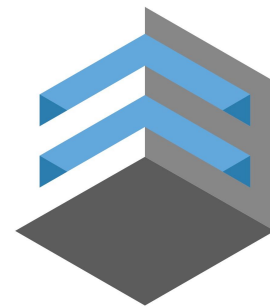


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Session 1: Word List

livid

adj. discolored or bruised, especially angrily or furiously; having a flushed or bluish-gray appearance

synonym: furious, enraged, black-and-blue

(1) **livid** face, (2) **livid** glare

She was **livid** with anger when she found out her coworker had stolen credit for her project.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym: graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym: pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

enrich

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

synonym: enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services

Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

anguish

n. severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony

synonym: distress, torment, agony

(1) **anguish** and pain, (2) emotional **anguish**

She suffered from a deep sense of **anguish** following the loss of her loved one.

visceral

adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

synonym: instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

famished

adj. extremely hungry; starving

synonym: hungry, starving, ravenous

(1) **famished** look, (2) **famished** for success

After a long journey without food, the **famished** travelers eagerly looked for a place to eat.

scorch

v. to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame

synonym: char, burn, singe

(1) **scorch** your clothes, (2) careful not to **scorch**

The sun **scorched** the desert, making it uninhabitable.

hut

n. a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

synonym: shack, cabin, cottage

(1) shepherd's **hut**, (2) fishing **hut**

The little girl lived in a small **hut** in the woods with her family.

gracious

adj. behaving in a kind, polite and generous way

synonym : cordial, affable, courteous

(1) in a **gracious** manner, (2) **gracious** hospitality

The staff is always helpful and **gracious**.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym : goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

disburse

v. to pay out money, usually from a fund or account; to distribute or give out resources or benefits

synonym : spend, payout, distribute

(1) **disburse** money, (2) **disburse** dividends

The company will **disburse** funds to the employees once the paperwork is processed.

recourse

n. a source of help or support, especially in a difficult or critical situation; the option or ability to seek or pursue something, particularly legal action or appeal

synonym : resort, alternative, choice

(1) **recourse** debt, (2) legal **recourse**

The government has no **recourse** but to raise taxes to fund public services.

abject

adj. extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless

synonym : wretched, miserable, pitiful

(1) **abject** failure, (2) **abject** despair

The **abject** poverty in the slums is a concern for the government.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

opaque

adj. not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view

synonym: impenetrable, obscure, cloudy

(1) **opaque** material, (2) **opaque** color

The curtains were made of **opaque** fabric that blocked out all light.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

vault

n. a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly

synonym: safe, strongbox, coffer

(1) **vault** door, (2) **vault** from five to fifty percent

The government **vault** contains top-secret documents and classified information that only a few individuals can access.

crowdsourcing

n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

(1) **crowdsourcing** apps, (2) **crowdsourcing** in climate policy

The company used this **crowdsourcing** platform to gather

ideas for its next product.

app *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
synonym : application, software
(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**
The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

mashup *n.* a combination or fusion of different elements, often referring to the blending or remixing of different songs, video clips, or other media forms
synonym : mixture, blend, combination
(1) music **mashup**, (2) art **mashup**
The DJ created an amazing **mashup** of popular songs at the party.

rev *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
synonym : revolution, RPM, speed
(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd
He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

provoke *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
synonym : stimulate, incite, encourage
(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction
Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

visualize *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
synonym : imagine, picture, envision
(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

inscrutable

adj. difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered

synonym : mysterious, enigmatic, impenetrable

(1) **inscrutable** expression, (2) **inscrutable** smile

The mystery surrounding the lost city's **inscrutable** ruins has intrigued archaeologists for decades.

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.

impoverished

adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

synonym : destitute, bankrupt, famished

(1) **impoverished** nation, (2) **impoverished** family

The **impoverished** villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.

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.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym : brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

reformer

n. a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it

synonym: inciter, innovator, agitator

(1) education **reformer**, (2) catalytic **reformer**

He is regarded as a passionate social **reformer**.

galvanize

v. to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust

synonym: energize, invigorate, motivate

(1) **galvanize** steel, (2) **galvanize** the country

The motivational speech **galvanized** the team and gave them the drive to succeed.

dubious

adj. having doubts or reservations; uncertain

synonym: uncertain, questionable, skeptical

(1) **dubious** credibility, (2) direct a **dubious** look

The evidence presented in court had a **dubious** origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

bookend

n. an object, often decorative or functional, placed at either end of a row of books on a shelf to help keep them upright and organized; something that serves as the beginning and end of a series or a period of time.

synonym: book stop, end piece, support

(1) wooden **bookend**, (2) **bookend** design

The movie starts and ends with a panoramic shot of the city, serving as a great **bookend** to the story.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the

same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

Session 2: Spelling

1. imp_____hed family *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
2. art ma___p *n.* a combination or fusion of different elements, often referring to the blending or remixing of different songs, video clips, or other media forms
3. vi_____al organ *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
4. br__e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
5. sc___h your clothes *v.* to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
6. vi_____al fear *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
7. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
8. ga_____ze the country *v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust

ANSWERS: 1. impoverished, 2. mashup, 3. visceral, 4. bribe, 5. scorch, 6. visceral, 7. empower, 8. galvanize

9. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
10. catalytic re_____er *n.* a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it
11. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
12. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
13. pr_____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
14. en___h a gas with a balloon *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
15. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
16. ha___s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
17. imp_____hed nation *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
18. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 9. improvisation, 10. reformer, 11. excite, 12. opportune, 13. provoke, 14. enrich, 15. institutionalize, 16. harass, 17. impoverished, 18. rev

19. direct a du_____s look *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
20. li__d glare *adj.* discolored or bruised, especially angrily or furiously; having a flushed or bluish-gray appearance
21. ins_____le smile *adj.* difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered
22. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
23. vi_____ze flying through space *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
24. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
25. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
26. act of gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
27. en___h public services *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
28. ga_____ze steel *v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
29. va__t door *n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly

ANSWERS: 19. dubious, 20. livid, 21. inscrutable, 22. courageous, 23. visualize, 24. app, 25. improvisation, 26. generosity, 27. enrich, 28. galvanize, 29. vault

30. va__t from five to fifty percent *n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly
31. fishing h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
32. in a gr____us manner *adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way
33. careful not to sc___h *v.* to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
34. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
35. du____s credibility *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
36. cro_____ing apps *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
37. li__d face *adj.* discolored or bruised, especially angrily or furiously; having a flushed or bluish-gray appearance
38. emotional an____h *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
39. di____se dividends *v.* to pay out money, usually from a fund or account; to distribute or give out resources or benefits

ANSWERS: 30. vault, 31. hut, 32. gracious, 33. scorch, 34. aspiration, 35. dubious, 36. crowdsourcing, 37. livid, 38. anguish, 39. disburse

40. ins_____le expression *adj.* difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered
41. ha___s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
42. pr_____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
43. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
44. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
45. op___e material *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
46. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
47. gr_____us hospitality *adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way
48. an_____h and pain *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
49. di_____se money *v.* to pay out money, usually from a fund or account; to distribute or give out resources or benefits
50. bo_____d design *n.* an object, often decorative or functional, placed at either end of a row of books on a shelf to help keep them upright and organized; something that serves as the beginning and end of a series or a period of time.

ANSWERS: 40. inscrutable, 41. harass, 42. provoke, 43. app, 44. aspiration, 45. opaque, 46. institutionalize, 47. gracious, 48. anguish, 49. disburse, 50. bookend

51. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
52. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
53. ab___t despair *adj.* extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless
54. boundless gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
55. fa_____ed for success *adj.* extremely hungry; starving
56. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
57. education re_____er *n.* a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it
58. wooden bo_____d *n.* an object, often decorative or functional, placed at either end of a row of books on a shelf to help keep them upright and organized; something that serves as the beginning and end of a series or a period of time.
59. shepherd's h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
60. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
61. re_____se debt *n.* a source of help or support, especially in a difficult or critical situation; the option or ability to seek or pursue something, particularly legal action or appeal

ANSWERS: 51. opportune, 52. excite, 53. abject, 54. generosity, 55. famished, 56. empower, 57. reformer, 58. bookend, 59. hut, 60. courageous, 61. recourse

62. op___e color *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
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64. br__e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
65. cro_____ing in climate policy *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
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67. music ma___p *n.* a combination or fusion of different elements, often referring to the blending or remixing of different songs, video clips, or other media forms
68. vi_____ze data *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
69. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
70. legal re_____se *n.* a source of help or support, especially in a difficult or critical situation; the option or ability to seek or pursue something, particularly legal action or appeal

ANSWERS: 62. opaque, 63. famished, 64. bribe, 65. crowdsourcing, 66. abject, 67. mashup, 68. visualize, 69. rev, 70. recourse

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She was _____ with anger when she found out her coworker had stolen credit for her project.
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famished, 7. vault

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12. The _____ poverty in the slums is a concern for the government.
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- adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way
14. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.
- adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

ANSWERS: 8. crowdsourcing, 9. app's, 10. harassed, 11. visceral, 12. abject, 13. gracious, 14. courageous

15. The news of her promotion _____ her.
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ANSWERS: 15. excited, 16. galvanized, 17. enriches, 18. mashup, 19. opaque, 20. reformer, 21. aspiration, 22. institutionalize

23. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

24. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

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30. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 23. opportune, 24. rev, 25. hut, 26. dubious, 27. disburse, 28. visualize, 29. scorched, 30. improvisation

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ANSWERS: 31. bookend, 32. anguish, 33. empowered, 34. provoked, 35. recourse