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Session 1: Word List

endlessly

adv. in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

synonym: ceaselessly, interminably, unceasingly

(1) repeat **endlessly**, (2) worry **endlessly** about our future
The procession of demonstrators was **endlessly** continuing.

hardwired

adj. built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics

synonym: innate, ingrained, automatic

(1) **hardwired** behavior, (2) **hardwired** connection

The instinct to protect one's offspring is **hardwired** into many animal species.

linguistics

n. the study of language and its structure, including the study of grammar, syntax, and phonetics

synonym: language studies, phonology, etymology

(1) comparative **linguistics**, (2) **linguistics** professor

A new study in **linguistics** research showed that bilingualism delays the onset of dementia.

adverb

n. a type of word that modifies, describes, or provides additional information about a verb, adjective, or other

adverbs, such as often, quickly, or very

synonym: modifier, qualifier, descriptor

(1) **adverb** placement, (2) **adverb** of degree

During our English class, we spent an entire lesson learning how to use an **adverb** clause in our writing correctly.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

linguist

n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

synonym: grammarist, philologue, polyglot

(1) foreign **linguist**, (2) cognitive **linguist**

Though I love literature, I'm a bad **linguist**.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

recursion

n. the process of repeating or looping through a set of instructions or functions within another function, often used in programming and computer science

synonym: iteration, looping, repetition

(1) **recursion** depth, (2) **recursion** limit

The team encountered an infinite **recursion** error in their

code, causing the program to crash.

embed

v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass

synonym: entrench, fix, set

(1) **embed** scripts in the message, (2) **embed** a sensor

The company **embedded** a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.

cognition

n. the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

synonym: awareness, understanding, comprehension

(1) social **cognition**, (2) **cognition** disorder

The professor focused on the research of infant **cognition**.

overthrow

v. to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force

synonym: defeat, destroy, conquer

(1) **overthrow** the government, (2) **overthrow** the theory

The group aims to **overthrow** the military regime.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ha_____ed behavior *adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics
2. worry en_____ly about our future *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
3. re_____on depth *n.* the process of repeating or looping through a set of instructions or functions within another function, often used in programming and computer science
4. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
5. repeat en_____ly *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
6. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
7. comparative lin_____cs *n.* the study of language and its structure, including the study of grammar, syntax, and phonetics
8. social co_____on *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

ANSWERS: 1. hardwired, 2. endlessly, 3. recursion, 4. rev, 5. endlessly, 6. determinant, 7. linguistics, 8. cognition

9. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
10. ov_____ow the government *v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
11. foreign li_____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
12. co_____on disorder *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
13. em__d a sensor *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
14. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
15. ad___b placement *n.* a type of word that modifies, describes, or provides additional information about a verb, adjective, or other adverbs, such as often, quickly, or very
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ANSWERS: 9. rev, 10. overthrow, 11. linguist, 12. cognition, 13. embed, 14. determinant, 15. adverb, 16. hardwired

17. lin_____cs professor *n.* the study of language and its structure, including the study of grammar, syntax, and phonetics
18. em__d scripts in the message *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
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20. re_____on limit *n.* the process of repeating or looping through a set of instructions or functions within another function, often used in programming and computer science
21. ad___b of degree *n.* a type of word that modifies, describes, or provides additional information about a verb, adjective, or other adverbs, such as often, quickly, or very
22. ov_____ow the theory *v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force

ANSWERS: 17. linguistics, 18. embed, 19. linguist, 20. recursion, 21. adverb, 22. overthrow

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 1. adverb, 2. hardwired, 3. recursion, 4. linguist, 5. rev, 6. linguistics

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11. The company _____ a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.
v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass

ANSWERS: 7. endlessly, 8. cognition, 9. determinant, 10. overthrow, 11. embedded