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Session 1: Word List

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**.

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.

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**.

fortune

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

synonym : wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

teller

n. a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience

synonym : cashier, bank clerk, clerk

(1) fortune- **teller**, (2) **teller** machine

The bank **teller** carefully counted the money before handing it to the customer.

display

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

synonym : show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork

We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

whack

v. to hit someone or something hard or noisily

synonym : hit, strike, bash

(1) **whack** him with a stick, (2) **whack** up the volume

He **whacked** the ball out of the park with his home run.

mole

n. small velvety-furred burrowing mammal having small eyes and fossorial forefeet; a spy who works against enemy espionage; a small congenital pigmented spot on the skin

(1) **mole** catcher, (2) **mole** planted by the FBI

The **mole** burrowed in the ground.

dislike

v. to not like someone or something

synonym : disapprove, disfavor, deprecate

(1) **dislike** speaking in public, (2) **dislike** this kind of food
He seems to **dislike** all forms of exercise.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air
The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

violin

n. a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings

synonym: fiddle

(1) **violin** soloist, (2) play the **violin**
The cello is a member of the **violin** family.

python

n. a nonvenomous snake found in Africa, Asia, and Australia, known for its ability to squeeze and suffocate its prey before swallowing it whole; a high-level programming language used for various purposes, often in scientific computing and data analysis

synonym: anaconda, boa, serpent

(1) **python** species, (2) **Python** programming
The African rock **python** can eat prey as large as antelopes and crocodiles.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym: program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

kit

n. a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose

synonym : set, package, bundle

(1) survival **kit**, (2) a first-aid **kit**

I bought a new tool **kit** for my home repair projects.

suite

n. a set of rooms designated for a particular purpose or activity, especially a set of rooms in a hotel or private residence used as a living unit; a musical composition of several movements only loosely connected; the group following and attending to some important person

synonym : set, series, collection

(1) **suite** room, (2) **suite** of products

The presidential **suite** is the most luxurious room in the hotel.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym : chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

persuade

v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

synonym :

convince, influence, sway

(1) attempt to **persuade**, (2) **persuade** enough people
She tried to **persuade** her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

fee

n. a sum of money charged for a particular service
synonym: charge, cost, expense

(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**

The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym: motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

sponsor

v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

synonym: back, fund, finance

(1) **sponsor** a contest, (2) **sponsor** a local group

Our company **sponsors** numerous disabled athletes.

pilot

n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

synonym: aviator, flyer, chief

(1) a test **pilot**, (2) **pilot** production
The **pilot** exercised great care in landing.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym: territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym: fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

educator

n. a person who teaches or educates people

synonym: teacher, instructor, lecturer

(1) business **educator**, (2) duty as an **educator**

She is an **educator** with progressive ideas.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

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. de____p a skill
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
2. pos_____ty for growth
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
3. re_____ze achievement
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
4. di_____y artwork
v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
5. killer a_p
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
6. m__e catcher
n. small velvety-furred burrowing mammal having small eyes and fossorial forefeet; a spy who works against enemy espionage; a small congenital pigmented spot on the skin
7. rapt in fas_____on
n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

ANSWERS: 1. develop, 2. possibility, 3. recognize, 4. display, 5. app, 6. mole, 7. fascination

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| 8. di_____y merchandise | <i>v.</i> | to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value |
| 9. the fas_____on with classical music | <i>n.</i> | the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction |
| 10. di_____e speaking in public | <i>v.</i> | to not like someone or something |
| 11. f_e calculation | <i>n.</i> | a sum of money charged for a particular service |
| 12. pos_____ty of a major earthquake | <i>n.</i> | a chance that something may happen or be true |
| 13. pi__t production | <i>n.</i> | a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water |
| 14. wh__k him with a stick | <i>v.</i> | to hit someone or something hard or noisily |
| 15. sp_____r a local group | <i>v.</i> | to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising |
| 16. get ins_____on from nature | <i>n.</i> | something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity |
| 17. te___r machine | <i>n.</i> | a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience |

ANSWERS: 8. display, 9. fascination, 10. dislike, 11. fee, 12. possibility, 13. pilot, 14. whack, 15. sponsor, 16. inspiration, 17. teller

18. di____e this kind of food *v.* to not like someone or something
19. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
20. re____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
21. en____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
22. survival k_t *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
23. sma____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
24. attempt to pe____de *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
25. Py____n programming *n.* a nonvenomous snake found in Africa, Asia, and Australia, known for its ability to squeeze and suffocate its prey before swallowing it whole; a high-level programming language used for various purposes, often in scientific computing and data analysis

ANSWERS: 18. dislike, 19. develop, 20. release, 21. encourage, 22. kit, 23. smartphone, 24. persuade, 25. python

26. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
27. school di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
28. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
29. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
30. a test pi__t *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
31. a first-aid k_t *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
32. py___n species *n.* a nonvenomous snake found in Africa, Asia, and Australia, known for its ability to squeeze and suffocate its prey before swallowing it whole; a high-level programming language used for various purposes, often in scientific computing and data analysis
33. copyrighted so_____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
34. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
35. wh__k up the volume *v.* to hit someone or something hard or noisily

ANSWERS: 26. fortunate, 27. district, 28. inspiration, 29. decide, 30. pilot, 31. kit, 32. python, 33. software, 34. decide, 35. whack

36. duty as an ed____or *n.* a person who teaches or educates people
37. An____d tablet *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
38. business ed____or *n.* a person who teaches or educates people
39. re____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
40. household an____d *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
41. play the vi____n *n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
42. su__e of products *n.* a set of rooms designated for a particular purpose or activity, especially a set of rooms in a hotel or private residence used as a living unit; a musical composition of several movements only loosely connected; the group following and attending to some important person
43. service f_e *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
44. vi____n soloist *n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings

ANSWERS: 36. educator, 37. android, 38. educator, 39. release, 40. android, 41. violin, 42. suite, 43. fee, 44. violin

45. pe____de enough people *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
46. sp____r a contest *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
47. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
48. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
49. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
50. fortune-te____r *n.* a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience
51. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
52. m__e planted by the FBI *n.* small velvety-furred burrowing mammal having small eyes and fossorial forefeet; a spy who works against enemy espionage; a small congenital pigmented spot on the skin

ANSWERS: 45. persuade, 46. sponsor, 47. recognize, 48. fortunate, 49. encourage, 50. teller, 51. district, 52. mole

53. bit of good fo____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
54. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
55. so____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
56. su__e room *n.* a set of rooms designated for a particular purpose or activity, especially a set of rooms in a hotel or private residence used as a living unit; a musical composition of several movements only loosely connected; the group following and attending to some important person
57. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
58. ill fo____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

ANSWERS: 53. fortune, 54. app, 55. software, 56. suite, 57. smartphone, 58. fortune

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The lab is developing an _____ robot that assists in dangerous construction work.
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7. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
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