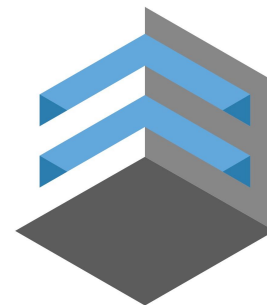


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Session 1: Word List

- 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.
- 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**.
- drastic**
- adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
- synonym* : extreme, fierce, radical
- (1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision
- The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

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.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

blockchain

n. a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked

(1) **blockchain** platform, (2) the scalability of **blockchain**

Cryptocurrencies are only one form of implementation of **blockchain** technology.

cryptocurrency

n. any system of electronic money that does not rely on any central authority to uphold or maintain it

(1) **cryptocurrency** boom, (2) **cryptocurrency** market

The **cryptocurrency** community is becoming more diverse every year.

iris

n. the colored part of the eye that surrounds the pupil; a flower with showy petals, named for its resemblance to the eye's iris

synonym: pupil, diaphragm, aperture

(1) blue **iris**, (2) **iris** pattern

The **iris** of the eye contracts and expands to control the amount of light that enters.

authenticate

v. to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true

synonym: confirm, validate, verify

(1) **authenticate** documents, (2) **authenticate** software license

The security system requires users to **authenticate** their identity before gaining access.

flake

n. a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent

synonym: chip, bit, shred

(1) **flakes** of snow, (2) **flake** graphite

She found a paint **flake** on the wall and realized it was time to repaint the room.

fortify

v. to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support

synonym: strengthen, reinforce, bolster

(1) **fortify** a building, (2) **fortify** an immune system

He drank a protein shake to **fortify** his muscles before the marathon.

staple

adj. essential, crucial, or regularly used

synonym: essential, fundamental, pivotal

(1) **staple** commodities, (2) **staple** crop

Rice and beans are a **staple** food in many cultures.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym: assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. po__t the premise | <i>v.</i> to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration |
| 2. aut_____ate software license | <i>v.</i> to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true |
| 3. fo_____y an immune system | <i>v.</i> to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support |
| 4. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 5. cry_____ncy boom | <i>n.</i> any system of electronic money that does not rely on any central authority to uphold or maintain it |
| 6. dr_____c measures | <i>adj.</i> radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact |
| 7. killer a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 8. di_____t a well-ordered condition | <i>v.</i> to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance |

ANSWERS: 1. posit, 2. authenticate, 3. fortify, 4. opportune, 5. cryptocurrency, 6. drastic, 7. app, 8. disrupt

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| 9. cry_____ncy market | <i>n.</i> any system of electronic money that does not rely on any central authority to uphold or maintain it |
| 10. cannot log in to the a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 11. the scalability of blo_____in | <i>n.</i> a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked |
| 12. po__t the existence of life after death | <i>v.</i> to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration |
| 13. fl__e graphite | <i>n.</i> a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent |
| 14. sma_____ne app developer | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |
| 15. fl__es of snow | <i>n.</i> a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent |
| 16. di_____t sleep | <i>v.</i> to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance |
| 17. blue i__s | <i>n.</i> the colored part of the eye that surrounds the pupil; a flower with showy petals, named for its resemblance to the eye's iris |

ANSWERS: 9. cryptocurrency, 10. app, 11. blockchain, 12. posit, 13. flake, 14. smartphone, 15. flake, 16. disrupt, 17. iris

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| 18. make dr____c revision | <i>adj.</i> radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact |
| 19. st___e commodities | <i>adj.</i> essential, crucial, or regularly used |
| 20. st___e crop | <i>adj.</i> essential, crucial, or regularly used |
| 21. aut______ate documents | <i>v.</i> to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true |
| 22. blo____in platform | <i>n.</i> a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked |
| 23. fo____y a building | <i>v.</i> to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support |
| 24. i__s pattern | <i>n.</i> the colored part of the eye that surrounds the pupil; a flower with showy petals, named for its resemblance to the eye's iris |
| 25. sma____ne addict | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |
| 26. op____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |

ANSWERS: 18. drastic, 19. staple, 20. staple, 21. authenticate, 22. blockchain, 23. fortify, 24. iris, 25. smartphone, 26. opportune

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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n. a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked
5. The _____ of the eye contracts and expands to control the amount of light that enters.
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7. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 1. app's, 2. staple, 3. smartphones, 4. blockchain, 5. iris, 6. opportune, 7. disrupt

8. The _____ community is becoming more diverse every year.
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v. to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support
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v. to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true
13. The global community is undergoing _____ changes at present.
adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

ANSWERS: 8. cryptocurrency, 9. flake, 10. posit, 11. fortify, 12. authenticate, 13. drastic