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Session 1: Word List

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

metaverse

n. an imaginary immersive area that is facilitated by the use of virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) headsets

(1) a **metaverse** application, (2) **metaverse** technologies
Anonymous, brilliant artists create content on any platform in the **metaverse**.

awe-inspiring

adj. making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable

synonym: magnificent, amazing, astonishing

(1) **awe-inspiring** painting, (2) **awe-inspiring** power

The moment the glacier collapses is an **awe-inspiring** sight.

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.

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.

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym: self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody

entrepreneurship

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

intermediary

n. a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings

synonym: middleman, mediator, agent

(1) financial **intermediary**, (2) **intermediary** role

The **intermediary** between the buyer and the seller helped them agree.

originate

v. to come into existence in a particular place or situation; to start something in a specific place

synonym: begin, arise, create

(1) **originate** from the country, (2) **originate** a political movement

The flight **originates** in Vancouver.

fungible

adj. able to be replaced or exchanged with another identical item; uniform and interchangeable in value or use

synonym: interchangeable, exchangeable, tradable

(1) **fungible** securities, (2) **fungible** assets

Gold is a **fungible commodity**, meaning its value is interchangeable with other gold of the same quality and quantity.

revolutionize

v. to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas

synonym: transform, innovate, modernize

(1) **revolutionize** the industry, (2) **revolutionize** the technology

The invention of the smartphone **revolutionized** the way we communicate with each other.

monetize

v. to earn money from something, such as an asset, business, etc.; to coin into money

synonym: mint, make profit

(1) **monetize** my skill, (2) **monetize** nickel

He explored ways to **monetize** his digital content.

cryptography

n. the study of the techniques and methods used for secure communication and information processing, particularly using codes and ciphers

synonym: coding, steganography, encryption

(1) asymmetric **cryptography**, (2) digital **cryptography**

The software engineers developed a new **cryptography** algorithm to protect users' data.

decentralize

v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

synonym: deconcentrate, disperse, distribute

(1) **decentralize** authority, (2) **decentralize** organizational structure

We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

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.

ledger

n. a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program

synonym: book, register, account

(1) financial **ledger**, (2) personal **ledger**

The auditor checked every entry in the **ledger** for accuracy.

middleman

n. a person who acts as an intermediary between two or more parties, often facilitating the exchange of goods or services and taking a commission or fee for their services

synonym: intermediary, agent, broker

(1) trusted **middleman**, (2) business **middleman**

The **middleman** in the real estate deal ensured a smooth and fair transaction.

mural

adj. a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface

synonym: wall painting, fresco, wall art

(1) **mural** painting, (2) a **mural** decoration

The **mural** on the wall depicted the history of the city.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently

innovate the emerging technologies.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym: creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

augment

v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

synonym: boost, increase, expand

(1) **augment** the reality, (2) **augment** immunity

Economic factors and monetary policy **augmented** inflation.

crypto

n. short for "cryptocurrency," a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank; someone who hides their true political beliefs or agenda, often to advance their interests or to avoid backlash from society

synonym: digital currency, virtual currency

(1) **crypto** exchange, (2) **crypto** wallet

The rise of **crypto** has revolutionized the world of finance and investment.

snoop

v. to investigate or pry into something in a stealthy or nosy manner; to snoop through someone else's possessions or property

synonym: spy, pry, eavesdrop

(1) **snoop** around the house, (2) **snoop** for information

The nosy neighbor liked to **snoop** around and eavesdrop on other people's conversations.

scarcity

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

synonym: lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

perpetual

adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

synonym: enduring, unchanging, incessant

(1) **perpetual** motion machine, (2) **perpetual** struggle

The company employs a **perpetual** inventory system.

ethic

n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

synonym: moral code, code of conduct, principles

(1) moral **ethic**, (2) professional **ethic**

Having a strong work **ethic** is important for success in any field.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

steward

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college,

club, etc.

synonym : caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. trusted mi_____an | <i>n.</i> a person who acts as an intermediary between two or more parties, often facilitating the exchange of goods or services and taking a commission or fee for their services |
| 2. sn__p around the house | <i>v.</i> to investigate or pry into something in a stealthy or nosy manner; to snoop through someone else's possessions or property |
| 3. financial int_____ary | <i>n.</i> a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings |
| 4. au_____t the reality | <i>v.</i> to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it |
| 5. in_____te the quality of his life | <i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products |
| 6. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s | <i>v.</i> to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again |
| 7. pe_____al struggle | <i>adj.</i> continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted |
| 8. dec_____ize authority | <i>v.</i> to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones |

ANSWERS: 1. middleman, 2. snoop, 3. intermediary, 4. augment, 5. innovate, 6. recreate, 7. perpetual, 8. decentralize

9. or_____te a political movement *v.* to come into existence in a particular place or situation; to start something in a specific place
10. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
11. re_____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
12. aut_____ate documents *v.* to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true
13. moral et__c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
14. rev_____ize the industry *v.* to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas
15. me_____se technologies *n.* an imaginary immersive area that is facilitated by the use of virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) headsets
16. blo_____in platform *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

ANSWERS: 9. originate, 10. sneak, 11. resonate, 12. authenticate, 13. ethic, 14. revolutionize, 15. metaverse, 16. blockchain

17. dec_____ize organizational structure v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
18. sn__k a cigarette v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
19. or_____te from the country v. to come into existence in a particular place or situation; to start something in a specific place
20. cr___o exchange n. short for "cryptocurrency," a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank; someone who hides their true political beliefs or agenda, often to advance their interests or to avoid backlash from society
21. sn__p for information v. to investigate or pry into something in a stealthy or nosy manner; to snoop through someone else's possessions or property
22. a mu__l decoration *adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
23. financial le___r n. a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program
24. business mi_____an n. a person who acts as an intermediary between two or more parties, often facilitating the exchange of goods or services and taking a commission or fee for their services

ANSWERS: 17. decentralize, 18. sneak, 19. originate, 20. crypto, 21. snoop, 22. mural, 23. ledger, 24. middleman

25. st____d duties *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
26. rev_____ize the technology *v.* to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas
27. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
28. embody ent_____hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
29. mo_____ze nickel *v.* to earn money from something, such as an asset, business, etc.; to coin into money
30. awe_____ing power *adj.* making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable
31. cry_____ncy market *n.* any system of electronic money that does not rely on any central authority to uphold or maintain it
32. mu__l painting *adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
33. fu_____le assets *adj.* able to be replaced or exchanged with another identical item; uniform and interchangeable in value or use

ANSWERS: 25. steward, 26. revolutionize, 27. industrious, 28. entrepreneurship, 29. monetize, 30. awe-inspiring, 31. cryptocurrency, 32. mural, 33. fungible

34. fu____le securities *adj.* able to be replaced or exchanged with another identical item; uniform and interchangeable in value or use
35. environmental det____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
36. awe____ing painting *adj.* making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable
37. fuel sc____ty *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
38. in____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
39. mo____ze my skill *v.* to earn money from something, such as an asset, business, etc.; to coin into money
40. st____d service *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
41. cr____o wallet *n.* short for "cryptocurrency," a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank; someone who hides their true political beliefs or agenda, often to advance their interests or to avoid backlash from society

ANSWERS: 34. fungible, 35. determinant, 36. awe-inspiring, 37. scarcity, 38. innovate, 39. monetize, 40. steward, 41. crypto

42. personal le___r *n.* a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program
43. sc_____ty of capital *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
44. ent_____hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
45. aut_____ate software license *v.* to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true
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ANSWERS: 42. ledger, 43. scarcity, 44. entrepreneurship, 45. authenticate, 46. ethic, 47. recreate, 48. resonate, 49. cryptography, 50. blockchain

51. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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55. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
56. asymmetric cry_____phy *n.* the study of the techniques and methods used for secure communication and information processing, particularly using codes and ciphers
57. int_____ary role *n.* a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings
58. au_____t immunity *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

ANSWERS: 51. industrious, 52. cryptocurrency, 53. metaverse, 54. perpetual, 55. determinant, 56. cryptography, 57. intermediary, 58. augment

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The auditor checked every entry in the _____ for accuracy.
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ANSWERS: 1. ledger, 2. originates, 3. sneak, 4. intermediary, 5. industrious, 6. fungible commodity, 7. ethic

8. The nosy neighbor liked to _____ around and eavesdrop on other people's conversations.
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ANSWERS: 8. snoop, 9. innovate, 10. crypto, 11. middleman, 12. cryptography, 13. revolutionized

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ANSWERS: 14. determinant, 15. steward, 16. monetize, 17. cryptocurrency, 18. awe-inspiring, 19. recreated, 20. perpetual

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adj. a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface

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ANSWERS: 21. mural, 22. decentralize, 23. augmented, 24. scarcity, 25. metaverse, 26. entrepreneurship, 27. resonates, 28. authenticate

29. Cryptocurrencies are only one form of implementation of _____ technology.

- 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

ANSWERS: 29. blockchain