **chow** for dinner tonight.

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.

sedan

n. a car with four doors and a closed roof, designed to seat a small number of passengers in comfort; a type of automobile that is larger and more luxurious than a compact or subcompact car

synonym: car, automobile, vehicle

(1) **sedan** car, (2) a black **sedan**

I prefer driving a **sedan** over a larger SUV because it's easier to park.

conciierge

n. an employee or staff member, often found in hotels or residential buildings, who assists guests or residents with various services, such as making reservations, providing information or recommendations, arranging

transportation, or handling special requests

synonym: caretaker, attendant, hotelier

(1) **concierge** desk, (2) personal **concierge**

The **concierge** at the hotel was able to provide excellent recommendations for local restaurants.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

flank

n. the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

synonym: side, edge, rim

(1) **flank** pain, (2) attack the left **flank**

The **flank** of the mountain was difficult to climb.

irresistible

adj. impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling

synonym: resistless, overpowering, compelling

(1) **irresistible** charm, (2) **irresistible** force

The aroma of freshly baked cookies was **irresistible** to her.

contagious

adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

synonym: infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus
The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

fiery

adj. very intense; like or suggestive of fire

synonym: igneous, passionate, fervent

(1) a **fiery** speech, (2) a **fiery** sunset

He is a man of **fiery** temperament.

vitality

n. the state of being strong and active; energy

synonym: energy, life, vigor

(1) **vitality** of youth, (2) the **vitality** of the company

The new gym membership has improved his **vitality** and overall health.

vibrate

v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

synonym: oscillate, convulse, jerk

(1) **vibrate** at a regular frequency, (2) **vibrate** with anger

During the flight, the wings of the plane **vibrate**.

foodie

n. a person who has a passionate interest in food, especially in trying new and exotic dishes

synonym: gourmet, epicure, gastronome

(1) **foodie** culture, (2) **foodie** destination

She considered herself a **foodie** and loved trying new restaurants and dishes.

edgy

adj. being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality

synonym : tense, nervous, anxious

(1) **edgy** haircut, (2) **edgy** fashion

I always feel **edgy** when I have to give a speech in front of a large crowd.

artsy

adj. (also arty) relating to or characteristic of artists, especially those who are experimental, unconventional, avant-garde, or eclectic; having an interest in art, craft, or design, often in a creative, whimsical, or fanciful way

synonym : creative, artistic, imaginative

(1) **artsy** film, (2) **artsy** décor

The art exhibit showcased many different **artsy** pieces from local artists.

crafty

adj. skilled in deception or trickery; sly or cunning in the ways of achieving a goal

synonym : sly, cunning, wily

(1) **crafty** plan, (2) **crafty** manipulation

The **crafty** fox could outsmart the birds and catch them for his dinner.

screwup

n. a person or thing that causes a mistake or error; a disorderly or confused situation resulting from mistakes or errors

synonym : blunder, mistake, error

(1) financial **screwup**, (2) career **screwup**

His latest **screwup** at work may cost him his job.

Session 2: Spelling

1. en____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
2. co_____ge desk *n.* an employee or staff member, often found in hotels or residential buildings, who assists guests or residents with various services, such as making reservations, providing information or recommendations, arranging transportation, or handling special requests
3. fast c__w *n.* a slang term for food, typically referring to a particular type of cuisine or meal, such as Chinese chow or chowder
4. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
5. vi_____e with anger *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
6. ar__y d□cor *adj.* (also arty) relating to or characteristic of artists, especially those who are experimental, unconventional, avant-garde, or eclectic; having an interest in art, craft, or design, often in a creative, whimsical, or fanciful way
7. fo___e culture *n.* a person who has a passionate interest in food, especially in trying new and exotic dishes

ANSWERS: 1. entitle, 2. concierge, 3. chow, 4. smartphone, 5. vibrate, 6. artsy, 7. foodie

8. irr_____ble charm *adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
9. growing di_____st *n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
10. c__w time *n.* a slang term for food, typically referring to a particular type of cuisine or meal, such as Chinese chow or chowder
11. financial sc_____p *n.* a person or thing that causes a mistake or error; a disorderly or confused situation resulting from mistakes or errors
12. ar__y film *adj.* (also arty) relating to or characteristic of artists, especially those who are experimental, unconventional, avant-garde, or eclectic; having an interest in art, craft, or design, often in a creative, whimsical, or fanciful way
13. se__n car *n.* a car with four doors and a closed roof, designed to seat a small number of passengers in comfort; a type of automobile that is larger and more luxurious than a compact or subcompact car
14. cr___y manipulation *adj.* skilled in deception or trickery; sly or cunning in the ways of achieving a goal
15. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
16. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 8. irresistible, 9. distrust, 10. chow, 11. screwup, 12. artsy, 13. sedan, 14. crafty, 15. rethink, 16. industrious

17. career sc____p *n.* a person or thing that causes a mistake or error; a disorderly or confused situation resulting from mistakes or errors
18. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
19. ind____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
20. se____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
21. no asp____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
22. city so____ir *n.* an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake
23. from so____ce deep inside *adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
24. attack the left fl__k *n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something
25. re____on period *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
26. ro__n's nest *n.* a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America

ANSWERS: 17. screwup, 18. tweet, 19. industrious, 20. secondly, 21. aspiration, 22. souvenir, 23. someplace, 24. flank, 25. recession, 26. robin

27. cr___y plan *adj.* skilled in deception or trickery; sly or cunning in the ways of achieving a goal
28. di_____st in politics *n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
29. con_____us virus *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
30. fo___e destination *n.* a person who has a passionate interest in food, especially in trying new and exotic dishes
31. e__y fashion *adj.* being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality
32. fl__k pain *n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something
33. recover from a re_____on *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
34. vi_____e at a regular frequency *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
35. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
36. 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: 27. crafty, 28. distrust, 29. contagious, 30. foodie, 31. edgy, 32. flank, 33. recession, 34. vibrate, 35. rethink, 36. commute

37. e__y haircut *adj.* being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality
38. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
39. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
40. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
41. irr_____ble force *adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
42. ro__n eggs *n.* a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America
43. vi_____ty of youth *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
44. 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
45. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

ANSWERS: 37. edgy, 38. trump, 39. tweet, 40. opportune, 41. irresistible, 42. robin, 43. vitality, 44. commute, 45. trump

46. so____ir shop *n.* an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake
47. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
48. so_____ce quiet *adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
49. a fi__y sunset *adj.* very intense; like or suggestive of fire
50. personal co_____ge *n.* an employee or staff member, often found in hotels or residential buildings, who assists guests or residents with various services, such as making reservations, providing information or recommendations, arranging transportation, or handling special requests
51. a black se__n *n.* a car with four doors and a closed roof, designed to seat a small number of passengers in comfort; a type of automobile that is larger and more luxurious than a compact or subcompact car
52. con_____us enthusiasm *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
53. a fi__y speech *adj.* very intense; like or suggestive of fire
54. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

ANSWERS: 46. souvenir, 47. aspiration, 48. someplace, 49. fiery, 50. concierge, 51. sedan, 52. contagious, 53. fiery, 54. entitle

55. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
56. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
57. the vi_____ty of the company *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
58. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

ANSWERS: 55. opportune, 56. smartphone, 57. vitality, 58. secondly

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
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2. The _____ at the hotel was able to provide excellent recommendations for local restaurants.
n. an employee or staff member, often found in hotels or residential buildings, who assists guests or residents with various services, such as making reservations, providing information or recommendations, arranging transportation, or handling special requests
3. She considered herself a _____ and loved trying new restaurants and dishes.
n. a person who has a passionate interest in food, especially in trying new and exotic dishes
4. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
5. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
6. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
7. The new gym membership has improved his _____ and overall health.
n. the state of being strong and active; energy

ANSWERS: 1. trump, 2. concierge, 3. foodie, 4. smartphones, 5. entitled, 6. industrious, 7. vitality

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v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
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11. The _____ of the mountain was difficult to climb.
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20. During the flight, the wings of the plane _____.

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ANSWERS: 15. commute, 16. someplace, 17. fiery, 18. aspiration, 19. secondly, 20. vibrate, 21. crafty, 22. robin

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