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Session 1: Word List

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym: hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

viol

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

synonym: viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

subconsciously

adv. in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of

synonym: unconsciously, without thinking

(1) **subconsciously** influenced, (2) controlled

subconsciously

He **subconsciously** picked at his cuticles while he was on the phone.

chiffon

n. lightweight, sheer fabric made from silk, nylon, or rayon, often used for women's dresses or scarves

synonym : fabric, gauze, organdy

(1) **chiffon** dress, (2) silk **chiffon**

The designer used layers of **chiffon** in her collection to create a light and airy feel on the runway.

pluck

v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

synonym : grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

melodic

adj. having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music

synonym : harmonious, pleasing, musical

(1) **melodic** scale, (2) transcribe **melodic** patterns

She played a **melodic** piece on the piano.

wellspring

n. a source of supply, particularly of something abstract or intangible, such as ideas, inspiration, or spiritual energy

synonym : source, origin, fountainhead

(1) **wellspring** of creativity, (2) emotional **wellspring**

The company's success is based on the **wellspring** of innovative ideas from its employees.

landmine

n. an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle

synonym : mine, explosive device, antipersonnel mine

(1) destroy a **landmine**, (2) **landmine** removal

The antipersonnel **landmine** was a dangerous obstacle in the war-torn area.

litigate

v. to initiate or engage in legal proceedings, typically to settle a dispute or enforce a legal right

synonym : argue, contest, sue

(1) **litigate** a contract dispute, (2) **litigate** a copyright

The two parties will have to **litigate** their disagreements in court.

cybersecurity

n. the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction

synonym : information security, cyber protection

(1) **cybersecurity** threat, (2) **cybersecurity** measures

As the use of technology continues to increase in everyday life, **cybersecurity** awareness and education become even more important

brushstroke

n. the mark or stroke made by a painter's brush on a canvas or surface; a single movement or action toward a larger project or goal

synonym : stroke, line, mark

(1) artistic **brushstroke**, (2) a **brushstroke** of genius

The artist made a beautiful **brushstroke** on the canvas.

brute

n. a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power

synonym : beast, savage, animal

(1) **brute** beasts, (2) **brute** force

The **brute** behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.

superimpose

v. to place, layer, or overlay one thing on top of another, typically in such a way that both are still visible; to add or combine something additional into an existing structure, design, or system

synonym : overlay, impose, place over

(1) **superimpose** image, (2) **superimpose** text

The graphic designer will **superimpose** the logo over the image in the brochure.

infringe

v. to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property

synonym : violate, trespass, breach

(1) **infringe** a copyright, (2) **infringe** on our property

The company promised not to **infringe** on any of its competitor's patents.

troll

n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

synonym : provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker

(1) feed a **troll**, (2) copyright **troll**

He was banned from the online forum for being a **troll** and causing trouble.

octave

n. a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale

synonym : eighth, interval, range

(1) **octave** key, (2) **octave** range

The singer's range was impressive, covering three **octaves** with ease.

musicology

n. the study of music as a scholarly discipline typically focuses on issues related to the history, theory, and cultural context of music

synonym : musical scholarship, music theory

(1) **musicology** professor, (2) **musicology** research

The **musicology** conference held last year brought together scholars from all around the world.

rhythmic

adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

synonym: measured, metrical, cadenced

(1) a **rhythmic** stroking, (2) in a **rhythmic** pace

The **rhythmic** sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

allege

v. to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

synonym: claim, assert, state

(1) **allege** abuse, (2) **allege** wrongdoing

The prosecution **alleged** that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

desist

v. to stop or abstain from doing something, often in response to a request or order

synonym: cease, stop, discontinue

(1) **desist** from smoking, (2) **desist** from political support

The neighbors asked the construction crew to **desist** from working during the night.

petty

adj. of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

synonym: minor, insignificant, trivial

(1) **petty** crime, (2) **petty** cash

The **petty** arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.

subliminal

adj. existing or operating below the threshold of consciousness; not immediately noticeable or perceivable

synonym : subconscious, latent, hidden

(1) **subliminal** effect, (2) **subliminal** advertising

The **subliminal** message in the advertisement was meant to influence consumers to buy the product.

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

synonym : crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse

Ageing **creeps** up slowly with time.

weirdo

n. a person who looks strange and behaves strangely

synonym : freak, oddball, geek

(1) treated as a **weirdo**, (2) a total **weirdo**

The CEO was once a **weirdo**, wandering barefoot around the university.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym : charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

untenable

adj. cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible

synonym : indefensible, unsustainable

(1) **untenable** situation, (2) **untenable** amount of debt

The proposal was deemed **untenable** due to financial constraints.

evidential

adj. providing or related to facts

synonym : indicative, evidentiary

(1) **evidential** hearing, (2) **evidential** fact

All juries should have a copy of the **evidential** data.

subconscious

adj. relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

synonym: unconscious, latent, hidden

(1) **subconscious** influence, (2) **subconscious** behavior

The **subconscious** mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.

minefield

n. an area or situation that contains a hidden danger or risk, particularly a literal minefield of explosives or a figurative minefield of potential problems or missteps

synonym: hazard, danger, obstacle course

(1) enter a political **minefield**, (2) navigate the **minefield**

The corporate restructuring process was a **minefield** with many obstacles that needed to be navigated.

Session 2: Spelling

1. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

2. feed a tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

3. pro_____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

4. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

5. treated as a we___o *n.* a person who looks strange and behaves strangely

6. pl__k out weeds *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

7. silk ch_____n *n.* lightweight, sheer fabric made from silk, nylon, or rayon, often used for women's dresses or scarves

8. un_____le situation *adj.* cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible

ANSWERS: 1. viol, 2. troll, 3. protagonist, 4. sect, 5. weirdo, 6. pluck, 7. chiffon, 8. untenable

9. al___e wrongdoing *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
10. mus_____gy research *n.* the study of music as a scholarly discipline typically focuses on issues related to the history, theory, and cultural context of music
11. sub_____al advertising *adj.* existing or operating below the threshold of consciousness; not immediately noticeable or perceivable
12. a total we___o *n.* a person who looks strange and behaves strangely
13. li_____te a contract dispute *v.* to initiate or engage in legal proceedings, typically to settle a dispute or enforce a legal right
14. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
15. oc___e range *n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale
16. evi_____al fact *adj.* providing or related to facts
17. sub_____sly influenced *adv.* in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of
18. wel_____ng of creativity *n.* a source of supply, particularly of something abstract or intangible, such as ideas, inspiration, or spiritual energy
19. de___t from political support *v.* to stop or abstain from doing something, often in response to a request or order

ANSWERS: 9. allege, 10. musicology, 11. subliminal, 12. weirdo, 13. litigate, 14. accuse, 15. octave, 16. evidential, 17. subconsciously, 18. wellspring, 19. desist

20. br__e beasts *n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
21. controlled sub_____sly *adv.* in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of
22. in_____ge a copyright *v.* to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property
23. pe__y crime *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
24. oc___e key *n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale
25. br__e force *n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
26. ch_____n dress *n.* lightweight, sheer fabric made from silk, nylon, or rayon, often used for women's dresses or scarves
27. li_____te a copyright *v.* to initiate or engage in legal proceedings, typically to settle a dispute or enforce a legal right
28. artistic bru_____ke *n.* the mark or stroke made by a painter's brush on a canvas or surface; a single movement or action toward a larger project or goal

ANSWERS: 20. brute, 21. subconsciously, 22. infringe, 23. petty, 24. octave, 25. brute, 26. chiffon, 27. litigate, 28. brushstroke

29. sup_____se image *v.* to place, layer, or overlay one thing on top of another, typically in such a way that both are still visible; to add or combine something additional into an existing structure, design, or system
30. navigate the mi_____ld *n.* an area or situation that contains a hidden danger or risk, particularly a literal minefield of explosives or a figurative minefield of potential problems or missteps
31. emotional wel_____ng *n.* a source of supply, particularly of something abstract or intangible, such as ideas, inspiration, or spiritual energy
32. sub_____ous behavior *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
33. a bru_____ke of genius *n.* the mark or stroke made by a painter's brush on a canvas or surface; a single movement or action toward a larger project or goal
34. al___e abuse *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
35. cr__p along the leaf *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
36. la_____ne removal *n.* an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle
37. pl__k a gray hair *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

ANSWERS: 29. superimpose, 30. minefield, 31. wellspring, 32. subconscious, 33. brushstroke, 34. allege, 35. creep, 36. landmine, 37. pluck

38. enter a political mi_____ld *n.* an area or situation that contains a hidden danger or risk, particularly a literal minefield of explosives or a figurative minefield of potential problems or missteps
39. v__l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
40. cyb_____ity measures *n.* the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction
41. destroy a la_____ne *n.* an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle
42. transcribe me_____c patterns *adj.* having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music
43. cyb_____ity threat *n.* the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction
44. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
45. pe__y cash *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

ANSWERS: 38. minefield, 39. viol, 40. cybersecurity, 41. landmine, 42. melodic, 43. cybersecurity, 44. accuse, 45. petty

46. mus_____gy professor *n.* the study of music as a scholarly discipline typically focuses on issues related to the history, theory, and cultural context of music
47. sup_____se text *v.* to place, layer, or overlay one thing on top of another, typically in such a way that both are still visible; to add or combine something additional into an existing structure, design, or system
48. act con_____ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
49. sub_____ous influence *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
50. cr__p toward the mouse *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
51. un_____le amount of debt *adj.* cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible
52. me_____c scale *adj.* having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music
53. in a rh_____ic pace *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
54. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
55. evi_____al hearing *adj.* providing or related to facts
56. con_____ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
57. a rh_____ic stroking *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

ANSWERS: 46. musicology, 47. superimpose, 48. consciously, 49. subconscious, 50. creep, 51. untenable, 52. melodic, 53. rhythmic, 54. protagonist, 55. evidential, 56. consciously, 57. rhythmic

58. de___t from smoking *v.* to stop or abstain from doing something, often in response to a request or order
59. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
60. in_____ge on our property *v.* to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property
61. copyright tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
62. sub_____al effect *adj.* existing or operating below the threshold of consciousness; not immediately noticeable or perceivable

ANSWERS: 58. desist, 59. sect, 60. infringe, 61. troll, 62. subliminal

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. As the use of technology continues to increase in everyday life, _____ awareness and education become even more important
 - n.* the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction
2. The proposal was deemed _____ due to financial constraints.
 - adj.* cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible
3. The _____ message in the advertisement was meant to influence consumers to buy the product.
 - adj.* existing or operating below the threshold of consciousness; not immediately noticeable or perceivable
4. The artist made a beautiful _____ on the canvas.
 - n.* the mark or stroke made by a painter's brush on a canvas or surface; a single movement or action toward a larger project or goal
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6. The prosecution _____ that the defendant was guilty of the crime.
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ANSWERS: 1. cybersecurity, 2. untenable, 3. subliminal, 4. brushstroke, 5. desist, 6. alleged, 7. troll

8. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
9. The company's success is based on the _____ of innovative ideas from its employees.
n. a source of supply, particularly of something abstract or intangible, such as ideas, inspiration, or spiritual energy
10. The minority ____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
11. The _____ conference held last year brought together scholars from all around the world.
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12. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.
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adj. having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music
15. Aging _____ up slowly with time.
v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

ANSWERS: 8. protagonist's, 9. wellspring, 10. sect, 11. musicology, 12. consciously, 13. accused, 14. melodic, 15. creeps

16. All juries should have a copy of the _____ data.
adj. providing or related to facts
17. The CEO was once a _____ wandering barefoot around the university.
n. a person who looks strange and behaves strangely
18. The _____ sound of the drums was mesmerizing.
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v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
23. The designer used layers of _____ in her collection to create a light and airy feel on the runway.
n. lightweight, sheer fabric made from silk, nylon, or rayon, often used for women's dresses or scarves

ANSWERS: 16. evidential, 17. weirdo, 18. rhythmic, 19. landmine, 20. subconsciously, 21. octaves, 22. plucked, 23. chiffon

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ANSWERS: 24. superimpose, 25. infringe, 26. litigate, 27. subconscious, 28. minefield, 29. petty, 30. brute

31. The _____ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

- n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

ANSWERS: 31. viol