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Session 1: Word List

haptic

adj. of or relating to or involving the sense of touch

synonym : tactile, tactual

(1) **haptic** perception, (2) **haptic** feedback

The player controls the game with a joystick or other **haptic** device.

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**.

moonshot

n. an ambitious, risky, and innovative project or goal, especially one that is intended to bring about radical change or breakthroughs in a particular field or industry, often inspired by the lunar landing mission of Apollo 11 in 1969

synonym : initiative, endeavor, pursuit

(1) AI **moonshot**, (2) **moonshot** idea

The company's **moonshot** project aims to develop a revolutionary new technology within a tight deadline.

enlightened

adj. having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

synonym : educated, informed, aware

(1) **enlightened** age, (2) make an **enlightened** decision

The **enlightened** teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.

brook

n. a small stream

synonym : stream, creek, rivulet

(1) music of the **brook**, (2) **brook** trout

A **brook** babbled through the woods.

microcosm

n. a miniature or small-scale version of something that represents the larger whole or system; a representation of society or culture on a smaller scale

synonym : miniature, tiny world, little universe

(1) soil **microcosm**, (2) environmental **microcosm**

The small town felt like a **microcosm** of the larger society.

macrocosm

n. the entire universe, or a complex system or community seen as a whole rather than as individual elements

synonym : universe, cosmos, world

(1) **macrocosm** of nature, (2) the **macrocosm** of the universe

The study aimed to understand the universe's **macrocosm** and how it operates.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym : represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of

innovation and sustainability.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. em___y my goal | <i>v.</i> to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea |
| 2. im___r insulin sensitivity | <i>v.</i> to damage something or make it weaker or worse |
| 3. br__k trout | <i>n.</i> a small stream |
| 4. in_____t estate | <i>v.</i> to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died |
| 5. em___y a spirit of charity | <i>v.</i> to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea |
| 6. ha___c feedback | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to or involving the sense of touch |
| 7. in_____t ancestral property | <i>v.</i> to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died |
| 8. Al mo_____ot | <i>n.</i> an ambitious, risky, and innovative project or goal, especially one that is intended to bring about radical change or breakthroughs in a particular field or industry, often inspired by the lunar landing mission of Apollo 11 in 1969 |
| 9. ma_____sm of nature | <i>n.</i> the entire universe, or a complex system or community seen as a whole rather than as individual elements |
| 10. ha___c perception | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to or involving the sense of touch |
| 11. make an enl_____ed decision | <i>adj.</i> having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook |

ANSWERS: 1. embody, 2. impair, 3. brook, 4. inherit, 5. embody, 6. haptic, 7. inherit, 8. moonshot, 9. macrocosm, 10. haptic, 11. enlightened

12. enl_____ed age *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
13. music of the br__k *n.* a small stream
14. the ma_____sm of the universe *n.* the entire universe, or a complex system or community seen as a whole rather than as individual elements
15. im___r my health *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
16. mo_____ot idea *n.* an ambitious, risky, and innovative project or goal, especially one that is intended to bring about radical change or breakthroughs in a particular field or industry, often inspired by the lunar landing mission of Apollo 11 in 1969
17. soil mi_____sm *n.* a miniature or small-scale version of something that represents the larger whole or system; a representation of society or culture on a smaller scale
18. environmental mi_____sm *n.* a miniature or small-scale version of something that represents the larger whole or system; a representation of society or culture on a smaller scale

ANSWERS: 12. enlightened, 13. brook, 14. macrocosm, 15. impair, 16. moonshot, 17. microcosm, 18. microcosm

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company's _____ project aims to develop a revolutionary new technology within a tight deadline.
 - n.* an ambitious, risky, and innovative project or goal, especially one that is intended to bring about radical change or breakthroughs in a particular field or industry, often inspired by the lunar landing mission of Apollo 11 in 1969

2. A _____ babbled through the woods.
 - n.* a small stream

3. The _____ teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.
 - adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

4. The player controls the game with a joystick or other _____ device.
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5. The accident made his vision _____.
 - v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse

6. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
 - v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

7. The study aimed to understand the universe's _____ and how it operates.
 - n.* the entire universe, or a complex system or community seen as a whole rather than as individual elements

8. The company's new products _____ the values of innovation and sustainability.
 - v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

ANSWERS: 1. moonshot, 2. brook, 3. enlightened, 4. haptic, 5. impaired, 6. inherited, 7. macrocosm, 8. embody

9. The small town felt like a _____ of the larger society.

- n.* a miniature or small-scale version of something that represents the larger whole or system; a representation of society or culture on a smaller scale

ANSWERS: 9. microcosm