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Session 1: Word List

instantaneous

adj. occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment

synonym : immediate, prompt, rapid

(1) **instantaneous** reaction,   (2) **instantaneous** message

The new software provides **instantaneous** results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

traceability

n. the ability to track or trace the origins, history, or movement of a product or material, often used in manufacturing or supply chain industries for quality control and safety purposes

synonym : accountability, traceableness, trackability

(1) **traceability** system,   (2) supply chain **traceability**

The **traceability** of the food products is important for ensuring their safety and quality.

revolutionize

v. to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas

synonym : transform, innovate, modernize

(1) **revolutionize** the industry,   (2) **revolutionize** the technology

The invention of the smartphone **revolutionized** the way we

communicate with each other.

machine-learning

n. the process through which computers change the way they perform jobs without following explicit instructions by using algorithms and statistical models to analyze and draw inferences from patterns in data

(1) **machine-learning** method, (2) **machine-learning** processor

Many software engineers are developing applications to build **machine-learning** algorithms more quickly.

longline

n. a type of fishing gear consisting of a long main line with many smaller baited lines attached to it at intervals; a type of clothing or fashion style that is distinguished by long, flowing lines and loose, comfortable shapes

(1) fishing **longline**, (2) **longline** buoy

Longline fishing gear has been criticized for its impact on marine ecosystems.

fillet

n. a piece of meat, fish, or poultry that has been deboned and cut into a flat piece, typically with a tapered edge; a rounded or curved strip of material, often used as a decorative accent in architecture or woodworking

synonym: strip, band, ribbon

(1) serve with a **fillet** sauce, (2) chicken **fillet**

The chef expertly prepared the salmon **fillet** with a delicious lemon butter sauce.

brink

n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

synonym: edge, verge, threshold

(1) **brink** of war, (2) on the **brink**

We were on the **brink** of a financial crisis.

blockchain

n. a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked

(1) **blockchain** platform,   (2) the scalability of **blockchain**

Cryptocurrencies are only one form of implementation of **blockchain** technology.

decentralize

v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

synonym : deconcentrate, disperse, distribute

(1) **decentralize** authority,   (2) **decentralize** organizational structure

We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

inquisitive

adj. curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy

synonym : curious, inquiring, nosy

(1) **inquisitive** mind,   (2) **inquisitive** researcher

The **inquisitive** child asked endless questions about the world around her.

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

synonym : aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time,   (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

glacier

n. a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole

synonym : iceberg, ice floe

(1) **glacier** retreat,   (2) **glaciers** move tardily

The **glaciers** of the ice age have shaped Fjord.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym : reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes,   (2) **recycle** milk packaging

into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

granular
adj. consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance

synonym : gritty, grainy, sandy

(1) a **granular** medicine,   (2) **granular** data

The soil had a **granular** texture, making it easy to plant the seeds.

distracted
adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym : preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter,   (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

trustworthy
adj. reliable and dependable

synonym : reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally,   (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

Session 2: Spelling

1. tra_____ity system

    n. the ability to track or trace the origins, history, or movement of a product or material, often used in manufacturing or supply chain industries for quality control and safety purposes

2. dec_____ize organizational structure

    v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

3. the scalability of blo_____in

    n. a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked

4. an__y everyone else

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5. blo_____in platform

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6. re____e the cardboard boxes

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7. gl____rs move tardily

    n. a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole

ANSWERS: 1. traceability, 2. decentralize, 3. blockchain, 4. annoy, 5. blockchain, 6. recycle, 7. glacier

8. mac_____ing processor   *n.*   the process through which computers change the way they perform jobs without following explicit instructions by using algorithms and statistical models to analyze and draw inferences from patterns in data

9. lo____ne buoy   *n.*   a type of fishing gear consisting of a long main line with many smaller baited lines attached to it at intervals; a type of clothing or fashion style that is distinguished by long, flowing lines and loose, comfortable shapes

10. supply chain tra_____ity   *n.*   the ability to track or trace the origins, history, or movement of a product or material, often used in manufacturing or supply chain industries for quality control and safety purposes

11. fishing lo____ne   *n.*   a type of fishing gear consisting of a long main line with many smaller baited lines attached to it at intervals; a type of clothing or fashion style that is distinguished by long, flowing lines and loose, comfortable shapes

12. dis_____ed by a conversation   *adj.*   having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

13. inq_____ve researcher   *adj.*   curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy

ANSWERS: 8. machine-learning, 9. longline, 10. traceability, 11. longline, 12. distracted, 13. inquisitive

14. gr____ar data

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15. on the br__k

n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

16. ins_____ous reaction

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ANSWERS: 14. granular, 15. brink, 16. instantaneous, 17. revolutionize, 18. glacier, 19. machine-learning, 20. revolutionize, 21. recycle, 22. distracted

23. chicken fi___t

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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