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Session 1: Word List

curable

adj. describing an illness or condition that can be treated or remedied to restore health; having the potential to be alleviated or resolved

synonym: healable, treatable, remediable

(1) **curable** disease, (2) **curable** condition

Most cases of the common cold are **curable** with rest and over-the-counter medications.

rift

n. a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

synonym: split, break, gap

(1) **rift** between friends, (2) geological **rift**

Their disagreement caused a **rift** in their friendship.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

peek

n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

synonym : glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

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**.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

bulky

adj. taking up much space or being difficult to move because of its size or weight; large and unwieldy

synonym : large, cumbersome, unwieldy

(1) **bulky** material, (2) **bulky** packaging

The **bulky** furniture made it difficult to move around the small room.

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.

jargon

n. specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

synonym : lingo, vernacular, slang

(1) business **jargon**, (2) scientific **jargon**

The financial industry is notorious for using complicated **jargon** that confuses consumers.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

retina

n. the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball

(1) **retinal** cells, (2) **retina** scanner

Damage to the **retina** may play a role in the development of glaucoma.

rucksack

n. a type of backpack or knapsack that is typically used for hiking, camping, or other outdoor activities, which has shoulder straps and a compartment for storing gear or personal items

synonym : backpack, knapsack, pack

(1) **rucksack** straps, (2) hiking **rucksack**

I packed my clothes and supplies into my **rucksack** for the camping trip.

cataract

n. a clouding of the lens in the eye that affects vision; a large waterfall

synonym : clouding, blurriness, waterfall

(1) the thunder of a **cataract**, (2) **cataract** lens

The older man had a **cataract** removed from his eye, which improved his vision significantly.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym : illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

eyesight

n. the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness

synonym: vision, sight, eyes

(1) impaired **eyesight**, (2) acute **eyesight**

His excellent **eyesight** allowed him to spot the bird in the dense foliage.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ca_____ct lens | <i>n.</i> a clouding of the lens in the eye that affects vision; a large waterfall |
| 2. business ja____n | <i>n.</i> specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify |
| 3. impaired ey_____ht | <i>n.</i> the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness |
| 4. cannot log in to the a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 5. em_____r my life | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 6. the thunder of a ca_____ct | <i>n.</i> a clouding of the lens in the eye that affects vision; a large waterfall |
| 7. sneak p__k | <i>n.</i> a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something |
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| 9. sma_____ne app developer | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |

ANSWERS: 1. cataract, 2. jargon, 3. eyesight, 4. app, 5. empower, 6. cataract, 7. peek, 8. app, 9. smartphone

10. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
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13. ru_____ck straps *n.* a type of backpack or knapsack that is typically used for hiking, camping, or other outdoor activities, which has shoulder straps and a compartment for storing gear or personal items
14. de___t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
15. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
16. r__t between friends *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
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ANSWERS: 10. grandchild, 11. sub-Saharan, 12. depict, 13. rucksack, 14. depict, 15. empower, 16. rift, 17. bulky, 18. empathy, 19. jargon

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22. acute ey____ht *n.* the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness
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26. re____al cells *n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
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30. geological r__t *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

ANSWERS: 20. curable, 21. rucksack, 22. eyesight, 23. sub-Saharan, 24. smartphone, 25. peek, 26. retina, 27. grandchild, 28. empathy, 29. bulky, 30. rift

31. re___a scanner

n. the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball

32. cu____e condition

adj. describing an illness or condition that can be treated or remedied to restore health; having the potential to be alleviated or resolved

ANSWERS: 31. retina, 32. curable

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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3. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.
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7. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
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ANSWERS: 1. rift, 2. Empathy, 3. depicted, 4. sub-Saharan, 5. jargon, 6. bulky, 7. smartphones

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16. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 16. empowered