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Session 1: Word List

osmosis

n. the process by which molecules of a solvent (such as water) move through a semipermeable membrane from a region of higher concentration to a region of lower concentration; the gradual or subtle absorption of knowledge, ideas, or influence from one source to another

synonym : diffusion, permeation, absorption

(1) **osmosis** process, (2) **osmosis** tube

The roots of plants absorb water and nutrients through **osmosis**.

android

n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

synonym : droid, cyborg

(1) household **android**, (2) **Android** tablet

The lab is developing an **android** robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

punctuate

v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically

synonym: emphasize, accent, mark

(1) **punctuate** a sentence, (2) **punctuate** his talk

Strikes had also **punctuated** the preceding weeks.

capitalize

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

synonym: bankroll, finance, endow

(1) **capitalize** on an interest, (2) **capitalize** the 1st letter of a word

You must **capitalize** on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

beep

v. to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning

synonym: bleep, honk, buzz

(1) **beep** out a warning, (2) **beep** the horn

The timer **beeped**, reminding me that the cake was ready to come out of the oven.

keystroke

n. a single press or strike of a key on a computer keyboard or other electronic device

synonym: keypress, type

(1) accidental **keystroke**, (2) random **keystroke**

I accidentally hit the wrong **keystroke** and lost all of my unsaved work.

devolve

v. to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form

synonym: degenerate, drop, decline

(1) **devolve** into chaos, (2) **devolve** his rights

As time has passed, the responsibility has **devolved** to the younger generation.

- 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.
- blackout**
- n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness
- synonym* : outage, failure, knockout
- (1) media **blackout**, (2) memory **blackout**
- The nationwide **blackout** caused widespread power outages and disrupted daily life.
- whiteout**
- n.* a meteorological phenomenon occurring in winter conditions, where snowfall and strong winds create a uniform, featureless white appearance that obscures visibility
- synonym* : snowstorm, blizzard
- (1) severe **whiteout**, (2) **whiteout** snowstorm
- Travel advisories were issued due to the **whiteout** conditions on the highway.
- congratulation**
- n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
- synonym* : praise, compliment, felicitation
- (1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**
- The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
2. de_____e his rights *v.* to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form
3. accidental ke_____ke *n.* a single press or strike of a key on a computer keyboard or other electronic device
4. random ke_____ke *n.* a single press or strike of a key on a computer keyboard or other electronic device
5. cap_____ze on an interest *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
6. pu_____te a sentence *v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
7. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
8. wh_____ut snowstorm *n.* a meteorological phenomenon occurring in winter conditions, where snowfall and strong winds create a uniform, featureless white appearance that obscures visibility

ANSWERS: 1. smartphone, 2. devolve, 3. keystroke, 4. keystroke, 5. capitalize, 6. punctuate, 7. smartphone, 8. whiteout

9. household an____d *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
10. a matter for con_____ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
11. b__p the horn *v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
12. media bl____ut *n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness
13. 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
14. os____s process *n.* the process by which molecules of a solvent (such as water) move through a semipermeable membrane from a region of higher concentration to a region of lower concentration; the gradual or subtle absorption of knowledge, ideas, or influence from one source to another
15. memory bl____ut *n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness
16. os____s tube *n.* the process by which molecules of a solvent (such as water) move through a semipermeable membrane from a region of higher concentration to a region of lower concentration; the gradual or subtle absorption of knowledge, ideas, or influence from one source to another

ANSWERS: 9. android, 10. congratulation, 11. beep, 12. blackout, 13. app, 14.

osmosis, 15. blackout, 16. osmosis

17. severe wh____ut *n.* a meteorological phenomenon occurring in winter conditions, where snowfall and strong winds create a uniform, featureless white appearance that obscures visibility
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21. cap_____ze the 1st letter of a word *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
22. b__p out a warning *v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
23. con_____ion on a promotion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
24. An____d tablet *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

ANSWERS: 17. whiteout, 18. devolve, 19. punctuate, 20. app, 21. capitalize, 22. beep, 23. congratulation, 24. android

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The timer _____ reminding me that the cake was ready to come out of the oven.
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4. You must _____ on your full of opportunities to become a professor.
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5. The lab is developing an _____ robot that assists in dangerous construction work.
 - n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

6. The _____ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.
 - n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

ANSWERS: 1. beeped, 2. app's, 3. whiteout, 4. capitalize, 5. android, 6. congratulations

7. As time has passed, the responsibility has _____ to the younger generation.
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8. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
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ANSWERS: 7. devolved, 8. smartphones, 9. keystroke, 10. blackout, 11. punctuated, 12. osmosis