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Session 1: Word List

samurai

n. a member of the warrior class in feudal Japan, known for their military skills, loyalty, and code of honor, or bushido

synonym: warrior, fighter, swordsman

(1) **samurai** sword, (2) **samurai** lifestyle

Samurai culture emphasized honor, discipline, and respect for one's superiors.

grove

n. a small group of trees growing closely together

synonym: copse, thicket, underbrush

(1) a bamboo **grove**, (2) citrus **grove**

They walked through the **grove** of trees and admired the natural beauty.

recount

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

synonym: narrate, tell, report

(1) **recount** the adventure, (2) **recount** a conversation with him

They **recount** events that have already occurred.

transpire

v. to happen or be revealed

synonym: occur, happen, take place

(1) **transpire** as expected, (2) **transpire** in the news
It finally **transpired** that an employee had stolen the missing money.

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession
synonym: director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**
The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

conceivable

adj. imaginable or possible to understand or believe in the mind

synonym: believable, imaginable, probable

(1) **conceivable** way, (2) **conceivable** emergency
It is challenging to defend every **conceivable** target.

unreliability

n. the quality or state of not being dependable or trustworthy, often used to describe a person or thing that cannot be counted on to perform or deliver as expected

synonym: undependability, capriciousness, inconsistency

(1) **unreliability** of data, (2) frequent **unreliability**
The **unreliability** of the train system was frustrating for commuters who needed to arrive on time.

eyewitness

n. someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened

synonym: observer, spectator, witness

(1) a memory of an **eyewitness**, (2) **eyewitness** report
The **eyewitness** testimony was crucial in solving the case.

unreliable

adj. not able to be trusted or depended on

synonym: inconsistent, erratic, undependable

(1) prove **unreliable**, (2) **unreliable** source of information
By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously **unreliable**.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
synonym: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program
The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

subvert

v. to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

synonym: overthrow, undermine, sabotage

(1) **subvert** power, (2) **subvert** expectations

The rebels could **subvert** the government's plans by leaking classified information.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

egocentric

adj. centered on oneself or one's interests to the exclusion of others; overly focused on one's own needs, desires, or opinions and disregarding those of others

synonym: self-centered, narcissistic, egotistical

(1) **egocentric** personality, (2) **egocentric** world view

His **egocentric** behavior was causing problems in his personal and professional life.

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.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym:

alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts
The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

embellish

v. to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something

synonym: decorate, adorn, beautify

(1) **embellish** a story, (2) **embellish** a room

I decided to **embellish** the plain white dress with some colorful accessories.

dataset

n. a structured collection of data that is compiled and processed in a computer system or program, typically for analysis, research, or machine learning purposes

synonym: data array, database

(1) **dataset** analysis, (2) publicly available **dataset**

The scientist analyzed the large **dataset** to conclude the experiment.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

grapple

v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

synonym: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

paranoid

adj. unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you

(1) **paranoid** about issues, (2) **paranoid** disorder

A **paranoid** person may have delusions that people want to harm.

disgruntled

adj. displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices

synonym : dissatisfied, resentful, unhappy

(1) become **disgruntled** at work, (2) **disgruntled** customer

The **disgruntled** employee quit her job after being passed over for a promotion.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym : alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

ambiguity

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

synonym : uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

Session 2: Spelling

1. gr_____e with each other
v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
2. sa_____i lifestyle
n. a member of the warrior class in feudal Japan, known for their military skills, loyalty, and code of honor, or bushido
3. non-fiction fi_____er
n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession
4. tr_____re in the news
v. to happen or be revealed
5. ego_____ic world view
adj. centered on oneself or one's interests to the exclusion of others; overly focused on one's own needs, desires, or opinions and disregarding those of others
6. a bamboo gr___e
n. a small group of trees growing closely together
7. free from am_____ty
n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
8. ego_____ic personality
adj. centered on oneself or one's interests to the exclusion of others; overly focused on one's own needs, desires, or opinions and disregarding those of others
9. em_____sh a room
v. to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something

ANSWERS: 1. grapple, 2. samurai, 3. filmmaker, 4. transpire, 5. egocentric, 6. grove, 7. ambiguity, 8. egocentric, 9. embellish

10. gr_____e with problem *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
11. eye_____ss report *n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
12. a theoretical concept in neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
13. publicly available da_____t *n.* a structured collection of data that is compiled and processed in a computer system or program, typically for analysis, research, or machine learning purposes
14. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
15. frequent unr_____ity *n.* the quality or state of not being dependable or trustworthy, often used to describe a person or thing that cannot be counted on to perform or deliver as expected
16. become dis_____ed at work *adj.* displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices
17. em_____sh a story *v.* to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something

ANSWERS: 10. grapple, 11. eyewitness, 12. neuroscience, 13. dataset, 14. anthropology, 15. unreliability, 16. disgruntled, 17. embellish

18. su____t expectations *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
19. controlled sub_____sly *adv.* in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of
20. ant_____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
21. unr_____le source of information *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
22. re_____e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something
23. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
24. a memory of an eye_____ss *n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
25. sa_____i sword *n.* a member of the warrior class in feudal Japan, known for their military skills, loyalty, and code of honor, or bushido
26. da_____t analysis *n.* a structured collection of data that is compiled and processed in a computer system or program, typically for analysis, research, or machine learning purposes
27. first-person na_____or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

ANSWERS: 18. subvert, 19. subconsciously, 20. anthropology, 21. unreliable, 22. reshape, 23. reshape, 24. eyewitness, 25. samurai, 26. dataset, 27. narrator

28. unr_____ity of data *n.* the quality or state of not being dependable or trustworthy, often used to describe a person or thing that cannot be counted on to perform or deliver as expected
29. pa_____id disorder *adj.* unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
30. avoid am_____ty in writing *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
31. the na_____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
32. tr_____re as expected *v.* to happen or be revealed
33. con_____le emergency *adj.* imaginable or possible to understand or believe in the mind
34. dis_____ed customer *adj.* displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices
35. pa_____id about issues *adj.* unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
36. sound very te_____ng *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
37. con_____le way *adj.* imaginable or possible to understand or believe in the mind
38. re_____t the adventure *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story

ANSWERS: 28. unreliability, 29. paranoid, 30. ambiguity, 31. narrator, 32. transpire, 33. conceivable, 34. disgruntled, 35. paranoid, 36. tempting, 37. conceivable, 38. recount

39. re____t a conversation with him *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
40. the branch of neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
41. a successful fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
42. su____t power *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
43. sub_____sly influenced *adv.* in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of
44. te____ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
45. citrus gr__e *n.* a small group of trees growing closely together
46. prove unr_____le *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on

ANSWERS: 39. recount, 40. neuroscience, 41. filmmaker, 42. subvert, 43. subconsciously, 44. tempting, 45. grove, 46. unreliable

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral _____.
n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
2. His _____ behavior was causing problems in his personal and professional life.
adj. centered on oneself or one's interests to the exclusion of others; overly focused on one's own needs, desires, or opinions and disregarding those of others
3. The _____ employee quit her job after being passed over for a promotion.
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5. The _____ testimony was crucial in solving the case.
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6. They walked through the _____ of trees and admired the natural beauty.
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7. A _____ person may have delusions that people want to harm.
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11. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.
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23. They _____ events that have already occurred.

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

ANSWERS: 23. recount