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Session 1: Word List

cyber

adj. relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

synonym : digital, computer, Internet

(1) **cyber** bullying, (2) **cyber** crime

Cyber espionage between countries can have serious consequences.

parallax

n. the apparent shift in the position of an object when viewed from two different perspectives, caused by differences in vantage point or angle of observation; the effect of an observing instrument that produces apparent displacement or shift of an object or its parts

synonym : shift, displacement, difference

(1) optical **parallax**, (2) **parallax** error

The **parallax** of the star was measured to determine its distance from Earth.

majesty

n. regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness

synonym : grandeur, royalty, eminence

(1) morning **majesty**, (2) **majesty** of nature

The king's **majesty** was apparent in his elegant attire and powerful presence.

foresee

v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

synonym : predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges
I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

knighthood

n. the rank, dignity, or status of a knight; the condition or qualities associated with being a knight, including bravery, loyalty, chivalry, and honor

synonym : chivalry, nobility, honor

(1) hereditary **knighthood**, (2) honorary **knighthood**
He was bestowed **knighthood** for his brave actions in the battle.

cyberspace

n. the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments

synonym : Internet, virtual reality, online world

(1) **cyberspace** security, (2) virtual **cyberspace**
Hackers are constantly trying to exploit vulnerabilities in **cyberspace** for their gain.

whoosh

n. a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound

synonym : swoosh, swish, whizz

(1) **whoosh** of a falling object, (2) hear a **whoosh**
The **whoosh** of the wind through the trees was the only sound in the forest.

headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym : base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency **headquarter**

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

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.

turbulent

adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

synonym : chaotic, stormy, tumultuous

(1) **turbulent** waves, (2) **turbulent** age

The stock market has been **turbulent** lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.

demonstrator

n. a person who publicly advocates for or protests against a particular cause, often in a group or a public space

synonym : protester, activist

(1) peaceful **demonstrator**, (2) violent **demonstrator**

The police gathered in large numbers to control the **demonstrators** protesting in the streets.

attache

n. a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase

synonym : diplomat, envoy, briefcase

(1) a commercial **attache**, (2) black **attache** case

A prime minister talked with a military **attache** of the country's embassy.

flicker

v. to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light

synonym : flash, spark, glimmer

(1) **flicker** every two seconds, (2) **flicker** out like a candle

The fireflies **flickered** in the darkness.

inky

adj. resembling, containing, or covered in ink; dark, opaque, or intense in color or appearance

synonym : dark, ink-stained

(1) **inky** fingerprints, (2) **inky** pen

The **inky** shadows created a spooky atmosphere in the room.

eddy

n. a circular current of water or air that flows in the opposite direction to the main current, causing a small whirlpool; a current of opinion, activity, or trend that goes against the main current

synonym : whirlpool, vortex, swirl

(1) **eddy** of water, (2) **eddy** of leaves

Unfortunately, the swirling **eddy** in the river made it difficult to swim.

disperse

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

synonym : dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters

Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

dilute

v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

synonym : weaken, thin, reduce

(1) **dilute** acid with water, (2) **dilute** a great idea

She **diluted** the concentrated juice with water.

lamine

n. a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring

synonym : veneer, coating, layer

(1) **lamine** flooring, (2) **lamine** table

The countertop in my kitchen is made of durable **lamine** material.

turbulence

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or

behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
synonym: choppiness, tumult, agitation

(1) financial **turbulence**, (2) emotional **turbulence**

The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of **turbulence**.

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.

overtake

v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

synonym: surpass, outstrip, catch up with

(1) **overtake** a rival, (2) **overtake** a milestone

The race car driver knew he had to **overtake** the other drivers to win the race.

sloppy

adj. characterized by a lack of order or neatness; careless, disorganized, or careless in appearance or performance

synonym: messy, untidy, disheveled

(1) **sloppy** writing, (2) **sloppy** appearance

She looked **sloppy** in her wrinkled shirt and mismatched socks.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

synonym: shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

Session 2: Spelling

1. la____te flooring
n. a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring
2. morning ma____y
n. regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness
3. cyb_____ce security
n. the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments
4. sl____y appearance
adj. characterized by a lack of order or neatness; careless, disorganized, or careless in appearance or performance
5. di____e acid with water
v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
6. ma____y of nature
n. regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness
7. financial tur_____ce
n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
8. di_____se false information
v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
9. hereditary kni_____od
n. the rank, dignity, or status of a knight; the condition or qualities associated with being a knight, including bravery, loyalty, chivalry, and honor

ANSWERS: 1. laminate, 2. majesty, 3. cyberspace, 4. sloppy, 5. dilute, 6. majesty, 7. turbulence, 8. disperse, 9. knighthood

10. di____se the protesters *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
11. in____t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
12. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
13. wh____h of a falling object *n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
14. black at____e case *n.* a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase
15. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
16. i__y fingerprints *adj.* resembling, containing, or covered in ink; dark, opaque, or intense in color or appearance
17. tu_____nt age *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
18. pa____ax error *n.* the apparent shift in the position of an object when viewed from two different perspectives, caused by differences in vantage point or angle of observation; the effect of an observing instrument that produces apparent displacement or shift of an object or its parts

ANSWERS: 10. disperse, 11. inject, 12. institutionalize, 13. whoosh, 14. attache, 15. institutionalize, 16. inky, 17. turbulent, 18. parallax

19. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
20. cy__r bullying *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
21. peaceful dem____tor *n.* a person who publicly advocates for or protests against a particular cause, often in a group or a public space
22. in__t a personal opinion into a debate *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
23. fo____e challenges *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
24. di___e a great idea *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
25. e__y of leaves *n.* a circular current of water or air that flows in the opposite direction to the main current, causing a small whirlpool; a current of opinion, activity, or trend that goes against the main current
26. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
27. fl____r out like a candle *v.* to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
28. ov____ke a rival *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

ANSWERS: 19. quitter, 20. cyber, 21. demonstrator, 22. inject, 23. foresee, 24. dilute, 25. eddy, 26. quitter, 27. flicker, 28. overtake

29. ov____ke a milestone *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
30. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
31. an emergency hea____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
32. violent dem____tor *n.* a person who publicly advocates for or protests against a particular cause, often in a group or a public space
33. la____te table *n.* a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring
34. cy__r crime *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
35. i__y pen *adj.* resembling, containing, or covered in ink; dark, opaque, or intense in color or appearance
36. emotional tur____ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
37. e__y of water *n.* a circular current of water or air that flows in the opposite direction to the main current, causing a small whirlpool; a current of opinion, activity, or trend that goes against the main current

ANSWERS: 29. overtake, 30. tweet, 31. headquarter, 32. demonstrator, 33. laminate, 34. cyber, 35. inky, 36. turbulence, 37. eddy

38. sl___y writing *adj.* characterized by a lack of order or neatness; careless, disorganized, or careless in appearance or performance
39. hear a wh___h *n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
40. administrative hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
41. tu_____nt waves *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
42. fl_____r every two seconds *v.* to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
43. honorary kni_____od *n.* the rank, dignity, or status of a knight; the condition or qualities associated with being a knight, including bravery, loyalty, chivalry, and honor
44. fo_____e the consequences *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
45. optical pa_____ax *n.* the apparent shift in the position of an object when viewed from two different perspectives, caused by differences in vantage point or angle of observation; the effect of an observing instrument that produces apparent displacement or shift of an object or its parts
46. virtual cyb_____ce *n.* the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments

ANSWERS: 38. sloppy, 39. whoosh, 40. headquarter, 41. turbulent, 42. flicker, 43. knighthood, 44. foresee, 45. parallax, 46. cyberspace

47. a commercial at____e

n. a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase

48. a chick's tw__t

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

ANSWERS: 47. attache, 48. tweet

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Let's try to _____ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.
 - v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

2. The stock market has been _____ lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.
 - adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

3. The race car driver knew he had to _____ the other drivers to win the race.
 - v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

4. The police gathered in large numbers to control the _____ protesting in the streets.
 - n. a person who publicly advocates for or protests against a particular cause, often in a group or a public space

5. The fireflies _____ in the darkness.
 - v. to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light

6. I _____ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.
 - v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

7. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
 - v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 1. inject, 2. turbulent, 3. overtake, 4. demonstrators, 5. flickered, 6. foresee, 7. institutionalize

8. The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of _____.
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ANSWERS: 8. turbulence, 9. majesty, 10. inky, 11. tweet, 12. cyberspace, 13. parallax, 14. eddy

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18. The _____ of the wind through the trees was the only sound in the forest.
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n. a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase
21. He was bestowed _____ for his brave actions in the battle.
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22. She _____ the concentrated juice with water.
v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

ANSWERS: 15. dispersed, 16. headquarters, 17. sloppy, 18. whoosh, 19. laminate, 20. attache, 21. knighthood, 22. diluted

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24. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.

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ANSWERS: 23. Cyber, 24. quitter