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Session 1: Word List

turnout

n. the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election

synonym: attendance, number, crowd

(1) the voter **turnout**, (2) an enormous **turnout** of people

The gig attracted a large **turnout**.

hover

v. to stay in one place in the air

synonym: hang, float over, drift

(1) **hover** between life and death, (2) **hover** around the table

Two birds were **hovering** overhead.

modernize

v. to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system

synonym: develop, update, upgrade

(1) **modernize** infrastructure, (2) **modernize** agriculture

The company plans to **modernize** its outdated technology and software to improve efficiency.

untapped

adj. not yet used or exploited

synonym: unexplored, untouched, untried

(1) **untapped** market, (2) **untapped** potential

The forest held many **untapped** resources that could be used for commercial purposes.

courthouse

n. a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located

synonym: court, tribunal, judicature

(1) **courthouse** security, (2) municipal **courthouse**

The verdict was announced at the **courthouse** after a long trial.

inefficient

adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

synonym: ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

apathetic

adj. lacking interest, enthusiasm, or concern; indifferent or unconcerned, often in situations where one might be expected to be emotionally engaged or invested

synonym: indifferent, uninterested, unconcerned

(1) **apathetic** attitude, (2) **apathetic** response

She was **apathetic** about the project and didn't care if it succeeded or failed.

apathy

n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

synonym: affectlessness, dispassion, indifference

(1) **apathy** in the election, (2) political **apathy**

The global economic crisis has led to pervasive **apathy** and powerlessness.

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

solvable

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

synonym: attainable, resolvable, achievable

(1) **solvable** problem, (2) mathematically **solvable** equation

The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite **solvable** with a software update.

hackathon

n. an event in which computer programmers and others involved in software development collaborate intensively on software projects

synonym: coding marathon, software sprint

(1) **hackathon** event, (2) **hackathon** competition

The annual **hackathon** attracted a lot of talented

programmers from around the world.

perpetual

adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

synonym: enduring, unchanging, incessant

(1) **perpetual** motion machine, (2) **perpetual** struggle

The company employs a **perpetual** inventory system.

Session 2: Spelling

1. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
3. political ap____y *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
4. 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
5. pe_____al motion machine *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
6. ho__r around the table *v.* to stay in one place in the air
7. ap_____ic attitude *adj.* lacking interest, enthusiasm, or concern; indifferent or unconcerned, often in situations where one might be expected to be emotionally engaged or invested
8. ine_____nt management *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
9. ine_____nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. industrious, 3. apathy, 4. cybersecurity, 5. perpetual, 6. hover, 7. apathetic, 8. inefficient, 9. inefficient

10. cou_____se security *n.* a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located
11. municipal cou_____se *n.* a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located
12. mathematically so_____le equation *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
13. pe_____al struggle *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
14. cyb_____ity measures *n.* the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction
15. the voter tu_____t *n.* the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election
16. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
17. un_____ed potential *adj.* not yet used or exploited
18. ap_____y in the election *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
19. ha_____on competition *n.* an event in which computer programmers and others involved in software development collaborate intensively on software projects

ANSWERS: 10. courthouse, 11. courthouse, 12. solvable, 13. perpetual, 14. cybersecurity, 15. turnout, 16. institutionalize, 17. untapped, 18. apathy, 19. hackathon

20. ha_____on event *n.* an event in which computer programmers and others involved in software development collaborate intensively on software projects
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24. mo_____ze agriculture *v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system
25. so_____le problem *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
26. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
27. un_____ed market *adj.* not yet used or exploited
28. an enormous tu_____t of people *n.* the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election

ANSWERS: 20. hackathon, 21. opportune, 22. modernize, 23. apathetic, 24. modernize, 25. solvable, 26. institutionalize, 27. untapped, 28. turnout

29. ho__r between life and death

v. to stay in one place in the air

30. ind_____us student

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 29. hover, 30. industrious

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite _____ with a software update.
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- v.* to stay in one place in the air
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15. The forest held many _____ resources that could be used for commercial purposes.
- adj.* not yet used or exploited

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