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Session 1: Word List

feat

 a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

superintelligence

- a hypothetical agent, for example, a computer or space alien, that possesses intelligence far surpassing that of humankind
- digital superintelligence, (2) artificial superintelligence
 He is looking for evidence of the existence of
 superintelligence from cosmic signals.

ΑI

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

synonym: robot, machine learning, neural network

(1) **Al** expert, (2) apply **Al** technology to art

The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the

performance of AI.

photograph

- a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
- *synonym*: photo, picture, snapshot
- photograph album, (2) photograph memories
 I found an old photograph of my grandparents from their wedding day.

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.

capture

- v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
- synonym: catch, arrest, imprison
- (1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

engineer

- a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
- *synonym*: architect, creator, builder
- (1) a civil engineer,(2) engineer shortageThe engineer will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

compose

- v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
- synonym: compile, constitute, build
- (1) compose an essay, (2) compose my thoughtsThe structure is composed of three main components.

intelligence

 the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence** In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

composition

 the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone

synonym: creating, formatting, arrangement

(1) age **composition** of the population, (2) the piano passages in the **composition**

Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of **composition**.

algorithm

- a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
 synonym: logic, method, rule
- (1) the RSA **algorithm**, (2) **algorithm** for image processing We can evaluate the performance of an **algorithm** in terms of computation time.

matrix

 a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops

synonym: grid, cast, table

(1) the **matrix** of Western civilization, (2) **matrix** multiplication

The **matrix** of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.

representation

 the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

synonym: delegacy, manifestation, expression

sales representation, (2) binary representation
 person who has been declared incompetent should have

legal representation.

frame

- *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
- synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding
- (1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

neural

adj. of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain

synonym: sensory, neuronic, nervous

(1) **neural** stem cells, (2) **neural** networks in Al

There was a disturbance of **neural** function.

infer

v. to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts

synonym: guess, deduce, assume

(1) **infer** quality from price, (2) **infer** the possibility

Animal desire and preference are always **inferred** from their behavior.

prediction

 the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

synonym: forecast, anticipation, foretelling

(1) make my **predictions**, (2) gloomy **predictions**

These results muddied the **prediction**.

mathematics

 the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for mathematics.

trial-and-error

 the process of trying different methods or options until the right one is found

synonym: experimentation, bottom-up

(1) **trial-and-error** method, (2) learn by **trial-and-error** The **trial-and-error** approach was used to find the best solution.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

subjective

adj. based on a personal perspective or feeling rather than an unbiased or objective view; influenced by personal opinions, interpretations, or feelings

synonym: personal, individual, experiential

(1) **subjective** opinion, (2) **subjective** interpretation The concept of time is **subjective** and can feel longer or shorter depending on the situation.

preference

 a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

synonym: taste, choice, affection

(1) his meal **preferences**, (2) a particular **preference** for Chinese art

Her **preference** is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

label

 a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym: tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

database

- n. a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
- (1) **database** administrator, (2) employee **database**Each country's officials can access the central **database**.

mood

- the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
- synonym: mindset, disposition, temper
- (1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

density

- n. the quality of compactness of a substancesynonym: tightness, viscosity
- (1) population **density**, (2) higher pixel **density**Do you know the **density** of the population in Hong Kong?

epoch

- n. a particular period of time, usually marked by significant events or developments; a division of geologic time
 synonym: era, age, period
- (1) **epoch-making** event, (2) post-modern **epoch**The Industrial Revolution is often considered an **epoch** in human history.

precise

- adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited synonym: accurate, exact, distinct
- (1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs The content is **precise** and informative for me.

requirement

- n. something that is needed or wantedsynonym: prerequisite, provision, condition
- (1) meet **requirement**, (2) school **requirement** What is the entry **requirement** for this course?

commit

- v. to do something illegal or wrong synonym: engage, carry out, execute
- (1) commit suicide, (2) commit mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

reminiscent

adj. making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests

synonym: evocative, remindful, redolent

(1) **reminiscent** of ancient times, (2) **reminiscent** smile His painting style is **reminiscent** of Monet's

fiction

 n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym: fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

soundtrack

n. the recorded audio that accompanies a movie, television program, or video game

synonym: score, background music, accompaniment

(1) **soundtrack** album, (2) a motion picture with a **soundtrack**

The **soundtrack** to the movie was composed by a famous musician.

orchestra

 a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion

synonym: ensemble, symphony, band

(1) full **orchestra**, (2) **orchestra** conductor

The accomplished **orchestra** will give two more performances this week.

conductor

n. someone who leads the performance of musicians or a piece of music; (in physics) an object, substance, or material that readily allows the flow of electricity, heat, etc.

synonym: director, manager

(1) conductor directing a symphony, (2) oxide conductor

Diamonds are employed as thermal conductors as well.

augment

v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

synonym: boost, increase, expand

(1) augment the reality, (2) augment immunity

Economic factors and monetary policy **augmented** inflation.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) creative writing, (2) barren of creative spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym: quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

cram

v. to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

synonym: stuff, pack, jam

(1) **cram** more circuits into chips, (2) **cram** five people into a car

She had to **cram** for the final exam and stayed up all night studying.

symphony

 a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

synonym: orchestra, harmony, concert

(1) a **symphony** orchestra, (2) a beautiful **symphony** The frequent performances of the **symphony** prove its popularity.

invention

 the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention** Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

enhance

v. to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

synonym: improve, enrich, refine

(1) **enhance** value, (2) **enhance** the flavor of the vanilla The new strategy will **enhance** the profitability of our company.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

nowadays

adv. at the current time, in comparison to the past *synonym*: currently, presently, today

(1) young people **nowadays**, (2) not to be seen **nowadays** People can clone a sheep **nowadays**.

interactive

adj. acting reciprocally; mutually responsive synonym: reciprocal, responsive, mutual

(1) **interactive** experience, (2) an **interactive** device The new video game has an **interactive** storyline that allows players to make choices that affect the game's outcome.

loop

 a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

synonym: circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop** Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for

transportation.

immerse

 to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym: dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He immersed himself in his research.

beloved

adj. loved very much

synonym: adored, cherished, dear

(1) **beloved** author, (2) **beloved** by many people I am here to save my **beloved**.

vision

 the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious vision,(2) telescopic visionDriving is difficult for me because of my poor vision.

individual

- n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a groupsynonym: 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.

bias

 a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym: inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender bias in politics.

jingle

awe

v. to create or make a ringing sound, particularly one that is musical or catchy

synonym: tinkle, chime, ring

- (1) **jingle** a little bell, (2) **jingle** money in my pocket The keys on her keychain **jingled** loudly as she fumbled to unlock the door.
- a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired

synonym: wonder, amazement, reverence

(1) a feeling of **awe**, (2) in **awe** of the situation

The **awe-inspiring** mountains dominate the landscape.

amazement

 a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected

synonym: astonishment, wonder, surprise

(1) express **amazement**, (2) feeling of **amazement**The magician's disappearing act left the audience in **amazement**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. or____ra conductor

2. oxide co or

a civil en____er

4. si___t reading

5. ne___I stem cells

6. a picture fr e

7. int____ve experience

8. c m five people into a car

higher pixel de____y

 a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion

n. someone who leads the performance of musicians or a piece of music; (in physics) an object, substance, or material that readily allows the flow of electricity, heat, etc.

a person whose job is designing,
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adj. of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain

 a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

adj. acting reciprocally; mutually responsive

v. to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

n. the quality of compactness of a substance

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| 18. | stuff of science fin | n. | the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or |

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label, 33. representation, 34. feat, 35. immerse

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translation

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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