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Session 1: Word List

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

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.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

unconstitutional

adj. not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a

country or state

synonym: illegal, unlawful, invalid

(1) **unconstitutional** violation, (2) **unconstitutional** action
The law was determined to be **unconstitutional** by the court.

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

synonym: wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug
The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

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

visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

synonym: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space
She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

cologne

n. a perfumed liquid typically made from essential oils and alcohol and used to give a pleasant scent to the body or living space

synonym: perfume, scent, fragrance

(1) **cologne** smell, (2) **cologne** bottle
He brought back a bottle of **cologne** from France as a souvenir.

blueprint

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym: draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**
A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. vi_____ze flying through space | v. | to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible |
| 2. co_____e bottle | n. | a perfumed liquid typically made from essential oils and alcohol and used to give a pleasant scent to the body or living space |
| 3. An_____d tablet | n. | a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system |
| 4. a g__m-free environment | n. | a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one |
| 5. of_____e course | adj. | not connected to the internet |
| 6. architect's bl_____nt | n. | a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine |
| 7. bl_____nt for economic reform | n. | a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine |
| 8. unc_____nal violation | adj. | not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state |
| 9. his latest tw__ts | n. | a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application |
| 10. vi_____ze data | v. | to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible |

ANSWERS: 1. visualize, 2. cologne, 3. android, 4. germ, 5. offline, 6. blueprint, 7. blueprint, 8. unconstitutional, 9. tweet, 10. visualize

11. unc_____nal action *adj.* not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state
12. of_____e mode *adj.* not connected to the internet
13. sk_____al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
14. en_____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
15. co_____e smell *n.* a perfumed liquid typically made from essential oils and alcohol and used to give a pleasant scent to the body or living space
16. en_____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
17. a sk_____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
18. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
19. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
20. household an_____d *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

ANSWERS: 11. unconstitutional, 12. offline, 13. skeptical, 14. envelop, 15. cologne, 16. envelop, 17. skeptical, 18. tweet, 19. germ, 20. android

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
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2. She tried to _____ the layout of the new house in her mind.
v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

3. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.
adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

4. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.
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n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

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7. A business plan is a _____ for your success.
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ANSWERS: 1. germ, 2. visualize, 3. skeptical, 4. enveloped, 5. android, 6. tweet, 7. blueprint, 8. unconstitutional

9. He brought back a bottle of _____ from France as a souvenir.

n. a perfumed liquid typically made from essential oils and alcohol and used to give a pleasant scent to the body or living space

10. The computer is _____ and cannot be accessed at the moment.

adj. not connected to the internet

ANSWERS: 9. cologne, 10. offline