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Session 1: Word List

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adj. characterized by being sparing or economical about money or resources; avoiding waste or luxury

synonym: economical, thrifty, sparing

(1) live a **frugal** lifestyle, (2) a **frugal** meal

My grandparents were always **frugal** with their money, even when they had plenty of it.

dazzling

adj. shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting synonym: astonishing, breathtaking, flashy

(1) dazzling debut, (2) dazzling views

Last night, the team delivered a **dazzling** performance.

gadget

n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular jobsynonym: appliance, gimmick, device

(1) a handy gadget, (2) time-saving gadget

I found the kitchen **gadget** that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

anecdote

a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

synonym: story, account, tale

(1) personal anecdote, (2) funny anecdote

She entertained the guests with **anecdotes** about her travels and experiences.

offline

adj. not connected to the internet synonym: disconnected, not connected, unplugged

(1) offline course, (2) offline mode

The computer is **offline** and cannot be accessed at the moment.

recharge

v. to restore the energy or power of something by supplying it with more energy or power; to refresh or renew oneself by rest or sleep

synonym: renew, refresh, replenish

(1) **recharge** brain and body, (2) **recharge** energy He needed to **recharge** his phone before the meeting.

nook

- a small corner, alcove, or recess, especially one in a room or garden providing a seat or space for quiet
 synonym: niche, corner, alcove
- (1) every **nook** and cranny, (2) breakfast **nook**The kitchen **nook** was perfect for coffee and chatting with friends.

smartphone

- 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**.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

a skeptical attitude, (2) skeptical scientists
 religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly skeptical.

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.

dismantle

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipmentsynonym: take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

tinker

cape

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

synonym: fiddle, play, fix

- (1) **tinker** with the bill, (2) **tinker** with the settings He spent the afternoon **tinkering** with his car engine.
- a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

synonym: shawl, cloak, mantle

(1) cape cod, (2) red cape

The superhero wore a flowing cape as part of their costume.

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.

salvage

n. the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation

synonym: rescue, recovery

(1) **salvage** operation, (2) **salvage** a sunken ship

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The **salvage** yard was full of old cars waiting to be scrapped.

condemn

- v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something synonym: criticize, denounce, censure
- (1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

 The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

deprive

- v. to take away something from someone synonym: deny, take away, divest
- (1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

bureaucracy

 a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym: administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

fabricate

v. to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone

synonym: manufacture, assemble, falsify

(1) **fabricate** a chemical, (2) **fabricate** an excuse

The detective discovered that the witness had **fabricated** her

story about the crime.

embed

- v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass synonym: entrench, fix, set
- (1) **embed** scripts in the message, (2) **embed** a sensor The company **embedded** a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.

cot

 a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out

synonym: bed, bunk, pallet

(1) cot in the tent, (2) baby's cot

The hospital provides **cots** for patients' families who want to stay overnight.

multitasking

- n. the ability to do more than one task at the same time;the state of doing more than one task at the same timesynonym: juggling, multihandling, parallelism
- (1) computer **multitasking**, (2) **multitasking** ability She could finish all her work on time because of her **multitasking** skills.

empower

- v. to give someone the power or authority to do something synonym: authorize, endow, entitle
- (1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

scavenge

v. to search for or gather useful material, particularly food or other resources, from discarded waste or other sources

synonym: search, scrounge, rummage

(1) **scavenge** for food, (2) **scavenge** for iron scraps
The raccoon **scavenged** through the garbage cans in search of food.

flashlight

 a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off

synonym: torch, lamp, beacon

(1) flashlight beam, (2) flashlight batteries

He used a backup **flashlight** to find his way through the dark cave.

amplify

- v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness synonym: intensify, boost, argument
- (1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect You might need to **amplify** this point.

mashup

 a combination or fusion of different elements, often referring to the blending or remixing of different songs, video clips, or other media forms

synonym: mixture, blend, combination

(1) music mashup, (2) art mashup

The DJ created an amazing **mashup** of popular songs at the party.

luminosity

n. the quality or state of being luminous, especially the brightness or radiance of light emitted by an object or source; the intrinsic brightness of a celestial body such as a star

synonym: brightness, brilliance, light

(1) **luminosity** measurement, (2) **luminosity** value

The astronomer measured the **luminosity** of distant stars to determine their brightness.

trickle

v. to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities

synonym: dribble, flow, seep

(1) **trickle** down my cheek, (2) **trickle** from his eyes Water was beginning to **trickle** into the basement after the heavy rain.

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at oncesynonym: universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

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.

erratic

 adj. characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality

synonym: unpredictable, irregular, unstable

(1) erratic behavior, (2) erratic movements

The stock market has been behaving in an **erratic** manner, making it difficult for investors to predict future trends.

metrology

n. the scientific study and measurement of measurements, standards, and units of physical quantities, particularly about their accuracy and precision

synonym: measurement, calibration

(1) **metrology** laboratory, (2) precision **metrology** The development of new **metrology** techniques has revolutionized the field of nanotechnology.

divert

v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

synonym: distract, redirect, sidetrack

(1) divert attention, (2) divert an assault

Due to the road construction, we had to **divert** our course to get to the restaurant.

detrimental

adj. causing harm or damagesynonym: harmful, damaging, injurious

(1) detrimental eating habits, (2) detrimental to good

health

The new policy had a **detrimental** impact on small businesses.

dissuade

- v. to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of actionsynonym: discourage, deter, convince
- (1) **dissuade** a person, (2) **dissuade** him from committing the crime

He tried to **dissuade** her from quitting her job.

beep

v. to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning

synonym: bleep, honk, buzz

(1) beep out a warning, (2) beep the horn

The timer **beeped**, reminding me that the cake was ready to come out of the oven.

reprogram

- v. to modify or recreate a program
- synonym: recreate, modify, revamp
- (1) **reprogram** a device, (2) **reprogram** a database He **reprogrammed** the computer's operating system to remove the safeguard.

Session 2: Spelling

1.	tir with the settings	<i>v</i> .	to make repairs, adjustments, or
			improvements to something, especially
			in an experimental or makeshift way

- 2. every n k and cranny a small corner, alcove, or recess, n. especially one in a room or garden providing a seat or space for quiet
- det all eating habits adj. causing harm or damage 3.
 - a system of government in which most n. of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
 - to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
 - the ability to do more than one task at n. the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
 - a combination or fusion of different n. elements, often referring to the blending or remixing of different songs, video clips, or other media forms
 - adj. not connected to the internet
 - n. a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
 - adj. being or existing everywhere at once

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- di le a machine 5.
- computer mul____ing 6.
- 7. art ma___p
- of____e course 8.
- 9. c t in the tent
- 10. ubi us across ecosystems

ANSWERS: 1. tinker, 2. nook, 3. detrimental, 4. bureaucracy, 5. dismantle, 6. multitasking, 7. mashup, 8. offline, 9. cot, 10. ubiquitous

11.	dang debut	adj.	exciting
12.	a skal attitude	adj.	doubting that something is accurate or useful
13.	indus worker	adj.	hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
14.	scge for food	<i>v</i> .	to search for or gather useful material, particularly food or other resources, from discarded waste or other sources
15.	sae a sunken ship	n.	the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation
16.	smane app developer	n.	a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
17.	skal scientists	adj.	doubting that something is accurate or useful
18.	baby's c_t	n.	a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
19.	sae operation	n.	the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a

ANSWERS: 11. dazzling, 12. skeptical, 13. industrious, 14. scavenge, 15. salvage, 16. smartphone, 17. skeptical, 18. cot, 19. salvage

situation

dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating

20.	ream a database	v.	to modify or recreate a program
21.	a handy gat	n.	a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
22.	amy a signal	<i>v</i> .	to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
23.	insize a system	<i>v</i> .	to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
24.	time-saving gat	n.	a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
25.	ream a device	v.	to modify or recreate a program
26.	elfy a manufacturing process	<i>v</i> .	to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
27.	muling ability	n.	the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
28.	ofe mode	adj.	not connected to the internet
29.	lumty measurement	n.	the quality or state of being luminous, especially the brightness or radiance of light emitted by an object or source; the intrinsic brightness of a celestial body such as a star
30.	erc movements	adj.	characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
AN	SWERS: 20. reprogram, 21. gadget, 22.	. am	plify, 23. institutionalize, 24. gadget,

25. reprogram, 26. electrify, 27. multitasking, 28. offline, 29. luminosity, 30. erratic

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n. a portable electric light with a handle

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39. me____gy laboratory

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v. to restore the energy or power of something by supplying it with more energy or power; to refresh or renew oneself by rest or sleep

ANSWERS: 31. empower, 32. electrify, 33. detrimental, 34. tinker, 35. dismantle, 36. flashlight, 37. erratic, 38. anecdote, 39. metrology, 40. recharge

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ANSWERS: 51. condemn, 52. industrious, 53. nook, 54. bureaucracy, 55. flashlight, 56. divert, 57. recharge, 58. cape, 59. embed

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- 60. de____e others of profit
- 61. tr____e from his eyes
- 62. fa____te a chemical
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- 66. am__e and entertain visitors
- 67. sc____ge for iron scraps
- 68. de e him of his status
- 69. am e everyone
- 70. music ma___p
- 71. a fr I meal

- v. to take away something from someone
- v. to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
- v. to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone
- v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
- adj. shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting
- v. to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action
- v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
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ANSWERS: 60. deprive, 61. trickle, 62. fabricate, 63. embed, 64. dazzling, 65. dissuade, 66. amaze, 67. scavenge, 68. deprive, 69. amaze, 70. mashup, 71. frugal

72.	tre down my cheek	v.	to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
73.	ubius computing	adj.	being or existing everywhere at once
74.	fate an excuse	ν.	to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone
75.	dide him from committing the crime	v.	to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action
76.	live a frI lifestyle	adj.	characterized by being sparing or economical about money or resources; avoiding waste or luxury
77.	b_p out a warning	v.	to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
78.	emr the secretary to do the same	<i>v</i> .	to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 72. trickle, 73. ubiquitous, 74. fabricate, 75. dissuade, 76. frugal, 77. beep, 78. empower

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	She could finish all her work on time because of her	skills.
n.	the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of than one task at the same time	of doing more
2.	Sugar is in food.	
adj	j. being or existing everywhere at once	
3.	You might need to this point.	
<i>v</i> .	to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness	
4.	He used a backup to find his way through the dark c	ave.
n.	a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be tu	rned on and of
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