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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.
- vegan** *n.* a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons
(1) raw food **vegan**, (2) **vegan** lifestyle
The **vegan** diet is based on plant-based foods.
- weaver** *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
(1) the textile **weavers**, (2) tapestry **weavers**
The **weaver** fringed the scarf.
- starve** *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
synonym : famish, hunger
(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death
If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

oatmeal

n. a type of cereal made from oats that have been ground or steel-cut

synonym : porridge, grits, meal

(1) **oatmeal** cookies, (2) **oatmeal** breakfast

I love starting my day with a bowl of warm **oatmeal** and fresh fruit.

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.

exorbitant

adj. excessively high or unreasonable, often referring to prices or fees

synonym : excessive, extravagant, overpriced

(1) **exorbitant** cost, (2) **exorbitant** demand

The price of the designer shoes was **exorbitant**, so I decided not to buy them.

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.

fiduciary

adj. relating to the responsibility to act in the best interests of others, especially when it comes to managing money, property, or legal affairs; involving trust, loyalty, and confidence between the parties involved

synonym : trust, responsible, accountable

(1) **fiduciary** responsibility, (2) **fiduciary** capitalism

Investment managers have a **fiduciary** duty to clients to make informed, prudent investment decisions.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

percentile

n. a measure of position in a frequency distribution expressed as a percentage of the total

synonym: centile, proportion

(1) **percentile** rank, (2) **percentile** distribution

The student scored in the 90th **percentile** on the exam, which means they scored higher than 90% of the other students.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

mortar

n. a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances

synonym: howitzer, cement mixer, masonry tool

(1) **mortar** joints, (2) apply **mortar**

The bricklayer started on the second course of bricks, laying them in fresh **mortar**.

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.

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.

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.

instruct

- v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym: train, coach, guide

- (1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

incubator

- n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

synonym: hatchery, brooder, nursery

- (1) infant **incubator**, (2) business **incubator** program

The eggs were placed in an artificial **incubator** to ensure proper hatching conditions.

eradicate

- v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination
We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

panther

n. a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia

synonym: panthera, big cat, feline

(1) black **panther**, (2) **panther** habitat

The **panther's** sleek black coat and piercing yellow eyes make for a striking vision in the forest.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ve__n lifestyle *n.* a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons

2. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

3. fi_____ry responsibility *adj.* relating to the responsibility to act in the best interests of others, especially when it comes to managing money, property, or legal affairs; involving trust, loyalty, and confidence between the parties involved

4. the textile we___rs *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth

5. st___e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

6. oa_____l cookies *n.* a type of cereal made from oats that have been ground or steel-cut

7. black pa_____r *n.* a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia

8. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 1. vegan, 2. app, 3. fiduciary, 4. weaver, 5. starve, 6. oatmeal, 7. panther, 8. resilient

9. apply mo___r *n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances
10. pa_____r habitat *n.* a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia
11. infant in_____or *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
12. exo_____nt demand *adj.* excessively high or unreasonable, often referring to prices or fees
13. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
14. oa_____l breakfast *n.* a type of cereal made from oats that have been ground or steel-cut
15. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
16. tapestry we___rs *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
17. 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. mortar, 10. panther, 11. incubator, 12. exorbitant, 13. intellect, 14. oatmeal, 15. app, 16. weaver, 17. blockchain

18. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
19. raw food ve__n *n.* a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons
20. the scalability of blo_____in *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
21. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
22. mo___r joints *n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances
23. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
24. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
25. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
26. 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
27. 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

ANSWERS: 18. resilient, 19. vegan, 20. blockchain, 21. instruct, 22. mortar, 23. eradicate, 24. industrious, 25. aspiration, 26. decentralize, 27. crypto

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ANSWERS: 37. aspiration, 38. intellect, 39. percentile, 40. industrious, 41. decentralize, 42. fiduciary

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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