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Session 1: Word List

- yap** *v.* to talk or chat continuously, often in an annoying or high-pitched manner; to make a lot of noise or fuss about something
synonym: bark, yap, jabber
(1) **yap** loudly, (2) **yap** away for hours
He's always **yapping** about how much money he makes, but I don't believe him.
- limestone** *n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite
synonym: calcareous rock, chalk
(1) sheer **limestone** cliffs, (2) **limestone** pavement
The Great Pyramid of Giza was built using blocks of **limestone**.
- inconvenient** *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
synonym: troublesome, difficult, awkward
(1) face an **inconvenient** truth, (2) **inconvenient** for shopping
It was **inconvenient** for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.
- deduct** *v.* to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total

synonym : remove, subtract, withdraw

(1) **deduct** the interest, (2) **deduct** \$100 from the price
The bank **deducted** the premium amount from his bank account.

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.

underwrite

v. to assume financial responsibility for something

synonym : insure, guarantee, cover

(1) **underwrite** a loan, (2) **underwrite** an issue of shares
The insurance company decided to **underwrite** the policy for the new building.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

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.

captivity

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

synonym : confinement, detention, imprisonment

(1) escape from **captivity**, (2) animals in **captivity** in the zoo

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

gatekeeper

n. a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

synonym: guardian, watchman, custodian

(1) **gatekeeper** role, (2) information **gatekeeper**

The company's **gatekeeper** screened all incoming phone calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.

impediment

n. a hindrance or obstruction in doing something

synonym: obstacle, hindrance, barrier

(1) have a speech **impediment**, (2) biological **impediment**

The language barrier was an **impediment** to their communication.

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.

intermediary

n. a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings

synonym: middleman, mediator, agent

(1) financial **intermediary**, (2) **intermediary** role

The **intermediary** between the buyer and the seller helped them agree.

Bitcoin

n. a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for secure financial transactions, control of additional unit creation, and verification of asset transfers, which

operates independently of centralized banking systems and is based on a decentralized ledger technology called blockchain

synonym : cryptocurrency, digital currency

(1) **Bitcoin** wallet, (2) **Bitcoin** transaction

Many businesses now accept **Bitcoin** as a form of payment.

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym : universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

sushi

n. a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed

synonym : raw fish, sashimi, nigiri

(1) **sushi** bar, (2) **sushi** roll

I love going out for **sushi** with my friends on Friday nights.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

cryptography

n. the study of the techniques and methods used for secure communication and information processing, particularly using codes and ciphers

synonym : coding, steganography, encryption

(1) asymmetric **cryptography**, (2) digital **cryptography**

The software engineers developed a new **cryptography** algorithm to protect users' data.

underpin

v. to support or strengthen the foundations of something
synonym: support, foundation, base

(1) **underpin** a structure, (2) **underpin** democratization

The research findings **underpin** the theory that human activities cause global warming.

enigma

n. a puzzling or mysterious person, place, or thing; something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain; a riddle or mysterious puzzle that requires a solution

synonym: mystery, puzzle, riddle

(1) mysterious **enigma**, (2) artistic **enigma**

The ancient text remains an **enigma**, challenging scholars to unravel its meaning.

decode

v. to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

synonym: decipher, translate, interpret

(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences

The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

trustworthy

adj. reliable and dependable

synonym: reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally, (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

blockchain

n. a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked

(1) **blockchain** platform, (2) the scalability of **blockchain**

Cryptocurrencies are only one form of implementation of **blockchain** technology.

cumbersome

adj. difficult to handle or use, especially because of being large, heavy, or not effective; not elegant or graceful in

expression

synonym: clumsy, awkward, bulky

(1) **cumbersome** process, (2) a **cumbersome** suitcase
His **cumbersome** writing style made the reader confused.

clunky

adj. heavy, awkward, and old-fashioned; not graceful and clumsy in style, form, or movement

synonym: clumsy, bulky, burdensome

(1) **clunky** phrasing, (2) **clunky** robot

Refined character portrayal makes up for **clunky** gameplay.

trade-off

n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

synonym: compromise, balance, exchange

(1) **trade-off** problem, (2) environmental **trade-off**

There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

decouple

v. to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously

synonym: disunite, disjoint, break up

(1) **decouple** a power supply, (2) **decouple** a space shuttle

We have to **decouple** our foreign policy from ideology.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

Session 2: Spelling

1. environmental tr_____ff
n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
2. information gat_____er
n. a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
3. su__i bar
n. a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed
4. biological imp_____nt
n. a hindrance or obstruction in doing something
5. face an inc_____ent truth
adj. causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
6. blo_____in platform
n. a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked
7. have a speech imp_____nt
n. a hindrance or obstruction in doing something
8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. trade-off, 2. gatekeeper, 3. sushi, 4. impediment, 5. inconvenient, 6. blockchain, 7. impediment, 8. paycheck

9. a cum_____me suitcase *adj.* difficult to handle or use, especially because of being large, heavy, or not effective; not elegant or graceful in expression
10. tr_____ct internationally *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
11. ubi_____us computing *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
12. un____d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
13. und_____te a loan *v.* to assume financial responsibility for something
14. int_____ary role *n.* a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings
15. un____d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
16. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
17. ubi_____us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once

ANSWERS: 9. cumbersome, 10. transact, 11. ubiquitous, 12. unfold, 13. underwrite, 14. intermediary, 15. unfold, 16. app, 17. ubiquitous

18. tr_____ff problem *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
19. de_____le a space shuttle *v.* to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously
20. li_____ne pavement *n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite
21. artistic en____a *n.* a puzzling or mysterious person, place, or thing; something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain; a riddle or mysterious puzzle that requires a solution
22. un_____in a structure *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
23. mysterious en____a *n.* a puzzling or mysterious person, place, or thing; something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain; a riddle or mysterious puzzle that requires a solution
24. Bi_____n transaction *n.* a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for secure financial transactions, control of additional unit creation, and verification of asset transfers, which operates independently of centralized banking systems and is based on a decentralized ledger technology called blockchain
25. the scalability of blo_____in *n.* a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked

ANSWERS: 18. trade-off, 19. decouple, 20. limestone, 21. enigma, 22. underpin, 23. enigma, 24. Bitcoin, 25. blockchain

26. tr_____ct in cash *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
27. un_____in democratization *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
28. y_p away for hours *v.* to talk or chat continuously, often in an annoying or high-pitched manner; to make a lot of noise or fuss about something
29. tru_____hy source *adj.* reliable and dependable
30. cum_____me process *adj.* difficult to handle or use, especially because of being large, heavy, or not effective; not elegant or graceful in expression
31. cl___y robot *adj.* heavy, awkward, and old-fashioned; not graceful and clumsy in style, form, or movement
32. tru_____hy ally *adj.* reliable and dependable
33. cry_____ncy boom *n.* any system of electronic money that does not rely on any central authority to uphold or maintain it
34. und_____te an issue of shares *v.* to assume financial responsibility for something
35. ability to de___e the differences *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
36. gat_____er role *n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

ANSWERS: 26. transact, 27. underpin, 28. yap, 29. trustworthy, 30. cumbersome, 31. clunky, 32. trustworthy, 33. cryptocurrency, 34. underwrite, 35. decode, 36.

gatekeeper

37. inc_____ent for shopping *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
38. financial int_____ary *n.* a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings
39. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
40. digital cry_____phy *n.* the study of the techniques and methods used for secure communication and information processing, particularly using codes and ciphers
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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.
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