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Session 1: Word List

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

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.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym: objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

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.

commission

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

synonym : task, duty, authority

(1) **commission** appointed by the government, (2) the **commission** of murder

She gets a **commission** on each contract.

retain

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

synonym : possess, hold, keep on

(1) **retain** information, (2) **retain** a lawyer

Computers help people **retain** specific memories.

provider

n. a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

synonym : supplier

(1) an information **provider**, (2) the **provider** of the family

People select Internet **providers** not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.

determination

n. the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something

synonym : resolve, willpower, conviction

(1) a steely **determination**, (2) **determination** of a DNA sequence

His **determination** to succeed was unwavering, even in the face of adversity.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym: reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

priest

n. a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith

synonym: clergyman, minister, pastor

(1) **priest** in clerical garb, (2) faithful **priest**

He was ordained as a **priest** in the Catholic Church.

protocol

n. a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

synonym: procedure, system, method

(1) draft a **protocol**, (2) **protocol** breach

The company has a strict **protocol** for handling sensitive information to ensure security.

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.

lawsuit

n. a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered

synonym: suit, legal action, litigation

(1) **lawsuit** settlement, (2) file a **lawsuit**

The company is facing a **lawsuit** for its alleged discrimination against employees.

settlement

n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.

synonym: agreement, accommodation, colonization

(1) the **settlement** of a dispute, (2) **settlement** in a new house

Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful **settlement**.

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.

constitutional

adj. of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic

synonym: fundamental, basic, inherent

(1) **constitutional** ban, (2) a **constitutional** disease

The right to free speech is a **constitutional** right in the United States.

implement

v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

synonym: execute, enforce, put through

(1) **implement** a corporate strategy, (2) **implement** security measures

The government promised to **implement** a new system to control the financial crisis.

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.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

synonym : unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

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.

zoom

v. to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air

synonym : move quickly, dive, buzz

(1) **zoom** in on a photo, (2) **zoom** lens

He **zoomed** back in time to the soccer game.

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.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym: terrifying, frightening, alarming

(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story

The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

hub

n. the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes

synonym: center, junction, focal point

(1) a **hub** of commerce, (2) education **hub**

This airport has taken the first step to become an international **hub** airport.

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.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym: study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

aftermath

n. the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event

synonym: consequence, backwash, result

(1) financial **aftermath**, (2) the **aftermath** of a crisis

The **aftermath** of the hurricane left the city in shambles.

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.

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.

contradiction

n. the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial

synonym: inconsistency, opposition, contravention

(1) **contradiction** of capitalism, (2) apparent **contradiction**

His statement was filled with **contradictions** that made it difficult to take seriously.

privacy

n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

synonym: seclusion, aloneness, solitariness

(1) **privacy** abuse, (2) trespass on a person's **privacy**

This conduct would be an invasion of **privacy**.

outdated

adj. no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned

synonym : obsolete, ancient, bygone

(1) become **outdated**, (2) **outdated** technology

We replaced **outdated** equipment to improve factory productivity.

representative

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

synonym : spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**

The media **representatives** had special passes.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pr____y abuse | <i>n.</i> someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people |
| 2. sk_____al scientists | <i>adj.</i> doubting that something is accurate or useful |
| 3. a sk_____al attitude | <i>adj.</i> doubting that something is accurate or useful |
| 4. pos_____ty for growth | <i>n.</i> a chance that something may happen or be true |
| 5. im_____nt a corporate strategy | <i>v.</i> to put a decision, plan, or system into effect |
| 6. trespass on a person's pr____y | <i>n.</i> someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people |
| 7. of_____e mode | <i>adj.</i> not connected to the internet |
| 8. faithful pr____t | <i>n.</i> a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith |
| 9. a private ind_____al | <i>n.</i> a single person or thing, as distinct from a group |
| 10. pr____t in clerical garb | <i>n.</i> a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith |
| 11. com_____on appointed by the government | <i>n.</i> a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something |

ANSWERS: 1. privacy, 2. skeptical, 3. skeptical, 4. possibility, 5. implement, 6. privacy, 7. offline, 8. priest, 9. individual, 10. priest, 11. commission

12. of_____e course *adj.* not connected to the internet
13. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
14. unc_____nal violation *adj.* not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state
15. recent su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
16. en____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
17. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
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. a silent pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
20. a con_____nal disease *adj.* of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic
21. det_____ion of a DNA sequence *n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
22. a China-based jou____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

ANSWERS: 12. offline, 13. ugly, 14. unconstitutional, 15. survey, 16. envelop, 17. communicate, 18. tweet, 19. protest, 20. constitutional, 21. determination, 22. journalist

23. vi_____ze flying through space *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
24. household an_____d *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
25. file a la_____t *n.* a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered
26. the af_____th of a crisis *n.* the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event
27. An_____d tablet *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
28. education h_b *n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
29. con_____ion of capitalism *n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
30. 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
31. financial af_____th *n.* the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event

ANSWERS: 23. visualize, 24. android, 25. lawsuit, 26. aftermath, 27. android, 28. hub, 29. contradiction, 30. cologne, 31. aftermath

32. architect's bl_____nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
33. vi_____ze data *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
34. an information pr_____er *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
35. sc__y dream *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
36. con_____nal ban *adj.* of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic
37. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
38. ou_____ed technology *adj.* no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned
39. hold a pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
40. pr_____ol breach *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
41. bl_____nt for economic reform *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
42. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 32. blueprint, 33. visualize, 34. provider, 35. scary, 36. constitutional, 37. decide, 38. outdated, 39. protest, 40. protocol, 41. blueprint, 42. survey

43. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
44. a h_b of commerce *n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
45. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
46. set_____nt in a new house *n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
47. unc_____nal action *adj.* not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state
48. become ou_____ed *adj.* no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned
49. 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
50. im_____nt security measures *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
51. sales rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

ANSWERS: 43. individual, 44. hub, 45. digital, 46. settlement, 47. unconstitutional, 48. outdated, 49. germ, 50. implement, 51. representative

52. 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
53. z__m in on a photo *v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
54. sc__y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
55. an official rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
56. apparent con_____ion *n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
57. the set_____nt of a dispute *n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
58. a steely det_____ion *n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
59. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
60. 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

ANSWERS: 52. germ, 53. zoom, 54. scary, 55. representative, 56. contradiction, 57. settlement, 58. determination, 59. digital, 60. cologne

61. the pr____er of the family *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
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66. an u__y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
67. re___n a lawyer *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
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ANSWERS: 61. provider, 62. tweet, 63. communicate, 64. envelop, 65. decide, 66. ugly, 67. retain, 68. protocol, 69. lawsuit

70. re___n information *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
71. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
72. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
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ANSWERS: 70. retain, 71. possibility, 72. journalist, 73. zoom, 74. commission

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The horror movie was so _____ that I couldn't watch it alone.
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v. to surround and cover completely; to encase
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