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Session 1: Word List

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym : spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

liftoff

n. the moment when a spacecraft or other vehicle takes off and lifts off the ground; the act or process of launching or beginning an endeavor

synonym : takeoff, launching, ascent

(1) **liftoff** time, (2) **liftoff** procedure

The spacecraft had a successful **liftoff**, launching into the atmosphere.

fury

n. intense and often violent anger

synonym : rage, wrath, ire

(1) market **fury**, (2) **fury** of the storm

The crowd's **fury** was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

weightless

adj. having no weight or feeling as if one has no weight, often related to zero gravity or outer space

synonym : floatable, buoyant, light

(1) **weightless** flight, (2) **weightless** environment

The astronaut felt **weightless** as she floated inside the International Space Station.

intricate

adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together

synonym : complicated, convoluted, complex

(1) **intricate** details, (2) **intricate** lacework

The politician managed to deal with that **intricate** issue.

thunk

n. a dull, heavy, or muffled sound; the sound made by a blunt or heavy object hitting something solid

synonym : thud, bang, thump

(1) **thunk** sound, (2) the **thunk** of a falling object

He heard a loud **thunk** when the heavy box fell off the truck.

hatch

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

synonym : incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

sloppy

adj. characterized by a lack of order or neatness; careless, disorganized, or careless in appearance or performance

synonym : messy, untidy, disheveled

(1) **sloppy** writing, (2) **sloppy** appearance

She looked **sloppy** in her wrinkled shirt and mismatched socks.

tuck

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

synonym : insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

synonym: travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

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.

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.

duet

n. a musical composition or performance featuring two performers, often on different instruments or with different vocal parts; a scene in a play or movie with two actors delivering lines or performing actions together

synonym: harmony, duo, partnership

(1) the **duet** by the two famous singers, (2) **duet** partner
The two singers performed a beautiful **duet** together on stage.

spaceflight

n. the act of traveling into space, either by means of crewed or uncrewed spacecraft; the technology and infrastructure required to support space travel

synonym: space travel, orbital flight

(1) private **spaceflight**, (2) **spaceflight** industry

Spaceflight technology has advanced significantly since the first man landed on the moon in 1969.

spaceship

n. (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space

synonym: starship, rocket, spacecraft

(1) a **spaceship** to survey the moon, (2) alien **spaceship**

They launched a crewless **spaceship** into space.

Session 2: Spelling

1. wei_____ss environment *adj.* having no weight or feeling as if one has no weight, often related to zero gravity or outer space
2. li_____f time *n.* the moment when a spacecraft or other vehicle takes off and lifts off the ground; the act or process of launching or beginning an endeavor
3. the d__t by the two famous singers *n.* a musical composition or performance featuring two performers, often on different instruments or with different vocal parts; a scene in a play or movie with two actors delivering lines or performing actions together
4. t__k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
5. spa_____ht industry *n.* the act of traveling into space, either by means of crewed or uncrewed spacecraft; the technology and infrastructure required to support space travel
6. li_____f procedure *n.* the moment when a spacecraft or other vehicle takes off and lifts off the ground; the act or process of launching or beginning an endeavor
7. f__y of the storm *n.* intense and often violent anger

ANSWERS: 1. weightless, 2. liftoff, 3. duet, 4. tuck, 5. spaceflight, 6. liftoff, 7. fury

8. the th__k of a falling object *n.* a dull, heavy, or muffled sound; the sound made by a blunt or heavy object hitting something solid
9. d__t partner *n.* a musical composition or performance featuring two performers, often on different instruments or with different vocal parts; a scene in a play or movie with two actors delivering lines or performing actions together
10. th__k sound *n.* a dull, heavy, or muffled sound; the sound made by a blunt or heavy object hitting something solid
11. ha__h a plan *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
12. ha__h a baby chick *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
13. wei_____ss flight *adj.* having no weight or feeling as if one has no weight, often related to zero gravity or outer space
14. co_____e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
15. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

ANSWERS: 8. thunk, 9. duet, 10. thunk, 11. hatch, 12. hatch, 13. weightless, 14. commute, 15. humming

16. a sp_____ip to survey the moon *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
17. ro_____c arm *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
18. daily co_____e *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
19. market f__y *n.* intense and often violent anger
20. in_____te lacework *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
21. in_____te details *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
22. sl___y appearance *adj.* characterized by a lack of order or neatness; careless, disorganized, or careless in appearance or performance
23. alien sp_____ip *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
24. ro_____c guide operation *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
25. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

ANSWERS: 16. spaceship, 17. robotic, 18. commute, 19. fury, 20. intricate, 21. intricate, 22. sloppy, 23. spaceship, 24. robotic, 25. recycle

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30. private spa_____ht *n.* the act of traveling into space, either by means of crewed or uncrewed spacecraft; the technology and infrastructure required to support space travel
31. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
32. re_____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

ANSWERS: 26. astronaut, 27. astronaut, 28. sloppy, 29. tuck, 30. spaceflight, 31. humming, 32. recycle

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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n. intense and often violent anger

ANSWERS: 16. fury