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Session 1: Word List

thatch

n. a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings

synonym: straw, grass, reed

(1) cover with **thatch**, (2) **thatch** of hair

The **thatch** roof was made from local grasses and was a traditional design.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

sugarcane

n. a tall, tropical grass that is grown for its sweet, juice-filled stalks, which are used to make sugar and other products

(1) **sugarcane** plantation, (2) sugar made from **sugarcane**

Sugarcane juice was a popular drink in the hot weather.

alcoholism

n. a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages

synonym: alcohol dependency, alcohol addiction, drunkenness

(1) acute **alcoholism**, (2) **alcoholism** recovery

He lost everything due to his **alcoholism**.

scarcity

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

synonym: lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

stormy

adj. marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation

synonym: tempestuous, turbulent, choppy

(1) **stormy** relationship, (2) **stormy** weather

The city council meeting was **stormy**, as people argued about a controversial new policy.

perplexity

n. confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled

synonym: confusion, bewilderment, uncertainty

(1) a **perplexity** issue, (2) resolve **perplexity**

The **perplexity** of the situation left everyone at a loss for words.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

annihilate

v. to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist

synonym: destroy, obliterate, eradicate

(1) **annihilate** the enemy, (2) **annihilate** all doubts

The virus had the potential to **annihilate** entire populations if left unchecked.

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym : wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym : cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym : expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

resonant

adj. tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling

synonym : echoing, reverberating, resonating

(1) **resonant** with the sound, (2) **resonant** cavity

The **resonant** frequency of the guitar string was measured with a tuner.

tinker

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

synonym : fiddle, play, fix

(1) **tinker** with the bill, (2) **tinker** with the settings

He spent the afternoon **tinkering** with his car engine.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym : destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination
We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

utopia

n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

synonym: paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

proponent

n. a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause

synonym: advocate, devotee, follower

(1) enthusiastic **proponent**, (2) **proponent** of world peace

Einstein was a **proponent** of the theory of relativity.

unconditional

adj. not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions

synonym: absolute, complete, unqualified

(1) **unconditional** forgiveness, (2) **unconditional** support

Her love for him was **unconditional**, despite all of his flaws.

stigma

n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym: mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

resound

v. to make a loud, deep sound that echoes

synonym:

echo, reverberate, ring

(1) **resound** with his fame, (2) **resound** in an enclosure
The sound of the drums **resounded** through the concert hall.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

hospitalize

v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment

synonym: admit, place in hospital

(1) **hospitalize** patient, (2) **hospitalize** child

She had to be **hospitalized** due to her injuries.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

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.

paternalism

n. the practice or belief of governing or managing individuals or groups in a manner that is considered to be nurturing or protective but also limiting or controlling their freedom and autonomy

synonym: guardianship, fatherliness

(1) **paternalism** in healthcare, (2) critique of **paternalism**

The CEO's leadership style was characterized by **paternalism** towards his employees.

bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym: administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym: discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

dropout

n. a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it

synonym: noncompleter, quitter, school leaver

(1) the **dropout** rate, (2) **dropout** student

The high school **dropout** rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.

impoverished

adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

synonym: destitute, bankrupt, famished

(1) **impoverished** nation, (2) **impoverished** family

The **impoverished** villagers struggled to make ends meet

with little access to food and clean water.

nudge

- v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

synonym: bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**

The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

rethink

- v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

transact

- v. to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract

synonym: conduct, carry out, perform

(1) **transact** internationally, (2) **transact** in cash

I need to **transact** some business at the bank before it closes.

brainstorming

- n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

(1) **brainstorming** session, (2) do a **brainstorming** about a new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

disrupt

- v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

cocreate

v. to create something by working with others

(1) **cocreate** our life, (2) **cocreate** a relationship

We form partnerships to **cocreate** customer value.

whiz

v. to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something

synonym: zoom, zip, hurry

(1) **whiz** kid, (2) **whiz** through the book

The racing car **whizzed** past the grandstands, leaving a trail of dust behind it.

abundantly

adv. in large quantities; plentifully

synonym: plentifully, copiously, lavishly

(1) **abundantly** clear, (2) **abundantly** available

The policy change resulted in an **abundantly** positive outcome for the company.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym: status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

pessimistic

adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

synonym: cynical, defeatist, despairing

(1) take a **pessimistic** view of life, (2) **pessimistic** for our survival

She was unduly **pessimistic** about her future.

xenophobia

n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
synonym : fear, hatred, aversion

(1) suffer from **xenophobia**, (2) linguistic **xenophobia**

The **xenophobia** in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

paycheck

n. a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check

synonym : salary, earnings, income

(1) electronic **paycheck**, (2) monthly **paycheck**

I received a bonus on top of my regular **paycheck** this month.

worldview

n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

synonym : perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. st___y relationship
adj. marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation
2. baseless pre_____on
n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
3. bra_____ing session
n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
4. un_____h a hound
v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
5. electronic pa_____ck
n. a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
6. monthly pa_____ck
n. a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
7. er_____te racial discrimination
v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
8. linguistic xen_____ia
n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

ANSWERS: 1. stormy, 2. pretension, 3. brainstorming, 4. unleash, 5. paycheck, 6. paycheck, 7. eradicate, 8. xenophobia

9. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
10. ti____r with the settings *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
11. enthusiastic pr_____nt *n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
12. a ut____a for an engineer *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
13. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
14. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
15. pat_____sm in healthcare *n.* the practice or belief of governing or managing individuals or groups in a manner that is considered to be nurturing or protective but also limiting or controlling their freedom and autonomy
16. imp_____hed nation *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
17. hos_____ze child *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment

ANSWERS: 9. pretension, 10. tinker, 11. proponent, 12. utopia, 13. stumble, 14. descend, 15. paternalism, 16. impoverished, 17. hospitalize

18. tr____ct internationally *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
19. resolve per_____ty *n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled
20. st___a against obesity *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
21. re_____nt with the sound *adj.* tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling
22. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
23. do a bra_____ing about a new product *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
24. perfect ut___a *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
25. th___h of hair *n.* a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
26. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
27. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 18. transact, 19. perplexity, 20. stigma, 21. resonant, 22. quitter, 23. brainstorming, 24. utopia, 25. thatch, 26. improvisation, 27. determinant

28. mainstream wo_____ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
29. re_____d with his fame *v.* to make a loud, deep sound that echoes
30. su_____ne plantation *n.* a tall, tropical grass that is grown for its sweet, juice-filled stalks, which are used to make sugar and other products
31. qu__e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
32. technical ma____l *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
33. unc_____nal support *adj.* not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
34. sc_____ty of capital *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
35. fuel sc_____ty *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
36. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
37. de_____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
38. w__z through the book *v.* to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something

ANSWERS: 28. worldview, 29. resound, 30. sugarcane, 31. quote, 32. marvel, 33. unconditional, 34. scarcity, 35. scarcity, 36. rethink, 37. descend, 38. whiz

39. co____te a relationship *v.* to create something by working with others
40. tr____ct in cash *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
41. st____y weather *adj.* marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation
42. pr____nt of world peace *n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
43. a ma____l of beauty *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
44. acute alc____sm *n.* a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages
45. qu__e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
46. imp____hed family *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
47. ind____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
48. abu____ly available *adv.* in large quantities; plentifully
49. co____te our life *v.* to create something by working with others

ANSWERS: 39. cocreate, 40. transact, 41. stormy, 42. proponent, 43. marvel, 44. alcoholism, 45. quote, 46. impoverished, 47. industrious, 48. abundantly, 49. cocreate

50. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
51. give a person a nu__e *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
52. nu__e price levels up *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
53. cover with th___h *n.* a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
54. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
55. abu_____ly clear *adv.* in large quantities; plentifully
56. pr___h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
57. government bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
58. ti___r with the bill *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

ANSWERS: 50. worldview, 51. nudge, 52. nudge, 53. thatch, 54. improvisation, 55. abundantly, 56. preach, 57. bureaucracy, 58. tinker

59. the dr_____t rate *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
60. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
61. a per_____ty issue *n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled
62. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
63. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
64. pr____h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
65. ann_____te the enemy *v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
66. pes_____ic for our survival *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
67. arbitrary bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
68. critique of pat_____sm *n.* the practice or belief of governing or managing individuals or groups in a manner that is considered to be nurturing or protective but also limiting or controlling their freedom and autonomy

ANSWERS: 59. dropout, 60. eradicate, 61. perplexity, 62. quo, 63. disrupt, 64. preach, 65. annihilate, 66. pessimistic, 67. bureaucracy, 68. paternalism

69. ann_____te all doubts *v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
70. sugar made from su_____ne *n.* a tall, tropical grass that is grown for its sweet, juice-filled stalks, which are used to make sugar and other products
71. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
72. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
73. re_____d in an enclosure *v.* to make a loud, deep sound that echoes
74. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
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78. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
79. social st____a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
80. alc_____sm recovery *n.* a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages

ANSWERS: 69. annihilate, 70. sugarcane, 71. quo, 72. firsthand, 73. resound, 74. firsthand, 75. resonant, 76. industrious, 77. dropout, 78. stumble, 79. stigma, 80. alcoholism

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82. unc_____nal forgiveness *adj.* not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
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90. un_____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

ANSWERS: 81. rethink, 82. unconditional, 83. hospitalize, 84. xenophobia, 85. pessimistic, 86. whiz, 87. determinant, 88. disrupt, 89. quitter, 90. unleash

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She _____ over the tree root.
v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
2. The sound of the drums _____ through the concert hall.
v. to make a loud, deep sound that echoes
3. The high school _____ rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.
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adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
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v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
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- v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
29. He spent the afternoon _____ with his car engine.
- v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
30. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
31. The city council meeting was _____ as people argued about a controversial new policy.
- adj.* marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation
32. The concept of _____ is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.
- n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

ANSWERS: 25. determinant, 26. whizzed, 27. paycheck, 28. rethink, 29. tinkering, 30. industrious, 31. stormy, 32. utopia

33. He lost everything due to his _____.
- n.* a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages
34. The virus had the potential to _____ entire populations if left unchecked.
- v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
35. The CEO's leadership style was characterized by _____ towards his employees.
- n.* the practice or belief of governing or managing individuals or groups in a manner that is considered to be nurturing or protective but also limiting or controlling their freedom and autonomy
36. The policy change resulted in an _____ positive outcome for the company.
- adv.* in large quantities; plentifully
37. She had to be _____ due to her injuries.
- v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
38. We form partnerships to _____ customer value.
- v.* to create something by working with others
39. Her love for him was _____ despite all of his flaws.
- adj.* not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
40. The company has been successful in maintaining the status _____.
- n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

ANSWERS: 33. alcoholism, 34. annihilate, 35. paternalism, 36. abundantly, 37. hospitalized, 38. cocreate, 39. unconditional, 40. quo

41. The _____ frequency of the guitar string was measured with a tuner.
adj. tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling
42. The _____ in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.
n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
43. The teacher _____ the student to get his attention and asked him a question.
v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
44. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
45. The _____ of the situation left everyone at a loss for words.
n. confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled

ANSWERS: 41. resonant, 42. xenophobia, 43. nudged, 44. quitter, 45. perplexity