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Session 1: Word List

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**.

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.

creepy

adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

synonym: eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the chills.

uncanny

adj. strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling

synonym: arcane, astonishing, eerie

(1) in an **uncanny** manner, (2) **uncanny** resemblance

She has an **uncanny** sense of who is telling a lie.

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**.

wary

adj. cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience

synonym : cautious, suspicious, leery

(1) a **wary** statesman, (2) **wary** of marriage

She was **wary** of meeting new people because of past experiences.

sneeze

v. to make a sudden, involuntary expulsion of air from the nose and mouth, usually due to irritation caused by the presence of dust, pollen, or other irritants

synonym : exhale, whiff, blow

(1) **sneeze** into my hand, (2) **sneeze** loudly

Whenever I get a cold, I tend to **sneeze** a lot.

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.

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.

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.

manifestation

n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

synonym: expression, embodiment, presentation

(1) **manifestation** of a deeper problem, (2) **manifestation** of psychological stress

The **manifestation** of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

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.

agile

adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

synonym: nimble, quick, flexible

(1) an **agile** mind, (2) **agile** in his movements

The **agile** development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. an ag__e mind | <i>adj.</i> able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled |
| 2. n__d neck | <i>n.</i> a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc. |
| 3. gra_____ld development | <i>n.</i> a child of someone's son or daughter |
| 4. hu_____id design | <i>n.</i> a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human |
| 5. he is ob___sed with the fear | <i>v.</i> to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else |
| 6. cr___y atmosphere | <i>adj.</i> causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease |
| 7. sn___e into my hand | <i>v.</i> to make a sudden, involuntary expulsion of air from the nose and mouth, usually due to irritation caused by the presence of dust, pollen, or other irritants |
| 8. ex___e the crowd | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 9. ag__e in his movements | <i>adj.</i> able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled |
| 10. ob___s over her weight | <i>v.</i> to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else |
| 11. sma_____ne app developer | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |

ANSWERS: 1. agile, 2. nerd, 3. grandchild, 4. humanoid, 5. obsess, 6. creepy, 7. sneeze, 8. excite, 9. agile, 10. obsess, 11. smartphone

12. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
13. feel cr____y *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
14. ex____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
15. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
16. man_____ion of a deeper problem *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
17. hu_____id hand *n.* a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human
18. un____y resemblance *adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
19. sn____e loudly *v.* to make a sudden, involuntary expulsion of air from the nose and mouth, usually due to irritation caused by the presence of dust, pollen, or other irritants
20. in an un____y manner *adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
21. w__y of marriage *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
22. a w__y statesman *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
23. man_____ion of psychological stress *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

ANSWERS: 12. smartphone, 13. creepy, 14. excite, 15. grandchild, 16. manifestation, 17. humanoid, 18. uncanny, 19. sneeze, 20. uncanny, 21. wary, 22. wary, 23. manifestation

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 9. grandchild, 10. excited, 11. app's, 12. humanoid, 13. sneeze