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Session 1: Word List

daring
adj. brave and taking risks
synonym : audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face
Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

visionary
adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
synonym : prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas
The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

cryptography
n. the study of the techniques and methods used for secure communication and information processing, particularly using codes and ciphers
synonym : coding, steganography, encryption

(1) asymmetric **cryptography**, (2) digital **cryptography**
The software engineers developed a new **cryptography** algorithm to protect users' data.

swipe
v. to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little

effort

synonym : flick, brush, pinch

(1) **swipe** a card,   (2) **swipe** left on a dating app

He tried to **swipe** the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.

deduce   *v.*   to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning

synonym : conclude, infer, suppose

(1) **deduce** facts from the evidence,   (2) **deduce** the meaning of a word

The researcher **deduced** the momentum of the particles from meteoritic velocities.

labyrinth   *n.*   a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out

synonym : maze, puzzle, network

(1) a **labyrinth** of relationships,   (2) **labyrinthine** pathways

It was easy to get lost in the **labyrinth** of narrow alleyways in the old city.

bureaucracy   *n.*   a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym : administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**,   (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

screenshot   *n.*   a digital photograph or image of what is displayed on a computer or electronic screen, often used for capturing and sharing information or documenting an issue or problem

synonym : capture, screen dump

(1) **screenshot** function,   (2) send a **screenshot**

I took a **screenshot** of the error message to show the tech support team.

paramount
adj. more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
synonym : central, major, crucial

(1) the lord **paramount**,   (2) **paramount** to all the others
This country became a country of **paramount** geostrategic importance to us.

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.

disturb
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
synonym : agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace,   (2) **disturb** his sleep
Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

unnoticed
adj. not seen or noticed
synonym : ignored, overlooked, unrecognized

(1) **unnoticed** by all,   (2) go **unnoticed** for a long period
His research went largely **unnoticed** until a prominent researcher cited it.

childbirth
n. the act or process of giving birth to a baby
synonym : delivery, labor, parturition

(1) natural **childbirth**,   (2) assisted **childbirth**
He was present at the **childbirth** of his children.

cybersecurity
n. the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction
synonym : information security, cyber protection

(1) **cybersecurity** threat,   (2) **cybersecurity** measures

As the use of technology continues to increase in everyday life, **cybersecurity** awareness and education become even more important

downside

n. the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure

synonym: drawback, negative, disadvantage

(1) major **downside**, (2) **downside** of globalization

The **downside** of the new policy was that it would be more expensive for customers.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym: extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

synonym: polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sw__e left on a dating app

    v. to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

2. 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

3. a la_____th of relationships

    n. a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out

4. de___e facts from the evidence

    v. to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning

5. da___g escape

    adj. brave and taking risks

6. dielectric pol_____ion

    n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

7. government bur_____cy

    n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

8. di____b his sleep

    v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. swipe, 2. blockchain, 3. labyrinth, 4. deduce, 5. daring, 6. polarization, 7. bureaucracy, 8. disturb

9. di____b the peace	*v.*	to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
10. the pe_____ve odor of garlic	*adj.*	spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
11. natural chi_____th	*n.*	the act or process of giving birth to a baby
12. cyb_____ity threat	*n.*	the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction
13. sw__e a card	*v.*	to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
14. pol_____ion effect	*n.*	the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
15. de___e the meaning of a word	*v.*	to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning
16. scr_____ot function	*n.*	a digital photograph or image of what is displayed on a computer or electronic screen, often used for capturing and sharing information or documenting an issue or problem
17. pri_____ze tasks	*v.*	to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

ANSWERS: 9. disturb, 10. pervasive, 11. childbirth, 12. cybersecurity, 13. swipe, 14. polarization, 15. deduce, 16. screenshot, 17. prioritize

18. assisted chi_____th	*n.*	the act or process of giving birth to a baby
19. the lord pa_____nt	*adj.*	more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
20. arbitrary bur_____cy	*n.*	a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
21. un_____ed by all	*adj.*	not seen or noticed
22. vi_____ry ideas	*adj.*	having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
23. make a da___g face	*adj.*	brave and taking risks
24. major do____de	*n.*	the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
25. go un_____ed for a long period	*adj.*	not seen or noticed
26. asymmetric cry_____phy	*n.*	the study of the techniques and methods used for secure communication and information processing, particularly using codes and ciphers
27. do____de of globalization	*n.*	the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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