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Session 1: Word List

poke

v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

synonym : prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire

They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

ambiguity

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

synonym : uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

downhill

adv. in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner

synonym : downslope

(1) ski **downhill**, (2) walk **downhill** to the beach

The family's finances have been going **downhill** since they lost their main source of income.

overestimate

v. to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is

synonym : overrate, overvalue, embellish

(1) **overestimate** the value, (2) **overestimate** the amount of time spent

He tends to **overestimate** his abilities.

cryptocurrency

n. any system of electronic money that does not rely on any central authority to uphold or maintain it

(1) **cryptocurrency** boom, (2) **cryptocurrency** market

The **cryptocurrency** community is becoming more diverse every year.

downplay

v. to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something

synonym: minimize, downsize, play down

(1) **downplay** my ability, (2) **downplay** mistakes

The company tried to **downplay** the significance of the issue.

quantify

v. to express or measure something in numerical terms

synonym: measure, express, determine

(1) **quantify** the results, (2) **quantify** blood flow

He tried to **quantify** the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.

bluff

v. to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion

synonym: abrupt, cliff, precipice

(1) **bluff** the other side, (2) riverside **bluff**

He **bluffed** a person out of going.

probabilistic

adj. characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

synonym: probable, statistical, likely

(1) **probabilistic** model, (2) **probabilistic** approach

In a **probabilistic** system, the outcome is uncertain and can

vary based on chance.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
synonym: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

meme

n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

synonym: buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

outgrow

v. to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person

(1) **outgrow** my coat, (2) **outgrow** its usefulness

Bamboo will soon **outgrow** the other plants.

calibrate

v. to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

synonym: adjust, fine-tune

(1) **calibrate** machinery, (2) **calibrate** measurements

It's important to **calibrate** the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pro_____tic approach
adj. characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
2. riverside bl__f
v. to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion
3. ca_____te measurements
v. to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
4. ca_____te machinery
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5. in_____on research
n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
6. cry_____ncy market
n. any system of electronic money that does not rely on any central authority to uphold or maintain it

ANSWERS: 1. probabilistic, 2. bluff, 3. calibrate, 4. calibrate, 5. intuition, 6. cryptocurrency

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9. ou_____w my coat *v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
10. walk do_____ll to the beach *adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner
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14. p__e a fire *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
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ANSWERS: 7. meme, 8. overestimate, 9. outgrow, 10. downhill, 11. ambiguity, 12. probabilistic, 13. downhill, 14. poke, 15. quantify

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ANSWERS: 25. downplay, 26. intuition

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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