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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.

navigation

n. the act of directing a ship or airplane from place to place; advice or information intended to resolve a problem or challenge, especially as given by someone in authority

synonym : sailing, seafaring, pilotage

(1) **navigation** system, (2) visual **navigation**

The plane's **navigation** system had problems, which mechanics found.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym : gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym : optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

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**.

marathon

n. a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers

synonym : endurance, race, event

(1) run a **marathon**, (2) watch a **marathon**

She successfully completed her first **marathon** with a personal best time.

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.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym : cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym: stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

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.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

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.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym: arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

fulfill

v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

synonym: satisfy, complete, accomplish

(1) **fulfill** a contract, (2) **fulfill** a lifetime dream

It was the first time for her, but she **fulfilled** the role of Priest.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
synonym : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

navigate

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

synonym : guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document

Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

remotely

adv. at a distance; not directly or easily accessible

synonym : distantly, remotely, slightly

(1) **remotely** operate, (2) control **remotely**

The company can **remotely** access its employees' computers for troubleshooting purposes.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym : share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's

stake

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

opposed

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

synonym : anti, averse, hostile

(1) two **opposed** characters, (2) absolutely **opposed** to abortion

I'm strongly **opposed** to that plan.

conform

v. to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group

synonym : comply, follow, adhere

(1) **conform** to standards, (2) **conform** in all its aspects

The school requires students to **conform** to a strict dress code.

holistic

adj. relating to or dealing with the whole of something rather than just its parts

synonym : comprehensive, all-encompassing, total

(1) **holistic** education, (2) develop a **holistic** vision

The **holistic** approach to healthcare considers the person's physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or

individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

flexible

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

synonym : adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire

You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym : hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym : absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

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.

default

v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition

without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

synonym: fail, neglect, omit

(1) **default** settings, (2) **default** on the mortgage

If you don't specify a different option, the computer will **default** to its original settings.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

sake

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

synonym: purpose, reason, interest

(1) for your own **sake**, (2) for the **sake** of argument

He got a new job for the **sake** of his family.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym: conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

sprint

v. to run at full speed over a short distance or period of time

synonym: dash, bolt, race

(1) **sprint** for a bus, (2) **sprint** towards the finish line

Top athletes can **sprint** 100 meters in less than 10 seconds.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

needle

n. a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

synonym: thorn, spike, pin

(1) **needle** prick, (2) sewing **needle**

The acupuncturist inserted **needles** into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

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

1. vi___l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
2. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
3. fu____l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
4. develop a ho____ic vision *adj.* relating to or dealing with the whole of something rather than just its parts
5. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
6. ac____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
7. Al mo____ot *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
8. a digital pl____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
9. im____r my health *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
10. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 1. visual, 2. strategy, 3. fulfill, 4. holistic, 5. sight, 6. achieve, 7. moonshot, 8. platform, 9. impair, 10. decide

11. ha___c feedback *adj.* of or relating to or involving the sense of touch
12. sewing ne___e *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
13. a fl_____le wire *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
14. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
15. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
16. im___r insulin sensitivity *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
17. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
18. nav_____on system *n.* the act of directing a ship or airplane from place to place; advice or information intended to resolve a problem or challenge, especially as given by someone in authority
19. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

ANSWERS: 11. haptic, 12. needle, 13. flexible, 14. policy, 15. decide, 16. impair, 17. employ, 18. navigation, 19. strategy

20. sp___t towards the finish line *v.* to run at full speed over a short distance or period of time
21. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
22. sp___t for a bus *v.* to run at full speed over a short distance or period of time
23. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
24. 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
25. co_____m to standards *v.* to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group
26. tracking de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
27. pr_____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
28. fu_____l a lifetime dream *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
29. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 20. sprint, 21. ridiculous, 22. sprint, 23. communal, 24. microcosm, 25. conform, 26. device, 27. preserve, 28. fulfill, 29. invest

30. 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
31. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
32. for the s__e of argument *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
33. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
34. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
35. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
36. ma_____sm of nature *n.* the entire universe, or a complex system or community seen as a whole rather than as individual elements
37. em___y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
38. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
39. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
40. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

ANSWERS: 30. microcosm, 31. ridiculous, 32. sake, 33. extraordinary, 34. blind, 35. inherit, 36. macrocosm, 37. embody, 38. achieve, 39. blind, 40. employ

41. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
42. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
43. de_____t settings *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
44. ha___c perception *adj.* of or relating to or involving the sense of touch
45. na_____te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
46. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
47. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
48. 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

ANSWERS: 41. individual, 42. critic, 43. default, 44. haptic, 45. navigate, 46. outcome, 47. device, 48. moonshot

49. co____m in all its aspects *v.* to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group
50. em____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
51. music of the br__k *n.* a small stream
52. enl____ed age *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
53. ne____e prick *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
54. br__k trout *n.* a small stream
55. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
56. 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
57. run a ma____on *n.* a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers
58. a private ind____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
59. make an enl____ed decision *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
60. col____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

ANSWERS: 49. conform, 50. emerging, 51. brook, 52. enlightened, 53. needle, 54. brook, 55. invest, 56. macrocosm, 57. marathon, 58. individual, 59. enlightened, 60. collaborate

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67. watch a ma_____on *n.* a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers
68. re_____ly operate *adv.* at a distance; not directly or easily accessible

ANSWERS: 61. sake, 62. navigation, 63. platform, 64. holistic, 65. embody, 66. default, 67. marathon, 68. remotely

69. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
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ANSWERS: 69. sight, 70. stake, 71. opposed, 72. opposed, 73. remotely, 74. preserve, 75. communal, 76. visual, 77. flexible, 78. inherit, 79. policy

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ANSWERS: 80. stake, 81. extraordinary, 82. outcome, 83. collaborate, 84. critic, 85. navigate, 86. emerging

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
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ANSWERS: 24. macrocosm, 25. sights, 26. moonshot, 27. policy, 28. decide, 29. ridiculous, 30. enlightened

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v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse

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n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

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v. to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group

ANSWERS: 31. flexible, 32. stake, 33. preserve, 34. impaired, 35. blind, 36. brook, 37. strategy, 38. conform

39. The acupuncturist inserted _____ into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

n. a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

40. He got a new job for the _____ of his family.

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

41. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

42. The company can _____ access its employees' computers for troubleshooting purposes.

adv. at a distance; not directly or easily accessible

43. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

ANSWERS: 39. needles, 40. sake, 41. Communal, 42. remotely, 43. navigate