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Session 1: Word List

constellation

n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

synonym: asterism, array, pattern

(1) the stars of the Scorpion **constellation**, (2) northern **constellation**

Navigators still use the Little Bear **constellation** at sea.

synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

synonym: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

nanosecond

n. one thousand millionth or billionth (= 0.000,000,001) of a second

(1) **nanosecond** response, (2) **nanosecond** laser pulse

The processor performs calculations on the **nanosecond** timescale.

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**.

minuscule

adj. extremely small; tiny

synonym: tiny, insignificant, microscopic

(1) **minuscule** amount, (2) **minuscule** letters

This ore emits **minuscule** quantities of radiation

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

timestamp

n. a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day

(1) the **timestamp** on a file, (2) a UNIX **timestamp**

The engineer checked the log records' **timestamps** to investigate the system's bug.

meteorology

n. the branch of science that deals with processes in the Earth's atmosphere that cause weather conditions

(1) agricultural **meteorology**, (2) marine **meteorology**

He conducted his research at the **meteorology** laboratory using large-scale computing.

unsettle

v. to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation

synonym: aggravate, annoy, disturb

(1) **unsettle** the nervous system, (2) **unsettle** his conviction

This nationwide strike may **unsettle** the country's economy.

sextant

n. a device that measures the angles and distances between two visible objects, used on a ship or aircraft

(1) **sextant** telescope, (2) the limb of the **sextant**

An important skill of medieval navigators was measuring the

altitude of the stars using a **sextant**.

hemisphere

n. half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere

(1) northern **hemisphere**, (2) cerebral **hemisphere**

This weather pattern is unique to the southern **hemisphere**.

jammable

adj. able to interfere with or prevent the reception of signals

(1) un- **jammable** satellite communication, (2) **jammable** signals

The spy used a special device that made police radios **jammable**.

canyon

n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

synonym : gorge, valley, ravine

(1) twisty **canyon** road, (2) **canyon** of skyscrapers

The Grand **Canyon** has an awe-inspiring sight.

microsecond

n. one millionth (= 0.000,001) of a second

(1) at a **microsecond** rate, (2) 10 millimeters per **microsecond**

This process all happens within a **microsecond**.

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.

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym : fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

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.

coronal

adj. of or relating to the corona (= the outermost region of the sun's atmosphere); of or relating to or similar to the crown (= traditional head adornment, or hat worn by the reigning monarch)

(1) solar **coronal** plasma, (2) the **coronal** part of a natural tooth

Several satellites failed due to a solar wind caused by **coronal** mass ejections.

eject

v. to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position

synonym: discharge, expel, emit

(1) **eject** a player from a game, (2) **eject** huge amounts of pollutant

Our immune system can **eject** disease germs from the body.

telegraph

n. a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals

(1) answer by **telegraph**, (2) **telegraph** wires

The **telegraph** service was interrupted for a while.

aurora

n. a natural appearance of colored light in Earth's sky that is usually seen in high-latitude regions, especially around the Arctic and Antarctic

(1) **aurora** watching, (2) polar **aurora**

Northern and southern hemispheres alike experience the

aurora.

phonetic

adj. of or relating to speech sounds or scientific study of speech sound

synonym: vocal, spoken, phonic

(1) **phonetic** spelling, (2) **phonetic** sounds

A **phonetic** symbol for each word is listed before the definition.

misconception

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

synonym: fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held **misconception**

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

reconsider

v. to think about a decision or opinion again to

synonym: rethink, review, revisit

(1) **reconsider** the determination, (2) **reconsider** my transfer

He humbly **reconsidered** his conduct.

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

synonym: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

Session 2: Spelling

1. nan_____nd laser pulse
n. one thousand millionth or billionth (= 0.000,000,001) of a second
2. ca___n of skyscrapers
n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
3. the stars of the Scorpion
con_____ion
n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
4. northern hem_____re
n. half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
5. at a mic_____nd rate
n. one millionth (= 0.000,001) of a second
6. solar co_____l plasma
adj. of or relating to the corona (= the outermost region of the sun's atmosphere); of or relating to or similar to the crown (= traditional head adornment, or hat worn by the reigning monarch)
7. the ti_____mp on a file
n. a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day
8. syn_____ze movements
v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
9. hawkish con_____son
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)

ANSWERS: 1. nanosecond, 2. canyon, 3. constellation, 4. hemisphere, 5. microsecond, 6. coronal, 7. timestamp, 8. synchronize, 9. congressperson

10. co____ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
11. 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
12. answer by te_____ph *n.* a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals
13. rec_____er the determination *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
14. an__y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
15. au___a watching *n.* a natural appearance of colored light in Earth's sky that is usually seen in high-latitude regions, especially around the Arctic and Antarctic
16. twisty ca___n road *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
17. se_____t telescope *n.* a device that measures the angles and distances between two visible objects, used on a ship or aircraft
18. mi_____le amount *adj.* extremely small; tiny
19. agricultural met_____gy *n.* the branch of science that deals with processes in the Earth's atmosphere that cause weather conditions
20. dispel the mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

ANSWERS: 10. conceive, 11. electrify, 12. telegraph, 13. reconsider, 14. annoy, 15. aurora, 16. canyon, 17. sextant, 18. minuscule, 19. meteorology, 20. misconception

21. mi_____le letters *adj.* extremely small; tiny
22. a UNIX ti_____mp *n.* a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day
23. marine met_____gy *n.* the branch of science that deals with processes in the Earth's atmosphere that cause weather conditions
24. ej__t a player from a game *v.* to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position
25. syn_____ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
26. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
27. polar au____a *n.* a natural appearance of colored light in Earth's sky that is usually seen in high-latitude regions, especially around the Arctic and Antarctic
28. the co_____l part of a natural tooth *adj.* of or relating to the corona (= the outermost region of the sun's atmosphere); of or relating to or similar to the crown (= traditional head adornment, or hat worn by the reigning monarch)
29. ph_____ic sounds *adj.* of or relating to speech sounds or scientific study of speech sound
30. co_____ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
31. cat_____hic climate change *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

ANSWERS: 21. minuscule, 22. timestamp, 23. meteorology, 24. eject, 25. synchronize, 26. smartphone, 27. aurora, 28. coronal, 29. phonetic, 30. conceive, 31. catastrophic

32. ph____ic spelling *adj.* of or relating to speech sounds or scientific study of speech sound
33. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
34. northern con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
35. 10 millimeters per mic_____nd *n.* one millionth (= 0.000,001) of a second
36. un-ja_____le satellite communication *adj.* able to interfere with or prevent the reception of signals
37. un_____le his conviction *v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
38. ja_____le signals *adj.* able to interfere with or prevent the reception of signals
39. nan_____nd response *n.* one thousand millionth or billionth (= 0.000,000,001) of a second
40. 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
41. te_____ph wires *n.* a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals
42. former con_____son *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)

ANSWERS: 32. phonetic, 33. smartphone, 34. constellation, 35. microsecond, 36. jammable, 37. unsettle, 38. jammable, 39. nanosecond, 40. electrify, 41. telegraph, 42. congressperson

43. ej__t huge amounts of pollutant *v.* to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position
44. commonly held mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
45. un_____le the nervous system *v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
46. victim of cat_____hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
47. an__y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
48. cerebral hem_____re *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
49. rec_____er my transfer *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
50. the limb of the se_____t *n.* a device that measures the angles and distances between two visible objects, used on a ship or aircraft

ANSWERS: 43. eject, 44. misconception, 45. unsettle, 46. catastrophic, 47. annoy, 48. hemisphere, 49. reconsider, 50. sextant

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly _____.
v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
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adj. able to interfere with or prevent the reception of signals
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11. The processor performs calculations on the _____ timescale.
- n.* one thousand millionth or billionth (= 0.000,000,001) of a second
12. I can't _____ he'd want to harm us.
- v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
13. An important skill of medieval navigators was measuring the altitude of the stars using a _____.
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ANSWERS: 9. constellation, 10. telegraph, 11. nanosecond, 12. conceive, 13. sextant, 14. timestamps, 15. hemisphere, 16. misconceptions

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ANSWERS: 17. congressperson, 18. phonetic, 19. catastrophic, 20. annoy, 21. reconsidered, 22. aurora, 23. meteorology, 24. electrify

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n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

ANSWERS: 25. Canyon