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Session 1: Word List

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym: settle, occupy, populate

(1) inhabit a cave, (2) inhabit the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks inhabit the neighborhood.

lunar

adj. of or pertaining to the moon

synonym: moony

(1) lunar crater, (2) lunar surface

Ancient people felt mystified by the patterns on the **lunar** surface.

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.

pandemic

 an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym: outbreak

(1) flu pandemic, (2) global pandemic

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

conjure

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

synonym: summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

conquest

 the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

synonym: subjugation, domination, mastery

imperial conquest, (2) make a conquest
 He continued to grow his empire through conquest.

billionaire

 a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

synonym: mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

Silicon Valley billionaire, (2) oil billionaire
 The self-made billionaire donated millions to charity.

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.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) confer degree, (2) confer honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

cram

v. to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

synonym: stuff, pack, jam

(1) **cram** more circuits into chips, (2) **cram** five people into a car

She had to **cram** for the final exam and stayed up all night studying.

petri

- n. (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria
- (1) petri dish test, (2) bacteria on petri dishes

Glass petri dishes are used to culture microorganisms.

societal

adj. relating to society or social relationships

synonym: social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

celestial

adj. relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens

synonym: heavenly, divine, ethereal

(1) **celestial** bliss, (2) **celestial** navigation

The **celestial** bodies in the night sky were beautiful to behold.

well-being

- n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperoussynonym: health, welfare, happiness
- (1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being** We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

greenfield

 adj. referring to land that has not been previously developed or used for building or agriculture; characterized by a new beginning or fresh start

synonym: new, undeveloped, untouched

(1) **greenfield** site, (2) **greenfield** development The company purchased a **greenfield** site outside the city to build its new factory.

interplanetary

- adj. relating to or occurring between planets, particularly regarding space travel or communicationsynonym: interstellar, planetary, celestial
- (1) **interplanetary** debris, (2) **interplanetary** exploration Scientists are working on developing **interplanetary** travel to explore other planets in our solar system.

authoritarian

 adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym: dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

fascist

 adj. relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

synonym: authoritarian, dictatorial, totalitarian

(1) fascist propaganda, (2) fascist policies

The regime was accused of being **fascist** for their oppressive tactics.

diplomat

 a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym: envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied diplomat, (2) expel a diplomat

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

underpin

- v. to support or strengthen the foundations of something synonym: support, foundation, base
- (1) **underpin** a structure, (2) **underpin** democratization The research findings **underpin** the theory that human activities cause global warming.

terrify

- v. to frighten someone very much synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify
- (1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

crater

 a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

synonym: cavity, hole, pit

(1) crater lake, (2) lunar crater

An enormous **crater** marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidatingsynonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

dismantle

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

synonym: take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1.

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2.	expel a diat	n.	a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
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9. co r honor

ANSWERS: 1. well-being, 2. diplomat, 3. robotic, 4. underpin, 5. robotic, 6. petri, 7. conquest, 8. obsess, 9. confer

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- 18. an op ne remark
- 19. flu pa____ic
- 20. aut ian practice
- 21. ce____al bliss

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ANSWERS: 54. conjure

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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2.	The leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.
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3.	Scientists are working on developing travel to explore other planets in our solar system.
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