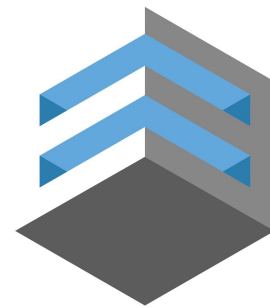


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Session 1: Word List

detergent

n. a substance used for washing or cleaning, especially one that can remove dirt or stains effectively

synonym: soap, cleanser, disinfectant

(1) **detergent** solution, (2) laundry **detergent**

I use environmentally friendly **detergent** when I wash my clothes and dishes.

hyperconnected

adj. having multiple, complex links or relationships between different people, objects, or systems

synonym: highly connected, fully connected

(1) **hyperconnected** network, (2) **hyperconnected** technology

The world has become increasingly **hyperconnected**, with the internet and social media playing a significant role in communication and information exchange.

bonkers

adj. slang for completely crazy or insane

synonym: crazy, insane, nuts

(1) **bonkers** idea, (2) sound **bonkers**

The traffic during rush hour can make even the calmest person go **bonkers**.

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.

crypto

- n.* short for "cryptocurrency," a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank; someone who hides their true political beliefs or agenda, often to advance their interests or to avoid backlash from society

synonym: digital currency, virtual currency

- (1) **crypto** exchange, (2) **crypto** wallet

The rise of **crypto** has revolutionized the world of finance and investment.

pseudonym

- n.* a name someone, especially a writer, uses instead of their real name; a pen name

synonym: anonym, alias, nickname

- (1) hide behind a **pseudonym**, (2) digital **pseudonym**

The author published these writings under a **pseudonym**.

ledger

- n.* a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program

synonym: book, register, account

- (1) financial **ledger**, (2) personal **ledger**

The auditor checked every entry in the **ledger** for accuracy.

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.

decentralize

v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

synonym: deconcentrate, disperse, distribute

(1) **decentralize** authority, (2) **decentralize** organizational structure

We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

fluctuation

n. a change, or the process of changing, that frequently happens, especially from one extreme to another; the quality of being unsteady and subject to changes

synonym: change, instability, flux

(1) price **fluctuations**, (2) **fluctuation** of water level

Temperature **fluctuations** are often milder in oceanfront areas.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

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.

interrogate

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

synonym: question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police

The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

guerrilla

n. a member of small, independent soldiers or fighters who engage in irregular, often surprise attacks against enemy forces

synonym: partisan, rebel, insurgent

(1) an urban **guerrilla**, (2) **guerrilla** warfare

The government's efforts to suppress the **guerrilla** movement were met with resistance from local communities.

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

synonym: catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

subprime

adj. of or relating to financial loans, particularly mortgages, which are made to individuals with poor credit histories or limited income, often associated with higher interest rates and a greater risk of default

(1) **subprime** lending, (2) **subprime** market

The **subprime** mortgage crisis of 2008 led to a global economic downturn.

gist

n. the essence or main point of a text, speech, or situation

synonym: essence, core, summary

(1) the **gist** of a claim, (2) get the **gist**

The **gist** of the article was that technology is rapidly changing our world.

wobble

v. to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down

synonym: sway, rock, totter

(1) **wobble** a few steps, (2) **wobble** chair

The table **wobbled** a little when I put my drink on it.

heterarchy

n. a system or organizational structure where the elements or components are not arranged in a strict or hierarchical order but rather function in ways of mutual dependency and cooperation; a decentralized or non-hierarchical structure

(1) **heterarchy** system, (2) organizational **heterarchy**

The team adopted a **heterarchy** structure, allowing members to shift roles based on the project's needs.

quantify

v. to express or measure something in numerical terms

synonym: measure, express, determine

(1) **quantify** the results, (2) **quantify** blood flow

He tried to **quantify** the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.

prism

n. a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic

synonym: crystal, polyhedron

(1) **prism** spectrometer, (2) a **prism** of viewpoints

The scientist used an optical **prism** to analyze the dispersion of light in the laboratory experiment.

redeem

v. to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation

synonym: rescue, save, recover

(1) **redeem** a coupon, (2) **redeem** a government bond

He tried to **redeem** himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.

kindle

v. to start a fire; to light

synonym: ignite, light, start

(1) **kindle** strife, (2) **kindle** a passion

He **kindled** a fire in the fireplace to warm the 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.

barometer

n. an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment

synonym: indicator, gauge, measure

(1) economic **barometer**, (2) air pressure **barometer**

The number of patients in the hospital is a useful **barometer** of regional health trends.

criminology

n. the scientific study of crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system encompassing a wide range of disciplines, including sociology, psychology, law, and statistics, among others

synonym: criminalistics, forensic science, penology

(1) forensic **criminology**, (2) behavioral **criminology**

The professor of **criminology** conducted an extensive study on the relationship between poverty and crime.

infuse

v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

synonym: instill, fill, permeate

(1) **infuse** with spirit, (2) **infuse** life with meaning
She **infused** fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

gamble

v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

synonym : bet, venture, wager

(1) **gamble** \$100 on the race, (2) **gamble** away my fortune
Will you **gamble** on the result of the fight?

spokesperson

n. a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public

synonym : representative, interpreter, mouthpiece

(1) company **spokesperson**, (2) official **spokesperson**
The celebrity **spokesperson** made an appearance at the product launch event.

dissociation

n. the separation of ideas, emotions, or memories from a person's consciousness; a process by which molecules or compounds separate into smaller units or individual atoms

synonym : separation, detachment, disconnection

(1) trauma-related **dissociation**, (2) **dissociation** reaction
His **dissociation** from his emotions made him distant and unresponsive.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
synonym : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**
We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

dashboard

n. a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview

synonym : control panel

(1) auto **dashboard**, (2) business **dashboard**

He noticed that the oil warning light on the **dashboard** of his car had turned on.

shopkeeper

n. a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business

synonym: merchant, storekeeper, retailer

(1) local **shopkeeper**, (2) general **shopkeeper**

The elderly **shopkeeper** greeted customers and helped them find what they sought.

aspirin

n. a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation

(1) prescribe **aspirin**, (2) **aspirin** sensitivity

She took a tablet of **aspirin** to soothe the fever.

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.

banknote

n. a piece of paper money, especially one issued by a central bank

synonym: cash, buck, money

(1) crisp **banknote**, (2) five-dollar **banknote**

Counterfeiting **banknotes** is a felony in any country.

outmoded

adj. no longer in fashion or use; outdated or obsolete

synonym: obsolete, outdated, archaic

(1) **outmoded** fashion, (2) **outmoded** business model

The company decided to replace its **outmoded** machinery with newer technology.

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.

shilling

n. a former British unit of currency, equal to one-twentieth of a pound; the act of promoting or advertising something, especially in a deceptive or misleading way

synonym: bob, coin, currency

(1) sixpence and a **shilling**, (2) ten **shillings**

I found an old **shilling** coin while cleaning out my grandfather's attic.

Session 2: Spelling

1. hyp_____ted technology *adj.* having multiple, complex links or relationships between different people, objects, or systems
2. ga___e away my fortune *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
3. su_____me lending *adj.* of or relating to financial loans, particularly mortgages, which are made to individuals with poor credit histories or limited income, often associated with higher interest rates and a greater risk of default
4. trauma-related dis_____ion *n.* the separation of ideas, emotions, or memories from a person's consciousness; a process by which molecules or compounds separate into smaller units or individual atoms
5. hide behind a ps_____ym *n.* a name someone, especially a writer, uses instead of their real name; a pen name
6. organizational het_____hy *n.* a system or organizational structure where the elements or components are not arranged in a strict or hierarchical order but rather function in ways of mutual dependency and cooperation; a decentralized or non-hierarchical structure

ANSWERS: 1. hyperconnected, 2. gamble, 3. subprime, 4. dissociation, 5. pseudonym, 6. heterarchy

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| 7. the g__t of a claim | <i>n.</i> the essence or main point of a text, speech, or situation |
| 8. int_____ted by police | <i>v.</i> to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner |
| 9. the cr____or's claims | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 10. choose tr__p | <i>n.</i> a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games |
| 11. bankrupt cr____or | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 12. behavioral cri_____gy | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system encompassing a wide range of disciplines, including sociology, psychology, law, and statistics, among others |
| 13. pr__m spectrometer | <i>n.</i> a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic |
| 14. ki___e strife | <i>v.</i> to start a fire; to light |

ANSWERS: 7. gist, 8. interrogate, 9. creditor, 10. trump, 11. creditor, 12. criminology, 13. prism, 14. kindle

15. as____n sensitivity *n.* a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation
16. prescribe as____n *n.* a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation
17. general sho____er *n.* a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business
18. an urban gu____la *n.* a member of small, independent soldiers or fighters who engage in irregular, often surprise attacks against enemy forces
19. in____e life with meaning *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
20. di____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
21. air pressure ba____er *n.* an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment
22. in____e with spirit *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
23. ou____ed business model *adj.* no longer in fashion or use; outdated or obsolete
24. cr____o wallet *n.* short for "cryptocurrency," a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank; someone who hides their true political beliefs or agenda, often to advance their interests or to avoid backlash from society

ANSWERS: 15. aspirin, 16. aspirin, 17. shopkeeper, 18. guerrilla, 19. infuse, 20. disrupt, 21. barometer, 22. infuse, 23. outmoded, 24. crypto

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| 25. ki___e a passion | <i>v.</i> to start a fire; to light |
| 26. a sense of wel_____ng | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous |
| 27. qu_____fy the results | <i>v.</i> to express or measure something in numerical terms |
| 28. de_____le a space shuttle | <i>v.</i> to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously |
| 29. forensic cri_____gy | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system encompassing a wide range of disciplines, including sociology, psychology, law, and statistics, among others |
| 30. crisp ba_____te | <i>n.</i> a piece of paper money, especially one issued by a central bank |
| 31. gu_____la warfare | <i>n.</i> a member of small, independent soldiers or fighters who engage in irregular, often surprise attacks against enemy forces |
| 32. catchy sl_____n | <i>n.</i> a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea |
| 33. personal le_____r | <i>n.</i> a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program |
| 34. official spo_____son | <i>n.</i> a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public |

ANSWERS: 25. kindle, 26. well-being, 27. quantify, 28. decouple, 29. criminology, 30. banknote, 31. guerrilla, 32. slogan, 33. ledger, 34. spokesperson

35. advertising sl___n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
36. cr___o exchange *n.* short for "cryptocurrency," a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank; someone who hides their true political beliefs or agenda, often to advance their interests or to avoid backlash from society
37. 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
38. ten sh_____ngs *n.* a former British unit of currency, equal to one-twentieth of a pound; the act of promoting or advertising something, especially in a deceptive or misleading way
39. a pr__m of viewpoints *n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic
40. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

ANSWERS: 35. slogan, 36. crypto, 37. disrupt, 38. shilling, 39. prism, 40. trump

41. wo___e chair *v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
42. laundry de_____nt *n.* a substance used for washing or cleaning, especially one that can remove dirt or stains effectively
43. five-dollar ba_____te *n.* a piece of paper money, especially one issued by a central bank
44. int_____te an enemy soldier *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
45. het_____hy system *n.* a system or organizational structure where the elements or components are not arranged in a strict or hierarchical order but rather function in ways of mutual dependency and cooperation; a decentralized or non-hierarchical structure
46. auto da_____rd *n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
47. re___m a government bond *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
48. financial le___r *n.* a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program

ANSWERS: 41. wobble, 42. detergent, 43. banknote, 44. interrogate, 45. heterarchy, 46. dashboard, 47. redeem, 48. ledger

49. sound bo____s *adj.* slang for completely crazy or insane
50. ga___e \$100 on the race *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
51. 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
52. re___m a coupon *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
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54. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
55. economic ba_____er *n.* an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment

ANSWERS: 49. bonkers, 50. gamble, 51. blockchain, 52. redeem, 53. dissociation, 54. app, 55. barometer

56. digital ps_____ym *n.* a name someone, especially a writer, uses instead of their real name; a pen name
57. price flu_____ons *n.* a change, or the process of changing, that frequently happens, especially from one extreme to another; the quality of being unsteady and subject to changes
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ANSWERS: 56. pseudonym, 57. fluctuation, 58. detergent, 59. decouple, 60. hyperconnected, 61. Bitcoin, 62. subprime

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ANSWERS: 63. shopkeeper, 64. blockchain, 65. shilling, 66. decentralize, 67. app, 68. quantify, 69. wobble, 70. fluctuation, 71. gist

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ANSWERS: 72. spokesperson, 73. bonkers, 74. outmoded, 75. well-being, 76. Bitcoin, 77. dashboard, 78. decentralize

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Cryptocurrencies are only one form of implementation of _____ technology.
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- n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

ANSWERS: 20. dissociation, 21. wobbled, 22. interrogate, 23. quantify, 24. banknotes, 25. bonkers, 26. gist, 27. trump

28. Many businesses now accept _____ as a form of payment.
- 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
29. The _____ mortgage crisis of 2008 led to a global economic downturn.
- adj.* of or relating to financial loans, particularly mortgages, which are made to individuals with poor credit histories or limited income, often associated with higher interest rates and a greater risk of default
30. She _____ fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.
- v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
31. She took a tablet of _____ to soothe the fever.
- n.* a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation
32. I use environmentally friendly _____ when I wash my clothes and dishes.
- n.* a substance used for washing or cleaning, especially one that can remove dirt or stains effectively
33. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
34. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
- n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
35. The celebrity _____ made an appearance at the product launch event.
- n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public

ANSWERS: 28. Bitcoin, 29. subprime, 30. infused, 31. aspirin, 32. detergent, 33. disrupt, 34. well-being, 35. spokesperson

36. Temperature _____ are often milder in oceanfront areas.

- n.* a change, or the process of changing, that frequently happens, especially from one extreme to another; the quality of being unsteady and subject to changes

37. The elderly _____ greeted customers and helped them find what they sought.

- n.* a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business

38. The auditor checked every entry in the _____ for accuracy.

- n.* a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program

39. We need to _____ our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

- v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

ANSWERS: 36. fluctuations, 37. shopkeeper, 38. ledger, 39. decentralize