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Session 1: Word List

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym: isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

escalate

v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

synonym: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

offline

adj. not connected to the internet

synonym: disconnected, not connected, unplugged

(1) **offline** course, (2) **offline** mode

The computer is **offline** and cannot be accessed at the moment.

hurdle

n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

synonym: obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome **hurdles**, (2) **hurdle** race

The company faced several **hurdles** in the development of its new product.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym: re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

tyranny

n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

synonym: despotism, oppression, dictatorship

(1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority

The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.

mastery

n. complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity

synonym: proficiency, aptitude, domination

(1) **mastery** of mathematics, (2) strive for **mastery**

The country finally gained **mastery** over the whole land of its neighbors.

axle

n. a rod or spindle around which a wheel or pair of wheels revolves; a central shaft used to transmit power to machinery or vehicles

synonym: spindle, shaft, pivot

(1) **axle** grease, (2) rear **axle**

The manufacturer tested the **axles** on the truck to ensure they were durable enough to handle heavy loads.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

synonym: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym: aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection
She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists
His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

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.

toolkit

n. a set of tools, materials, or resources that are designed to be used together for a specific purpose or task; a collection of information or techniques that can be used to address a problem or achieve a goal

synonym: tool set, equipment, utility kit

(1) handy **toolkit**, (2) digital **toolkit**

The DIY **toolkit** includes a variety of power and hand tools for home repair.

chatbot

n. a computer program that uses artificial intelligence to simulate conversation with users, often used for customer service or informational purposes

synonym: chat robot, virtual assistant, conversational agent

(1) **chatbot** technology, (2) customer service **chatbot**

The AI-powered **chatbot** was able to understand and respond to my complex questions.

unstick

v. to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else

synonym: detach, remove, free

(1) **unstick** the door, (2) **unstick** the pages of a book

I had to use a knife to **unstick** the envelope from the table.

superhighway

n. a large, wide road designed for high-speed traffic

synonym: expressway, motorway, artery

(1) six-lane **superhighway**, (2) a tollgate of a **superhighway**

The University provides a wireless Internet **superhighway** to its students.

transferable

adj. able to be transferred or moved from one place or situation to another; legally able to be moved to the ownership of another

synonym: movable, portable, changeable

(1) **transferable** credit, (2) **transferable** knowledge

The skills he learned in this job are **transferable** to other positions.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a__e grease | <i>n.</i> a rod or spindle around which a wheel or pair of wheels revolves; a central shaft used to transmit power to machinery or vehicles |
| 2. un____k the door | <i>v.</i> to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else |
| 3. a sk____al attitude | <i>adj.</i> doubting that something is accurate or useful |
| 4. digital to____t | <i>n.</i> a set of tools, materials, or resources that are designed to be used together for a specific purpose or task; a collection of information or techniques that can be used to address a problem or achieve a goal |
| 5. re____k a marketing plan | <i>v.</i> to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it |
| 6. es____te into a major international incident | <i>v.</i> to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious |
| 7. medical in____n | <i>v.</i> to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria |
| 8. the cr____or's claims | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |

ANSWERS: 1. axle, 2. unstick, 3. skeptical, 4. toolkit, 5. rethink, 6. escalate, 7. intern, 8. creditor

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| 9. re____k the role of the manager | <i>v.</i> to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it |
| 10. customer service ch____t | <i>n.</i> a computer program that uses artificial intelligence to simulate conversation with users, often used for customer service or informational purposes |
| 11. de____e my own life | <i>v.</i> to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose |
| 12. strive for ma____y | <i>n.</i> complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity |
| 13. en____on the project's success | <i>v.</i> to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future |
| 14. en____on the future | <i>v.</i> to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future |
| 15. de____e all of my energies | <i>v.</i> to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose |
| 16. sk____al scientists | <i>adj.</i> doubting that something is accurate or useful |
| 17. as____e to greatness | <i>v.</i> to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great |
| 18. of____e mode | <i>adj.</i> not connected to the internet |
| 19. re____ne the future | <i>v.</i> to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way |

ANSWERS: 9. rethink, 10. chatbot, 11. devote, 12. mastery, 13. envision, 14. envision, 15. devote, 16. skeptical, 17. aspire, 18. offline, 19. reimagine

20. po__t the premise	<i>v.</i> to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
21. se_____te by race	<i>v.</i> to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
22. in___n civilians	<i>v.</i> to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
23. a tollgate of a sup_____way	<i>n.</i> a large, wide road designed for high-speed traffic
24. un_____k the pages of a book	<i>v.</i> to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else
25. brutal ty_____y	<i>n.</i> a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
26. of_____e course	<i>adj.</i> not connected to the internet
27. as___e after perfection	<i>v.</i> to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
28. re_____ne the possibilities	<i>v.</i> to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
29. tra_____ble credit	<i>adj.</i> able to be transferred or moved from one place or situation to another; legally able to be moved to the ownership of another

ANSWERS: 20. posit, 21. segregate, 22. intern, 23. superhighway, 24. unstick, 25. tyranny, 26. offline, 27. aspire, 28. reimagine, 29. transferable

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| 30. ty____y of the majority | <i>n.</i> a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others |
| 31. se_____te boys and girls | <i>v.</i> to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic |
| 32. to es_____te | <i>v.</i> to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious |
| 33. 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 |
| 34. bankrupt cr_____or | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 35. handy to_____t | <i>n.</i> a set of tools, materials, or resources that are designed to be used together for a specific purpose or task; a collection of information or techniques that can be used to address a problem or achieve a goal |
| 36. six-lane sup_____way | <i>n.</i> a large, wide road designed for high-speed traffic |
| 37. rear a__e | <i>n.</i> a rod or spindle around which a wheel or pair of wheels revolves; a central shaft used to transmit power to machinery or vehicles |
| 38. overcome hu___es | <i>n.</i> a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome |

ANSWERS: 30. tyranny, 31. segregate, 32. escalate, 33. posit, 34. creditor, 35. toolkit, 36. superhighway, 37. axle, 38. hurdle

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| 39. ch____t technology | <i>n.</i> a computer program that uses artificial intelligence to simulate conversation with users, often used for customer service or informational purposes |
| 40. tra_____ble knowledge | <i>adj.</i> able to be transferred or moved from one place or situation to another; legally able to be moved to the ownership of another |
| 41. ma_____y of mathematics | <i>n.</i> complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity |
| 42. hu____e race | <i>n.</i> a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome |

ANSWERS: 39. chatbot, 40. transferable, 41. mastery, 42. hurdle

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
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ANSWERS: 17. transferable, 18. posit, 19. toolkit, 20. segregate, 21. rethink