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Session 1: Word List

spherical

adj. having the shape of a sphere; round, spherical, or ball-shaped in appearance

synonym : round, orbicular, spherical

(1) **spherical** shape, (2) **spherical** object

The Earth is a nearly **spherical** planet.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

revolve

v. to rotate around a central point

synonym : rotate, spin, orbit

(1) **revolve** at high speed, (2) **revolve** around a central axis

The Earth **revolves** around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.

humanoid

n. a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human

synonym : android, anthropomorphic

(1) **humanoid** hand, (2) **humanoid** design

The **humanoid** robot was able to mimic human movements and expressions.

dishonest

adj. capable of being corrupted, not honest

synonym : fraudulent, deceitful, untrustworthy

(1) **dishonest** politicians, (2) promote **dishonest** behavior
Often in drama, **dishonest** personalities gain popularity.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

misinterpret

v. to understand or explain something in the wrong way

synonym : misunderstand, falsify, misconstrue

(1) **misinterpret** the purpose, (2) **misinterpret** the data

He **misinterpreted** her statement and got the wrong idea.

monumental

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

synonym : massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture

Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. re_____e around a central axis | v. | to rotate around a central point |
| 2. ov_____ok a street | v. | to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above |
| 3. r_t with age | v. | to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually |
| 4. re_____e at high speed | v. | to rotate around a central point |
| 5. mis_____ret the purpose | v. | to understand or explain something in the wrong way |
| 6. mis_____ret the data | v. | to understand or explain something in the wrong way |
| 7. hu_____id hand | n. | a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human |
| 8. di_____st politicians | adj. | capable of being corrupted, not honest |
| 9. in_____ct for self-preservation | n. | an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true |
| 10. promote di_____st behavior | adj. | capable of being corrupted, not honest |
| 11. hu_____id design | n. | a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human |
| 12. mon_____al sculpture | adj. | great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive |
| 13. mon_____al task | adj. | great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive |

ANSWERS: 1. revolve, 2. overlook, 3. rot, 4. revolve, 5. misinterpret, 6. misinterpret, 7. humanoid, 8. dishonest, 9. instinct, 10. dishonest, 11. humanoid, 12. monumental, 13. monumental

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
2. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.
v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
3. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
4. The Earth _____ around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.
v. to rotate around a central point
5. Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's _____ contributions to physics.
adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
6. He _____ her statement and got the wrong idea.
v. to understand or explain something in the wrong way
7. Often in drama, _____ personalities gain popularity.
adj. capable of being corrupted, not honest
8. The Earth is a nearly _____ planet.
adj. having the shape of a sphere; round, spherical, or ball-shaped in appearance

ANSWERS: 1. overlook, 2. rot, 3. instinct, 4. revolves, 5. monumental, 6. misinterpreted, 7. dishonest, 8. spherical

9. The _____ robot was able to mimic human movements and expressions.

n. a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human

ANSWERS: 9. humanoid