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Session 1: Word List

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.

cochlea

n. a spiral-shaped cavity in the inner ear that is responsible for hearing; it contains sensory hair cells that convert vibrations into electrical signals that are sent to the brain for interpretation

synonym : spiral organ, snail shell, inner ear

(1) **cochlea** spiral, (2) implanted **cochlea**

Damage to the **cochlea** can cause hearing loss or deafness.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym : defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym : deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

sledgehammer

n. a large, heavy hammer typically used for breaking up rock, concrete, or other hard materials

synonym: mallet, hammer, crusher

(1) **sledgehammer** blow, (2) **sledgehammer** workout

The construction worker violently swung the **sledgehammer**, demolishing the old wall.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

measles

n. a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children

synonym: rash, red measles, rubella

(1) **measles** outbreak, (2) **measles** vaccine

The school sent a notice of a **measles** case in one of the classrooms.

crayon

n. a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring

synonym: chalk, pastel, (verb) draw

(1) **crayon** drawing, (2) **crayon** her coloring books

The teacher handed out several different colored **crayons** to each student.

recharge

v. to restore the energy or power of something by supplying it with more energy or power; to refresh or renew oneself by rest or sleep

synonym : renew, refresh, replenish

(1) **recharge** brain and body, (2) **recharge** energy

He needed to **recharge** his phone before the meeting.

perpetual

adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

synonym : enduring, unchanging, incessant

(1) **perpetual** motion machine, (2) **perpetual** struggle

The company employs a **perpetual** inventory system.

downhill

adv. in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner

synonym : downslope

(1) ski **downhill**, (2) walk **downhill** to the beach

The family's finances have been going **downhill** since they lost their main source of income.

deprivation

n. a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life

synonym : poverty, destitution, forfeiture

(1) chronic sleep **deprivation**, (2) **deprivation** of liberty

Losing him is great **deprivation** to our team.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym : divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

bionic

adj. relating to or using technology or devices that enhance or replace biological functions, typically in a way that mimics or improves upon the original

(1) **bionic** exoskeleton, (2) **bionic** technology

The soldier was fitted with a **bionic** arm after losing him in combat.

undeniable

adj. not possible to deny; true or certain

synonym: absolute, definite, indubitable

(1) an **undeniable** fact, (2) an **undeniable** masterpiece

Her influence on teenagers is **undeniable**.

regenerate

v. to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful

synonym: renew, revive, improve

(1) **regenerate** bone tissue, (2) a **regenerate** sinner

The new CEO's primary mission is to **regenerate** the company on the verge of bankruptcy.

earbud

n. a small electronic device that fits into the ear canal and is used for listening to music or for communication, especially when attached to a portable audio player or mobile phone

synonym: earphone, headphone

(1) wireless **earbud**, (2) sport **earbuds**

He bought noise-canceling **earbuds** to help him concentrate while working in a noisy environment.

tedious

adj. tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature

synonym: boring, monotonous, dull

(1) **tedious** task, (2) **tedious** routine

The work of data entry can be **tedious**, but it is important for maintaining accurate records.

patron

n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

synonym: contributor, sponsor, supporter

(1) the **patron** saint of a place, (2) political **patron**
They have been a **patron** of this restaurant for many years.

temper

n. a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

synonym: mood, disposition, nature

(1) a hasty **temper**, (2) bridle my **temper**

The **temper** of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.

tantrum

n. an outburst of anger or frustration, typically characterized by yelling, crying, or other emotional displays

synonym: outburst, fit, explosion

(1) throw a **tantrum**, (2) temper **tantrum**

The toddler had a **tantrum** and refused to take a nap.

inconvenient

adj. causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

synonym: troublesome, difficult, awkward

(1) face an **inconvenient** truth, (2) **inconvenient** for shopping

It was **inconvenient** for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

assimilate

v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

synonym: absorb, incorporate, integrate

(1) **assimilate** into society, (2) **assimilate** a language

The immigrant struggled to **assimilate** into the new culture.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym: legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

involuntary

adj. acting or done without or against one's will

synonym : coerced, forced, automatic

(1) **involuntary** manslaughter, (2) **involuntary** muscles

The drug's side effects can include **involuntary** loss of urine.

sterilize

v. to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation

synonym : disinfect, sanitize, cleanse

(1) **sterilize** chemically, (2) **sterilize** surfaces

The nurse **sterilized** the instruments before the surgery to prevent any infections.

unfit

adj. not suitable or good enough for a particular purpose or standard

synonym : inadequate, unsuitable, improper

(1) **unfit** for the post, (2) physically **unfit**

The doctor declared him **unfit** for work due to his illness.

unreachable

adj. not able to be reached or accessed; beyond one's physical or logistical ability to contact or approach

synonym : unattainable, unapproachable, out of reach

(1) **unreachable** destination, (2) **unreachable** goal

The lost hikers were stranded and **unreachable** by phone.

millennial

adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

synonym : thousand, (noun) Generation Y

(1) **millennial** record, (2) the **millennial** reign

Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by **millennial-scale** changes in climate.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

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.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

impair

v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse

synonym: degrade, mar, deface

(1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity

The accident made his vision **impaired**.

subtitle

n. a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language

synonym: caption, heading, inscription

(1) chart **subtitle**, (2) foreign-language **subtitle**

Make sure to turn on **subtitles** so you can understand the foreign film.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus

on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

futile

adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

synonym : useless, worthless, ineffective

(1) **futile** talk, (2) make a **futile** protest

It was **futile** to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
2. im___r my health *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
3. en__t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
4. ass_____te into society *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
5. political pa___n *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
6. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
7. unr_____le goal *adj.* not able to be reached or accessed; beyond one's physical or logistical ability to contact or approach
8. the pa___n saint of a place *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
9. un__t for the post *adj.* not suitable or good enough for a particular purpose or standard
10. cr___n her coloring books *n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring

ANSWERS: 1. smartphone, 2. impair, 3. enact, 4. assimilate, 5. patron, 6. sibling, 7. unreachable, 8. patron, 9. unfit, 10. crayon

11. di_____ct attention from the real issue
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
12. me_____s outbreak
n. a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children
13. chart su_____le
n. a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language
14. im____r insulin sensitivity
v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse
15. antibiotic-resistant g__m
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
16. physically un__t
adj. not suitable or good enough for a particular purpose or standard
17. flexible mi_____t
n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
18. se_____te by race
v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
19. st_____ze chemically
v. to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation

ANSWERS: 11. distract, 12. measles, 13. subtitle, 14. impair, 15. germ, 16. unfit, 17. mindset, 18. segregate, 19. sterilize

20. pe_____al struggle *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
21. an und_____le masterpiece *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
22. a reg_____te sinner *v.* to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful
23. se_____te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
24. 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
25. reg_____te bone tissue *v.* to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful
26. st_____ze surfaces *v.* to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation
27. cr____n drawing *n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring
28. walk do_____ll to the beach *adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner

ANSWERS: 20. perpetual, 21. undeniable, 22. regenerate, 23. segregate, 24. cyborg, 25. regenerate, 26. sterilize, 27. crayon, 28. downhill

29. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
30. bi___c technology *adj.* relating to or using technology or devices that enhance or replace biological functions, typically in a way that mimics or improves upon the original
31. a hasty te___r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
32. re_____ge brain and body *v.* to restore the energy or power of something by supplying it with more energy or power; to refresh or renew oneself by rest or sleep
33. temper ta_____m *n.* an outburst of anger or frustration, typically characterized by yelling, crying, or other emotional displays
34. the mi_____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
35. co_____a spiral *n.* a spiral-shaped cavity in the inner ear that is responsible for hearing; it contains sensory hair cells that convert vibrations into electrical signals that are sent to the brain for interpretation
36. te_____s task *adj.* tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature

ANSWERS: 29. germ, 30. bionic, 31. temper, 32. recharge, 33. tantrum, 34. mindset, 35. cochlea, 36. tedious

37. co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
38. ski do_____ll *adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner
39. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
40. unr_____le destination *adj.* not able to be reached or accessed; beyond one's physical or logistical ability to contact or approach
41. throw a ta_____m *n.* an outburst of anger or frustration, typically characterized by yelling, crying, or other emotional displays
42. chronic sleep dep_____on *n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life
43. inv_____ry manslaughter *adj.* acting or done without or against one's will
44. pe_____al motion machine *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
45. re_____ge energy *v.* to restore the energy or power of something by supplying it with more energy or power; to refresh or renew oneself by rest or sleep
46. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
47. dep_____on of liberty *n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life

ANSWERS: 37. conquer, 38. downhill, 39. distract, 40. unreachable, 41. tantrum, 42. deprivation, 43. involuntary, 44. perpetual, 45. recharge, 46. profoundly, 47. deprivation

48. have a si____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
49. the mil_____al reign *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
50. implanted co____a *n.* a spiral-shaped cavity in the inner ear that is responsible for hearing; it contains sensory hair cells that convert vibrations into electrical signals that are sent to the brain for interpretation
51. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
52. me____s vaccine *n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children
53. te____s routine *adj.* tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature
54. 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
55. wireless ea___d *n.* a small electronic device that fits into the ear canal and is used for listening to music or for communication, especially when attached to a portable audio player or mobile phone

ANSWERS: 48. sibling, 49. millennial, 50. cochlea, 51. profoundly, 52. measles, 53. tedious, 54. cyborg, 55. earbud

56. make a fu___e protest *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
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58. ass_____te a language *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
59. face an inc_____ent truth *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
60. sle_____mer blow *n.* a large, heavy hammer typically used for breaking up rock, concrete, or other hard materials
61. en__t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
62. sport ea___ds *n.* a small electronic device that fits into the ear canal and is used for listening to music or for communication, especially when attached to a portable audio player or mobile phone
63. bi___c exoskeleton *adj.* relating to or using technology or devices that enhance or replace biological functions, typically in a way that mimics or improves upon the original
64. inv_____ry muscles *adj.* acting or done without or against one's will

ANSWERS: 56. futile, 57. subtitle, 58. assimilate, 59. inconvenient, 60. sledgehammer, 61. enact, 62. earbud, 63. bionic, 64. involuntary

65. bridle my te___r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
66. inc_____ent for shopping *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
67. sle_____mer workout *n.* a large, heavy hammer typically used for breaking up rock, concrete, or other hard materials
68. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
69. mil_____al record *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
70. fu___e talk *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
71. an und_____le fact *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
72. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority

ANSWERS: 65. temper, 66. inconvenient, 67. sledgehammer, 68. smartphone, 69. millennial, 70. futile, 71. undeniable, 72. conquer

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
2. The soldier was fitted with a _____ arm after losing him in combat.
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3. It was _____ for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.
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4. The accident made his vision _____.
v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse
5. The new CEO's primary mission is to _____ the company on the verge of bankruptcy.
v. to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful
6. The family's finances have been going _____ since they lost their main source of income.
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ANSWERS: 1. mindset, 2. bionic, 3. inconvenient, 4. impaired, 5. regenerate, 6. downhill, 7. subtitles

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- v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
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ANSWERS: 8. segregate, 9. unreachable, 10. millennial-scale, 11. futile, 12. assimilate, 13. undeniable, 14. earbuds, 15. smartphones

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ANSWERS: 16. crayons, 17. sledgehammer, 18. perpetual, 19. involuntary, 20. profoundly, 21. sterilized, 22. recharge

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ANSWERS: 23. patron, 24. deprivation, 25. germ, 26. siblings, 27. unfit, 28. distract, 29. enacted, 30. cyborg, 31. cochlea

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ANSWERS: 32. measles, 33. tedious, 34. tantrum, 35. conquer, 36. temper