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Session 1: Word List

bombastic

adj. characterized by grandiose, exaggerated, or pretentious language or behavior; using high-sounding, showy, or inflated speech or writing that is meant to impress or attract attention

synonym : grandiose, pompous, pretentious

(1) **bombastic** personality, (2) **bombastic** claims

The politician's **bombastic** speech failed to impress the audience.

metaverse

n. an imaginary immersive area that is facilitated by the use of virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) headsets

(1) a **metaverse** application, (2) **metaverse** technologies

Anonymous, brilliant artists create content on any platform in the **metaverse**.

allege

v. to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

synonym : claim, assert, state

(1) **allege** abuse, (2) **allege** wrongdoing

The prosecution **alleged** that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

demise

n. death or the end of something

synonym: death, passing, end

(1) **demise** of bureaucracy, (2) meet their **demise**

The sudden **demise** of the king was a shock to everyone and threw the kingdom into chaos.

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.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

treasury

n. the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

synonym: coffer, exchequer, bank

(1) **treasury** bonds, (2) **treasury** money

The protracted war nearly depleted the country's **treasury**.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym: dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

blockchain

n. a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked

(1) **blockchain** platform, (2) the scalability of **blockchain**

Cryptocurrencies are only one form of implementation of **blockchain** technology.

decentralize

v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

synonym: deconcentrate, disperse, distribute

(1) **decentralize** authority, (2) **decentralize** organizational structure

We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

iterate

v. to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea

synonym: repeat, reiterate, echo

(1) **iterate** results, (2) **iterate** an experiment

We need to **iterate** on this design to improve its functionality.

goggle

v. to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes

synonym: gaze, gawk, gape

(1) **goggle** his eyes, (2) infrared **goggles**

The software company bought the VR **goggles** manufacturer.

serf

n. a person in feudal society who is bound to work on a lord's land and owes allegiance to the lord; a person who is subjected to a tyrannical or oppressive authority

synonym: peasant, slave, servant

(1) **serf** labor, (2) medieval **serfs**

My history class discussed the **serf-based** economy that dominated Europe during the Middle Ages.

- toil**
- v. to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
- synonym*: struggle, labor, work hard
- (1) **toil** to make a living, (2) **toil** up the mountain
- The farmers **toiled** in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.
- accrue**
- v. (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
- synonym*: increase, accumulate, amass
- (1) **accrue** to the general treasury, (2) benefits **accrue** to the community
- Two-percent interest will **accrue** on your savings account.
- covet**
- v. to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for
- synonym*: desire, yearn, crave
- (1) **covet** wealth, (2) **covet** fame
- She couldn't help but **covet** her friend's designer handbag.
- transact**
- v. to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
- synonym*: conduct, carry out, perform
- (1) **transact** internationally, (2) **transact** in cash
- I need to **transact** some business at the bank before it closes.
- partake**
- v. to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink
- synonym*: consume, share, participate
- (1) **partake** in a celebration, (2) **partake** in an activity
- Let's all **partake** in the potluck and share our favorite dishes.
- ape**
- n. a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees,

orangutans, and gibbons

synonym : monkey, primate, simian

(1) jungle **ape**, (2) play the **ape**

The scientist studied the behavior of **apes** in the wild.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym : defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

whimsical

adj. unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

synonym : capricious, impulsive, flighty

(1) **whimsical** reasons, (2) a **whimsical** person

Much of his painting has a **whimsical** quality.

trinket

n. a small decorative item or piece of jewelry that is often of little value or practical use but is cherished for its sentimental or aesthetic qualities

synonym : bauble, ornament, trifle

(1) vintage **trinket**, (2) cheap **trinket**

The little girl loved to collect **trinkets** and display them on her dresser.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

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.

watermark

n. a visible or invisible design or pattern that is embedded into paper or other surfaces and is used to prevent counterfeiting or illegal copying

synonym : logo, insignia, emblem

(1) copyright **watermark**, (2) **watermark** logo

The **watermark** on the document ensured that it could not be forged or duplicated without permission.

provenance

n. the origin, source, or history of something, particularly relating to an object or work of art; the documentation or record of the ownership and history of a valuable item

synonym : origin, source, pedigree

(1) data **provenance**, (2) food **provenance**

The **provenance** of the artwork was carefully researched before it was purchased.

pillar

n. a tall, vertical column or support structure that helps to hold up other parts of a building or structure; a person or thing regarded as providing essential support or core strength to something

synonym : column, post, support

(1) **pillar** of society, (2) **pillar** decoration

The **pillar** of smoke rising from the building signaled a massive fire.

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym : self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody **entrepreneurship**

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

inseparable

adj. incapable of being separated or disjoined; closely welded or joined together; mutually dependent or closely linked

synonym: attached, connected, united

(1) **inseparable** friends, (2) **inseparable** duo

The two friends were **inseparable** and did everything together.

Session 2: Spelling

1. s__f labor
n. a person in feudal society who is bound to work on a lord's land and owes allegiance to the lord; a person who is subjected to a tyrannical or oppressive authority
2. pi___r decoration
n. a tall, vertical column or support structure that helps to hold up other parts of a building or structure; a person or thing regarded as providing essential support or core strength to something
3. a me_____se application
n. an imaginary immersive area that is facilitated by the use of virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) headsets
4. bo_____ic claims
adj. characterized by grandiose, exaggerated, or pretentious language or behavior; using high-sounding, showy, or inflated speech or writing that is meant to impress or attract attention
5. t__l to make a living
v. to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
6. ent_____hip culture
n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
7. food pro_____ce
n. the origin, source, or history of something, particularly relating to an object or work of art; the documentation or record of the ownership and history of a valuable item

ANSWERS: 1. serf, 2. pillar, 3. metaverse, 4. bombastic, 5. toil, 6. entrepreneurship, 7. provenance

8. blo_____in platform *n.* a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked
9. tr_____ct in cash *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
10. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
11. cheap tr_____t *n.* a small decorative item or piece of jewelry that is often of little value or practical use but is cherished for its sentimental or aesthetic qualities
12. benefits ac_____e to the community *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
13. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
14. al_____e abuse *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
15. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
16. go_____e his eyes *v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes

ANSWERS: 8. blockchain, 9. transact, 10. opportune, 11. trinket, 12. accrue, 13. flourish, 14. allege, 15. intellect, 16. goggles

17. im_____e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
18. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
19. wa_____rk logo *n.* a visible or invisible design or pattern that is embedded into paper or other surfaces and is used to prevent counterfeiting or illegal copying
20. ins_____le friends *adj.* incapable of being separated or disjoined; closely welded or joined together; mutually dependent or closely linked
21. ac___e to the general treasury *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
22. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
23. it_____e an experiment *v.* to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea
24. jungle a_e *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
25. dec_____ize organizational structure *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

ANSWERS: 17. immerse, 18. opportune, 19. watermark, 20. inseparable, 21. accrue, 22. industrious, 23. iterate, 24. ape, 25. decentralize

26. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
27. tr_____ry bonds *n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual
28. t__l up the mountain *v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
29. completely im_____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
30. tr_____ct internationally *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
31. a wh_____al person *adj.* unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason
32. ins_____le duo *adj.* incapable of being separated or disjoined; closely welded or joined together; mutually dependent or closely linked
33. pa_____e in a celebration *v.* to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink
34. the scalability of blo_____in *n.* a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked

ANSWERS: 26. industrious, 27. treasury, 28. toil, 29. immerse, 30. transact, 31. whimsical, 32. inseparable, 33. partake, 34. blockchain

35. sl___y writing *adj.* characterized by a lack of order or neatness; careless, disorganized, or careless in appearance or performance
36. de___e of bureaucracy *n.* death or the end of something
37. meet their de___e *n.* death or the end of something
38. co__t wealth *v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for
39. vintage tr____t *n.* a small decorative item or piece of jewelry that is often of little value or practical use but is cherished for its sentimental or aesthetic qualities
40. me_____se technologies *n.* an imaginary immersive area that is facilitated by the use of virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) headsets
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43. infrared go___es *v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes

ANSWERS: 35. sloppy, 36. demise, 37. demise, 38. covet, 39. trinket, 40. metaverse, 41. flourish, 42. iterate, 43. goggle

44. pi___r of society *n.* a tall, vertical column or support structure that helps to hold up other parts of a building or structure; a person or thing regarded as providing essential support or core strength to something
45. embody ent_____hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
46. medieval s__fs *n.* a person in feudal society who is bound to work on a lord's land and owes allegiance to the lord; a person who is subjected to a tyrannical or oppressive authority
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51. dec_____ize authority *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
52. data pro_____ce *n.* the origin, source, or history of something, particularly relating to an object or work of art; the documentation or record of the ownership and history of a valuable item

ANSWERS: 44. pillar, 45. entrepreneurship, 46. serf, 47. allege, 48. intellect, 49. uphold, 50. whimsical, 51. decentralize, 52. provenance

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ANSWERS: 53. watermark, 54. ape, 55. covet, 56. uphold, 57. partake, 58. sloppy, 59. bombastic, 60. treasury

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 8. intellect, 9. entrepreneurship, 10. whimsical, 11. goggles, 12. pillar, 13. inseparable, 14. immersed

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ANSWERS: 15. partake, 16. alleged, 17. provenance, 18. accrue, 19. flourished, 20. trinkets, 21. metaverse, 22. covet

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ANSWERS: 23. iterate, 24. opportune, 25. decentralize, 26. sloppy, 27. blockchain, 28. treasury, 29. serf-based

30. The scientist studied the behavior of _____ in the wild.

- n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons

ANSWERS: 30. apes