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Session 1: Word List

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.

narrate

v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

synonym: tell, recount, describe

(1) **narrate** a news article, (2) **narrate** an event

The audiobook hired a professional actor to **narrate** the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are

well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

sprinkler

n. a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

synonym: sprayer, irrigation system

(1) road **sprinkler**, (2) **sprinkler** irrigation

The **sprinkler** system kept the lawn green and healthy.

cyber

adj. relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

synonym: digital, computer, Internet

(1) **cyber** bullying, (2) **cyber** crime

Cyber espionage between countries can have serious consequences.

windmill

n. a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity

synonym: wind turbine, aerogenerator

(1) **windmill** blades, (2) **windmill** energy

The countryside was dotted with picturesque **windmills**.

loon

n. a large migratory bird, typically having a haunting cry and known for its diving and swimming abilities; (an offensive word) a foolish or crazy person

synonym: fool, lunatic

(1) **loon** call, (2) wild **loon**

We spotted a common **loon** swimming gracefully in the lake.

tether

v. to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (noun) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog

synonym: tie, fasten, secure

(1) **tether** a horse, (2) **tether** strap

The hiker **tethered** their dog to a tree while they camped for the night.

cheaply

adv. in a stingy or inexpensive manner

synonym: inexpensively, tattily, stingily

(1) **cheaply** available, (2) buy stock **cheaply**

You can live very **cheaply** in Southeast Asia.

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym: geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

fascination

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

synonym: allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in **fascination**.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

disservice

n. an action that causes harm or damage; something that is detrimental or disadvantageous; the opposite of a

favor

synonym : injury, harm, disadvantage

(1) social **disservice**, (2) **disservice** to the public

It would be a great **disservice** not to recognize her achievements in the field.

incognito

adv. in disguise or under a false identity; without revealing one's true identity or purpose

synonym : secretly, anonymously

(1) travel **incognito**, (2) live life **incognito**

The celebrity went **incognito** to avoid being recognized by fans at the airport.

voodoo

n. a religion or set of spiritual beliefs and practices that originated in West Africa and the Caribbean, characterized by the worship of spirits, ritual dance, and the use of talismans and charms; also used to describe something mysterious, inexplicable, or magical

synonym : magic, sorcery, hoodoo

(1) **voodoo** curse, (2) **voodoo** doll

Some people believe in the power of **voodoo** to heal or harm others.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

zippy

adj. lively, energetic, and quick

synonym : fast, lively, brisk

(1) a **zippy** girl, (2) **zippy** speed

The **zippy** little sports car was fun to drive.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym : astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

commercialize

v. to make something available for sale or use on a large scale

synonym : monetize, capitalize, marketize

(1) **commercialize** my patents, (2) **commercialize** idea

The company is trying to **commercialize** its new product.

dismay

n. a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence

synonym : distress, discouragement, consternation

(1) flop down in **dismay**, (2) feel **dismay**

The employees expressed their **dismay** at the sudden announcement of massive layoffs.

musky

adj. having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss

synonym : musty, earthy, pungent

(1) **musky** aroma, (2) **musky** perfume

The **musky** scent of the old book filled the air of the dusty library.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym : altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on

philanthropy.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. buy stock ch____y *adv.* in a stingy or inexpensive manner
2. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
3. household an_____d *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
4. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
5. the branch of neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
6. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
7. vo___o doll *n.* a religion or set of spiritual beliefs and practices that originated in West Africa and the Caribbean, characterized by the worship of spirits, ritual dance, and the use of talismans and charms; also used to describe something mysterious, inexplicable, or magical
8. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
9. a zi__y girl *adj.* lively, energetic, and quick
10. cy__r bullying *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

ANSWERS: 1. cheaply, 2. disappoint, 3. android, 4. obsess, 5. neuroscience, 6. excite, 7. voodoo, 8. philanthropy, 9. zippy, 10. cyber

11. An____d tablet *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
12. feel di____y *n.* a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence
13. na____e a news article *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
14. fa____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
15. ob____s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
16. rapt in fas____on *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
17. ch____y available *adv.* in a stingy or inexpensive manner
18. road sp____er *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
19. te____r strap *v.* to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (noun) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog
20. cy__r crime *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

ANSWERS: 11. android, 12. dismay, 13. narrate, 14. fascinate, 15. obsess, 16. fascination, 17. cheaply, 18. sprinkler, 19. tether, 20. cyber

21. travel in_____to *adv.* in disguise or under a false identity; without revealing one's true identity or purpose
22. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
23. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
24. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
25. wi_____ll energy *n.* a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity
26. mu__y perfume *adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
27. live life in_____to *adv.* in disguise or under a false identity; without revealing one's true identity or purpose
28. dis_____ce to the public *n.* an action that causes harm or damage; something that is detrimental or disadvantageous; the opposite of a favor
29. the fas_____on with classical music *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
30. cl___y robot *adj.* heavy, awkward, and old-fashioned; not graceful and clumsy in style, form, or movement
31. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

ANSWERS: 21. incognito, 22. amaze, 23. improvisation, 24. excite, 25. windmill, 26. musky, 27. incognito, 28. disservice, 29. fascination, 30. clunky, 31. nerd

32. wi_____ll blades *n.* a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity
33. sp_____er irrigation *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
34. com_____ize my patents *v.* to make something available for sale or use on a large scale
35. vo___o curse *n.* a religion or set of spiritual beliefs and practices that originated in West Africa and the Caribbean, characterized by the worship of spirits, ritual dance, and the use of talismans and charms; also used to describe something mysterious, inexplicable, or magical
36. na_____e an event *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
37. am___e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
38. wild l___n *n.* a large migratory bird, typically having a haunting cry and known for its diving and swimming abilities; (an offensive word) a foolish or crazy person
39. mu___y aroma *adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
40. social dis_____ce *n.* an action that causes harm or damage; something that is detrimental or disadvantageous; the opposite of a favor

ANSWERS: 32. windmill, 33. sprinkler, 34. commercialize, 35. voodoo, 36. narrate, 37. amaze, 38. loon, 39. musky, 40. disservice

41. l__n call *n.* a large migratory bird, typically having a haunting cry and known for its diving and swimming abilities; (an offensive word) a foolish or crazy person
42. zi__y speed *adj.* lively, energetic, and quick
43. flop down in di___y *n.* a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence
44. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
45. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
46. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
47. cl___y phrasing *adj.* heavy, awkward, and old-fashioned; not graceful and clumsy in style, form, or movement
48. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
49. com_____ize idea *v.* to make something available for sale or use on a large scale
50. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
51. te___r a horse *v.* to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (noun) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog

ANSWERS: 41. loon, 42. zippy, 43. dismay, 44. disappoint, 45. fascinate, 46. nerd, 47. clunky, 48. improvisation, 49. commercialize, 50. philanthropy, 51. tether

52. a theoretical concept in
neu_____nce

n. the scientific study of the function,
structure, and disorder of the brain and
the nervous system

ANSWERS: 52. neuroscience

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Some people believe in the power of _____ to heal or harm others.
 - n.* a religion or set of spiritual beliefs and practices that originated in West Africa and the Caribbean, characterized by the worship of spirits, ritual dance, and the use of talismans and charms; also used to describe something mysterious, inexplicable, or magical

2. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
 - v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

3. He was, by nature, a cyber _____.
 - n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

4. I looked at the painting in _____.
 - n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

5. Refined character portrayal makes up for _____ gameplay.
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6. The audiobook hired a professional actor to _____ the story, making it more engaging for listeners.
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7. You can live very _____ in Southeast Asia.
 - adv.* in a stingy or inexpensive manner

ANSWERS: 1. voodoo, 2. amazed, 3. nerd, 4. fascination, 5. clunky, 6. narrate, 7. cheaply

8. The _____ scent of the old book filled the air of the dusty library.
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12. The celebrity went _____ to avoid being recognized by fans at the airport.
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13. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
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14. It would be a great _____ not to recognize her achievements in the field.
n. an action that causes harm or damage; something that is detrimental or disadvantageous; the opposite of a favor
15. _____ espionage between countries can have serious consequences.
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ANSWERS: 8. musky, 9. loon, 10. tethered, 11. excited, 12. incognito, 13. improvisation, 14. disservice, 15. Cyber

16. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.
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21. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.
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ANSWERS: 16. philanthropy, 17. commercialize, 18. android, 19. sprinkler, 20. zippy, 21. disappoint, 22. windmills, 23. dismay

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25. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral _____.

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

26. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 24. fascinated, 25. neuroscience, 26. obsessed