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Session 1: Word List

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym : stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

skyline

n. the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance

synonym : silhouette, cityscape, horizon

(1) **skyline** view, (2) downtown **skyline**

The **skyline** of the city was dotted with tall buildings.

immense

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : enormous, giant, huge

(1) **immense** amount, (2) **immense** pressure

He left his wife an **immense** fortune.

instant

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

synonym : immediate, urgent, moment

(1) get **instant** access, (2) an **instant** reply

His pleasant face turned cold in an **instant**.

awesome

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

synonym : miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday

There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

expression

n. the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood

synonym : statement, utterance, remark

(1) artistic **expression**, (2) **expression** of interest

His facial **expression** showed a mix of surprise and confusion.

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**.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym : beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties
He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym: present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

simulate

v. to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes

synonym: pretend, imitate, mimic

(1) **simulate** climate change, (2) **simulate** a future scenario

He had painted the wood to **simulate** stone.

handicraft

n. a skill or trade that involves making things by hand, often using traditional methods and materials, which include activities such as woodworking, sewing, pottery, and weaving

synonym: craft, handmade, artisanry

(1) **handicraft** workshop, (2) traditional **handicrafts**

She spent her free time making **handicrafts** like pottery and crocheting to sell at the local market.

editorial

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

synonym: comment, opinion, critique

(1) gain **editorial** help, (2) an **editorial** article

The newspaper published an **editorial** on the current state of the economy.

download

v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote

or central computer to a local computer or device

synonym: load, save, transfer

(1) **download** files from the Internet, (2) **download** the assignment from the website

I need to **download** the latest update for my computer's operating system.

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

synonym: fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym: examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

characteristic

n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

synonym: feature, quality, attribute

(1) stripes **characteristic** of the zebra, (2) my friend's **characteristic** laugh

Bananas have their **characteristic** taste and odor.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

dense

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

synonym : heavy, thick, idiotic

(1) nutrient- **dense** foods, (2) **dense** forests

The entire mountain is covered in **dense** rainforest.

highway

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

synonym : road, expressway, freeway

(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**

I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym : shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

tier

n. one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance

synonym : level, layer, class

(1) a two- **tier** system, (2) **tier** one company

The company operates on a three- **tier** pricing structure.

concentric

adj. having a common center, with circles or spheres that share a common center point; having shapes or forms that are aligned or nested within one another

synonym : homocentric, nested, circular

(1) **concentric** design, (2) **concentric** shades of color

Concentric circles surrounded the target on the shooting range.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

pollution

n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

synonym: corrosion, deterioration, corruption

(1) environmental **pollution**, (2) high levels of air **pollution**

The **pollution** is endangering the local plants and animals.

speck

n. a very small spot, piece, or amount

synonym: blot, dot, mark

(1) a **speck** of dust, (2) **speck** of suspicion

The plane was just a **speck** in the sky.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

beneficial

adj. helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

synonym: useful, advantageous, fruitful

(1) a **beneficial** result, (2) **beneficial** to all countries

Laughing is **beneficial** to our health.

vision

n. 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 **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

walkway

n. a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden

synonym: pathway, footpath, trail

(1) install a **walkway**, (2) **walkway** bridge

The **walkway** through the park was a popular spot for joggers and walkers.

plaza

n. a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

synonym: park, square, center

(1) main **plaza**, (2) memorial **plaza**

Three young men were busking in the shopping **plaza**.

high-rise

adj. describing a tall building or structure that has many floors or levels above the ground, often used to describe residential or commercial buildings in urban areas with multiple stories

synonym: tall building, skyscraper, high building

(1) **high-rise** building, (2) **high-rise** office

Living in a **high-rise** apartment offers spectacular views of the city.

sketch

n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

synonym: drawing, outline, blueprint

(1) a penciled **sketch**, (2) first design **sketches**

Yesterday, I created a rough **sketch** of the plan.

realistic

adj. having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

synonym: practical, pragmatic, down-to-earth

(1) a **realistic** goal, (2) a **realistic** goal

That story was so **realistic**, and it was scary.

intersection

n. a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other

synonym: crossroad, junction, hub

(1) busy **intersection**, (2) the **intersection** of coordinate axes

Take a right turn at the next **intersection**.

contest

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

synonym: battle, competition, match

(1) a speech **contest**, (2) a close **contest**

There was a vast **contest** between the two tribes.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

submit

v. to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

synonym: hand in, present, propose

(1) agree to **submit** the bill, (2) **submit** an application

Please **submit** the assignment to me.

council

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

synonym: board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election

The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

percentage

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

synonym: rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high

percentage

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. inv_____te a data leak
v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
2. an ed_____al article
adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
3. con_____ic design
adj. having a common center, with circles or spheres that share a common center point; having shapes or forms that are aligned or nested within one another
4. im_____e amount
adj. extremely large or great
5. b_t my future
v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
6. con_____ic shades of color
adj. having a common center, with circles or spheres that share a common center point; having shapes or forms that are aligned or nested within one another
7. ur__n property owners
adj. relating to or located in a town or city
8. downtown sk_____e
n. the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance
9. an interstate hi_____y
n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
10. gain ed_____al help
adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

ANSWERS: 1. investigate, 2. editorial, 3. concentric, 4. immense, 5. bet, 6. concentric, 7. urban, 8. skyline, 9. highway, 10. editorial

11. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
12. ov____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
13. ov____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
14. si____te a future scenario *v.* to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes
15. city co____l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
16. environmental po____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
17. confuse fa____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
18. ben____al to all countries *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
19. sk____e view *n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance

ANSWERS: 11. creative, 12. overcome, 13. overcome, 14. simulate, 15. council, 16. pollution, 17. fantasy, 18. beneficial, 19. skyline

20. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
21. a high per____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
22. the per____ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
23. t__r one company *n.* one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance
24. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
25. co____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
26. install a wa____y *n.* a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden
27. nutrient-de__e foods *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
28. a penciled sk___h *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

ANSWERS: 20. vision, 21. percentage, 22. percentage, 23. tier, 24. develop, 25. combine, 26. walkway, 27. dense, 28. sketch

39. heavy tr_____c
40. access to public tr_____rt
41. busy int_____ion
42. aw_____e mental faculty
43. hi_____se building
44. artistic exp_____on
45. barren of cr_____ve spirit
46. de_____p a strategy
- n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
- n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
- n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
- adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
- adj.* describing a tall building or structure that has many floors or levels above the ground, often used to describe residential or commercial buildings in urban areas with multiple stories
- n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
- adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 39. traffic, 40. transport, 41. intersection, 42. awesome, 43. high-rise, 44. expression, 45. creative, 46. develop

47. memorial pl__a *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
48. p__e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
49. do____ad the assignment from the website *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
50. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
51. co____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
52. hi_____se office *adj.* describing a tall building or structure that has many floors or levels above the ground, often used to describe residential or commercial buildings in urban areas with multiple stories
53. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
54. a re_____ic goal *adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve
55. co____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
56. a two-t__r system *n.* one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance

ANSWERS: 47. plaza, 48. pose, 49. download, 50. bet, 51. combine, 52. high-rise, 53. urban, 54. realistic, 55. concept, 56. tier

57. re____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
58. su____t an application *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
59. other co____l members *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
60. sp__k of suspicion *n.* a very small spot, piece, or amount
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63. the int_____ion of coordinate axes *n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
64. wa____y bridge *n.* a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden
65. p__e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
66. main pl__a *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

ANSWERS: 57. release, 58. submit, 59. council, 60. speck, 61. characteristic, 62. download, 63. intersection, 64. walkway, 65. pose, 66. plaza

67. a ben_____al result *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
68. telescopic vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
69. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
70. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
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74. inv_____te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
75. de__e forests *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

ANSWERS: 67. beneficial, 68. vision, 69. decide, 70. traffic, 71. fantasy, 72. speck, 73. expression, 74. investigate, 75. dense

76. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
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84. first design sk___hes *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
85. a close co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

ANSWERS: 76. fin, 77. fin, 78. immense, 79. characteristic, 80. instant, 81. handicraft, 82. decide, 83. awesome, 84. sketch, 85. contest

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.
n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
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n. the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance

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ANSWERS: 41. council, 42. skyline, 43. transportation