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Session 1: Word List

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.

starvation

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

synonym : hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym : devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

summon

v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

synonym : call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

scoot

v. to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device

synonym : glide, slide, scurry

(1) **scoot** out of my room, (2) **scoot** over

I have to **scoot** over to the next desk because there's not enough room for me to sit comfortably.

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym : hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

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.

dystopia

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

synonym : anti-utopia

(1) a crumbling **dystopia**, (2) the escape from **dystopia**

The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into **dystopias**.

crossbreeding

n. the process of breeding two different species or breeds to produce offspring that share characteristics of both

synonym : hybridization, interbreeding

(1) selective **crossbreeding**, (2) **crossbreeding** plant species

The new breed of dog was developed through careful **crossbreeding** of different species.

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**.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

hitchhike

v. to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle

synonym : thumb a ride, bum a ride

(1) **hitchhike** a ride, (2) **hitchhike** across the country

She had to **hitchhike** to the nearest gas station when her car broke down.

tamper

v. to interfere with something in a way that causes damage or unauthorized alteration; to meddle with or manipulate something without permission or authority; (noun) a tool or device used for interfering with or altering something in a way that is unauthorized or illegal

synonym : meddle, fiddle, monkey

(1) **tamper** with evidence, (2) **tamper-resistant**

It's important not to **tamper** with the settings on your computer unless you know what you're doing.

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym : pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

errand

n. a short trip that is taken to perform a specified task, such as to take a message or to take or collect something

synonym : task, chore

(1) **errand** boy, (2) run an **errand**

He sent me on an **errand**.

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

synonym : uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

pandemic

n. 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.

insentient

adj. without feeling or consciousness; lacking awareness or perception of one's surroundings

synonym : lifeless, unconscious, unfeeling

(1) **insentient** force, (2) **insentient** nature

The **insentient** rock did not react to the changes in

temperature or weather.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
2. er____d boy *n.* a short trip that is taken to perform a specified task, such as to take a message or to take or collect something
3. dr__e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
4. ha____s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
5. ha____s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
6. a crumbling dy____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
7. cro_____ing plant species *n.* the process of breeding two different species or breeds to produce offspring that share characteristics of both
8. ta____r with evidence *v.* to interfere with something in a way that causes damage or unauthorized alteration; to meddle with or manipulate something without permission or authority; (noun) a tool or device used for interfering with or altering something in a way that is unauthorized or illegal

ANSWERS: 1. confuse, 2. errand, 3. drone, 4. harass, 5. harass, 6. dystopia, 7. crossbreeding, 8. tamper

20. ins_____nt nature *adj.* without feeling or consciousness; lacking awareness or perception of one's surroundings
21. sc__t over *v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
22. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
23. the escape from dy_____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
24. ins_____nt force *adj.* without feeling or consciousness; lacking awareness or perception of one's surroundings
25. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
26. hi_____ke a ride *v.* to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle
27. sc__t out of my room *v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
28. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
29. hi_____ke across the country *v.* to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle

ANSWERS: 20. insentient, 21. scoot, 22. obsess, 23. dystopia, 24. insentient, 25. rethink, 26. hitchhike, 27. scoot, 28. rethink, 29. hitchhike

30. sta_____on wages *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
31. an in_____re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
32. in_____re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
33. the speaker's dr__e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
34. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
35. Internet ad___t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
36. su___n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
37. 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
38. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

ANSWERS: 30. starvation, 31. insecure, 32. insecure, 33. drone, 34. obsess, 35. addict, 36. summon, 37. millennial, 38. pandemic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The accident made his vision _____.
v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse
2. He heard a _____ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.
n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
3. The new breed of dog was developed through careful _____ of different species.
n. the process of breeding two different species or breeds to produce offspring that share characteristics of both
4. Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by _____ changes in climate.
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
5. The drought led to widespread _____ in the region.
n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
6. The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into _____.
n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
7. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 1. impaired, 2. drone, 3. crossbreeding, 4. millennial-scale, 5. starvation, 6. dystopias, 7. obsessed

8. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
- v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
9. It's important not to _____ with the settings on your computer unless you know what you're doing.
- v. to interfere with something in a way that causes damage or unauthorized alteration; to meddle with or manipulate something without permission or authority; (noun) a tool or device used for interfering with or altering something in a way that is unauthorized or illegal
10. The chairperson was responsible for _____ committees.
- v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
11. She was constantly _____ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
- v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
12. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
- n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
13. The _____ rock did not react to the changes in temperature or weather.
- adj. without feeling or consciousness; lacking awareness or perception of one's surroundings
14. We have become TV _____ due to video streaming services.
- n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

ANSWERS: 8. rethink, 9. tamper, 10. summoning, 11. harassed, 12. pandemic, 13. insentient, 14. addicts

15. Children in an unstructured environment often feel _____.

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

16. She had to _____ to the nearest gas station when her car broke down.

v. to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle

17. Her remarks _____ the debate.

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

18. I have to _____ over to the next desk because there's not enough room for me to sit comfortably.

v. to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device

19. He sent me on an _____.

n. a short trip that is taken to perform a specified task, such as to take a message or to take or collect something

ANSWERS: 15. insecure, 16. hitchhike, 17. confused, 18. scoot, 19. errand