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Session 1: Word List

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**.

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.

ox

n. a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavyset body

synonym : cow, bullock, steer

(1) **ox** cart, (2) water **ox**

The sacrifice of an **ox** was a common religious ritual in ancient cultures.

breakwater

n. a barrier or structure built in a body of water to protect a shore or harbor from the force of waves or currents

synonym : bulwark, seawall, jetty

(1) protective **breakwater**, (2) coastal **breakwater**

The **breakwater** construction protected the harbor from the strong waves during the storm.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

expropriate

v. to take away privately owned property or assets, typically by the government, without the owner's consent, often for public use or benefit, and with or without compensation

synonym: seize, confiscate, commandeer

(1) **expropriate** assets, (2) government's power to **expropriate**

The government decided to **expropriate** the land for a new highway.

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.

swipe

v. to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

synonym: flick, brush, pinch

(1) **swipe** a card, (2) **swipe** left on a dating app

He tried to **swipe** the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.

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.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
synonym : graft, corrupt
(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food
He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

transact

v. to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
synonym : conduct, carry out, perform
(1) **transact** internationally, (2) **transact** in cash
I need to **transact** some business at the bank before it closes.

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
synonym : flashlight, lantern, flare
(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song
She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous
(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student
He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

brothel

n. (also "whorehouse") a place where people, particularly women, engage in sexual activity for payment; a house of prostitution
synonym : bagnio, bordello, whorehouse
(1) illegal **brothel**, (2) underground **brothel**

The police raided the **brothel** in the red-light district and arrested all the prostitutes and customers.

saloon

n. a place of business, typically a bar or tavern, that serves alcoholic drinks and often features entertainment or social activities

synonym : barroom, tavern, pub

(1) **saloon** cabin, (2) western-style **saloon**

She sat on a bar stool in the **saloon**, sipping her whiskey and watching the live music.

lifesaving

n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

(1) **lifesaving** efforts, (2) **lifesaving** device

The patient needs a **lifesaving** transplant operation.

subsistence

n. the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival

synonym : survival, livelihood, existence

(1) **subsistence** economy, (2) **subsistence** farming

The farmer's **subsistence** depended on his crops and livestock.

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**.

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.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

catchy

adj. pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention

synonym: captivating, haunting, memorable

(1) **catchy** nickname, (2) a **catchy** title for a movie

This track starts with a **catchy** guitar riff.

catchphrase

n. a memorable or easily recognized sentence or phrase that is repeatedly used, especially in advertising or entertainment

synonym: slogan, tagline, motto

(1) popular **catchphrase**, (2) campaign **catchphrase**

The politician's "Make America Great Again" **catchphrase** became famous during his campaign.

Session 2: Spelling

1. tr____ct in cash v. to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
2. 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
3. underground br____l n. (also "whorehouse") a place where people, particularly women, engage in sexual activity for payment; a house of prostitution
4. coastal bre____er n. a barrier or structure built in a body of water to protect a shore or harbor from the force of waves or currents
5. a ca____y title for a movie *adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
6. sw__e a card v. to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
7. br__e him with food v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. transact, 2. disrupt, 3. brothel, 4. breakwater, 5. catchy, 6. swipe, 7. bribe, 8. disrupt

9. the to__h of learning *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
10. wi_____ll blades *n.* a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity
11. tr_____ct internationally *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
12. exp_____te assets *v.* to take away privately owned property or assets, typically by the government, without the owner's consent, often for public use or benefit, and with or without compensation
13. sub_____ce economy *n.* the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival
14. sub_____ce farming *n.* the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival
15. popular cat_____se *n.* a memorable or easily recognized sentence or phrase that is repeatedly used, especially in advertising or entertainment
16. protective bre_____er *n.* a barrier or structure built in a body of water to protect a shore or harbor from the force of waves or currents

ANSWERS: 9. torch, 10. windmill, 11. transact, 12. expropriate, 13. subsistence, 14. subsistence, 15. catchphrase, 16. breakwater

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| 17. household an_____d | <i>n.</i> a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system |
| 18. sma_____ne addict | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |
| 19. wi_____ll energy | <i>n.</i> a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity |
| 20. water ox | <i>n.</i> a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavyset body |
| 21. to__h song | <i>n.</i> a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle |
| 22. bankrupt cr_____or | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 23. sa____n cabin | <i>n.</i> a place of business, typically a bar or tavern, that serves alcoholic drinks and often features entertainment or social activities |
| 24. An_____d tablet | <i>n.</i> a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system |
| 25. ex____e rebellion | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 26. ox cart | <i>n.</i> a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavyset body |
| 27. lif_____ng device | <i>n.</i> the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning |

ANSWERS: 17. android, 18. smartphone, 19. windmill, 20. ox, 21. torch, 22. creditor, 23. saloon, 24. android, 25. excite, 26. ox, 27. lifesaving

28. sw__e left on a dating app *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
29. lif_____ng efforts *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
30. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
31. illegal br_____l *n.* (also "whorehouse") a place where people, particularly women, engage in sexual activity for payment; a house of prostitution
32. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
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exp_____te *v.* to take away privately owned property or assets, typically by the government, without the owner's consent, often for public use or benefit, and with or without compensation
35. campaign cat_____se *n.* a memorable or easily recognized sentence or phrase that is repeatedly used, especially in advertising or entertainment
36. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 28. swipe, 29. lifesaving, 30. reinvent, 31. brothel, 32. electrify, 33. reinvent, 34. expropriate, 35. catchphrase, 36. excite

37. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
38. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
39. br__e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
40. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
41. western-style sa___n *n.* a place of business, typically a bar or tavern, that serves alcoholic drinks and often features entertainment or social activities
42. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
43. ca___y nickname *adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
44. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 37. industrious, 38. smartphone, 39. bribe, 40. electrify, 41. saloon, 42. creditor, 43. catchy, 44. industrious

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ construction protected the harbor from the strong waves during the storm.
 - n.* a barrier or structure built in a body of water to protect a shore or harbor from the force of waves or currents

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ANSWERS: 1. breakwater, 2. smartphones, 3. excited, 4. electrify, 5. industrious, 6. torch, 7. reinvent

8. He tries to _____ the ship's captain to export illegal products.
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