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Session 1: Word List

myopic

adj. near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective

synonym: nearsighted, short-sighted, unforesightful

(1) **myopic** vision, (2) **myopic** thinking

His **myopic** view of the situation prevented him from seeing the bigger picture.

pinprick

n. a very small hole in something, especially made by a pin or needle; a minor annoyance

(1) a tiny **pinprick**, (2) feel a **pinprick** sensation

He felt a **pinprick** of disgust.

cantilever

n. a long projecting beam or structure that is anchored at one end and carries a load at the other end, often used to support balconies, walkways, and bridges

synonym: projection, beam, girder

(1) **cantilever** beam, (2) **cantilever** bridge

The designer utilized a **cantilever** technique to create a sleek and modern staircase.

vantage

n. a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

synonym : advantage, benefit, edge

(1) strategic **vantage**, (2) gain a **vantage**

From our **vantage** point, we could see the whole city skyline.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

frailty

n. the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality

synonym : weakness, fragility, delicacy

(1) cognitive **frailty**, (2) **frailty** syndrome

The doctor warned us about the human body's **frailty** and the dangers of neglecting our health.

robotic

adj. of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

synonym : automated, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **robotic** arm, (2) **robotic** guide operation

The surgeon removed the tumor using **robotic** video assistance.

brainstorming

n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

(1) **brainstorming** session, (2) do a **brainstorming** about a new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

mundane

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

synonym : ordinary, everyday, prosaic

(1) **mundane** affairs, (2) **mundane** objects

After returning from the war, he had a pretty **mundane** life.

mischievous

adj. causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way

synonym : naughty, prankish, impish

(1) **mischievous** grin, (2) **mischievous** sense of humor
The **mischievous** child played pranks on his siblings all day long.

downright

adj. (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely

synonym : absolute, utter, complete

(1) **downright** nonsense, (2) **downright** impossible
It was a **downright** lie that he would attend the event.

macabre

adj. gruesome, grisly; relating to death

synonym : grotesque, gruesome, sinister

(1) **macabre** tales of war, (2) **macabre** art
The **macabre** scene in the horror movie gave her nightmares for weeks.

cyborg

n. a being that is part human and part machine or technology, often created through the integration of electronic and mechanical devices

synonym : android, bionic, half-human

(1) **cyborg** technology, (2) **cyborg** cop
The idea of a superhuman **cyborg** army is a popular trope in action movies.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

chore

n. a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor

synonym : task, duty, job

(1) **chore** list, (2) household **chores**

Cleaning the house is a **chore** that only some enjoy.

matchmake

v. to arrange or facilitate a romantic relationship or marriage between two people; to act as a matchmaker

synonym : arrange marriages, pair up, introduce people

(1) **matchmake** a couple, (2) **matchmake** people based on their interests

She tried to **matchmake** her two friends on a blind date, but it was a disaster.

marvelous

adj. causing wonder or astonishment; excellent

synonym : wonderful, amazing, superb

(1) **marvelous** performance, (2) **marvelous** power

The view from the top of the mountain was **marvelous**.

ambivalent

adj. having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take

synonym : conflicted, indecisive, unsure

(1) **ambivalent** feelings, (2) **ambivalent** attitude

I feel **ambivalent** about attending the party since I don't know anyone there.

astound

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

synonym : amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

proliferate

v. to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner

synonym : multiply, spread, propagate

(1) **proliferate** cells, (2) **proliferate** weeds

The number of COVID cases continued to **proliferate** in many countries worldwide.

extrapolate

v. to guess or think about what might happen or estimate something using the facts that you have now

synonym: deduce, reason, infer

(1) **extrapolate** the results, (2) **extrapolate** animal dose

This predictive model mechanically **extrapolates** past trends into the future.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

paradoxical

adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

synonym: contradictory, conflicting, perplexing

(1) a **paradoxical** anecdote, (2) apparently **paradoxical**

it is **paradoxical** that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

proverb

n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

synonym: adage, saying, maxim

(1) a hackneyed **proverb**, (2) ancient **proverb**

The famous **proverb** "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ex___e the crowd
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
2. mis_____us grin
adj. causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way
3. a hackneyed pr____b
n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
4. personality tr__ts
n. a particular feature of your nature
5. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
6. op_____ne occasion
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
7. ext_____te animal dose
v. to guess or think about what might happen or estimate something using the facts that you have now
8. mu_____e affairs
adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
9. ma_____e art
adj. gruesome, grisly; relating to death
10. mu_____e objects
adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
11. gain a va_____e
n. a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

ANSWERS: 1. excite, 2. mischievous, 3. proverb, 4. trait, 5. opportune, 6. opportune, 7. extrapolate, 8. mundane, 9. macabre, 10. mundane, 11. vantage

12. ma_____ke people based on their interests *v.* to arrange or facilitate a romantic relationship or marriage between two people; to act as a matchmaker
13. do a bra_____ing about a new product *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
14. can_____er bridge *n.* a long projecting beam or structure that is anchored at one end and carries a load at the other end, often used to support balconies, walkways, and bridges
15. my___c vision *adj.* near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective
16. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
17. ma_____us performance *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
18. a par_____al anecdote *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
19. fr_____y syndrome *n.* the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality
20. amb_____nt feelings *adj.* having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take

ANSWERS: 12. matchmake, 13. brainstorming, 14. cantilever, 15. myopic, 16. excite, 17. marvelous, 18. paradoxical, 19. frailty, 20. ambivalent

21. pro_____te weeds *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
22. household ch__es *n.* a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor
23. a tiny pi_____ck *n.* a very small hole in something, especially made by a pin or needle; a minor annoyance
24. mis_____us sense of humor *adj.* causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way
25. cy___g cop *n.* a being that is part human and part machine or technology, often created through the integration of electronic and mechanical devices
26. can_____er beam *n.* a long projecting beam or structure that is anchored at one end and carries a load at the other end, often used to support balconies, walkways, and bridges
27. bra_____ing session *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
28. apparently par_____al *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
29. strategic va_____e *n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

ANSWERS: 21. proliferate, 22. chore, 23. pinprick, 24. mischievous, 25. cyborg, 26. cantilever, 27. brainstorming, 28. paradoxical, 29. vantage

30. as____d the viewer *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
31. ma_____ke a couple *v.* to arrange or facilitate a romantic relationship or marriage between two people; to act as a matchmaker
32. do_____ht nonsense *adj.* (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely
33. ro_____c arm *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
34. do_____ht impossible *adj.* (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely
35. pro_____te cells *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
36. as____d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
37. ma_____e tales of war *adj.* gruesome, grisly; relating to death
38. cognitive fr_____y *n.* the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality
39. ro_____c guide operation *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
40. cy____g technology *n.* a being that is part human and part machine or technology, often created through the integration of electronic and mechanical devices

ANSWERS: 30. astound, 31. matchmake, 32. downright, 33. robotic, 34. downright, 35. proliferate, 36. astound, 37. macabre, 38. frailty, 39. robotic, 40. cyborg

41. amb_____nt attitude *adj.* having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take
42. feel a pi_____ck sensation *n.* a very small hole in something, especially made by a pin or needle; a minor annoyance
43. ext_____te the results *v.* to guess or think about what might happen or estimate something using the facts that you have now
44. ancient pr_____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
45. my___c thinking *adj.* near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective
46. ma_____us power *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
47. ch__e list *n.* a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor
48. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature

ANSWERS: 41. ambivalent, 42. pinprick, 43. extrapolate, 44. proverb, 45. myopic, 46. marvelous, 47. chore, 48. trait

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I feel _____ about attending the party since I don't know anyone there.
adj. having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take

2. He felt a _____ of disgust.
n. a very small hole in something, especially made by a pin or needle; a minor annoyance

3. After returning from the war, he had a pretty _____ life.
adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

4. This predictive model mechanically _____ past trends into the future.
v. to guess or think about what might happen or estimate something using the facts that you have now

5. The doctor warned us about the human body's _____ and the dangers of neglecting our health.
n. the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality

6. The idea of a superhuman _____ army is a popular trope in action movies.
n. a being that is part human and part machine or technology, often created through the integration of electronic and mechanical devices

7. The number of COVID cases continued to _____ in many countries worldwide.
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ANSWERS: 1. ambivalent, 2. pinprick, 3. mundane, 4. extrapolates, 5. frailty, 6. cyborg, 7. proliferate

8. The _____ scene in the horror movie gave her nightmares for weeks.
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9. From our _____ point, we could see the whole city skyline.
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11. The view from the top of the mountain was _____.
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12. She tried to _____ her two friends on a blind date, but it was a disaster.
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ANSWERS: 8. macabre, 9. vantage, 10. robotic, 11. marvelous, 12. matchmake, 13. proverb, 14. downright, 15. paradoxical

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18. His _____ view of the situation prevented him from seeing the bigger picture.
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ANSWERS: 16. traits, 17. excited, 18. myopic, 19. astounding, 20. mischievous, 21. chore, 22. cantilever, 23. opportune

24. Many companies employ _____ as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

- n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

ANSWERS: 24. brainstorming