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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.

magician

n. a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

synonym: illusionist, conjurer, wizard

(1) **magician's** hat, (2) street **magician**

The children were delighted with the **magician's** clever tricks.

augment

v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

synonym: boost, increase, expand

(1) **augment** the reality, (2) **augment** immunity

Economic factors and monetary policy **augmented** inflation.

tempest

n. a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or

feelings

synonym : storm, hurricane, cyclone

(1) violent **tempest**, (2) **tempest** in a teapot

The sailor skillfully navigated his ship through the **tempest**.

spade

n. a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil

synonym : shovel, scoop, hoe

(1) **spade** blade, (2) dig with a **spade**

I used an iron **spade** to dig a hole for the new tree in the backyard.

lunar

adj. of or pertaining to the moon

synonym : moony

(1) **lunar** crater, (2) **lunar** surface

Ancient people felt mystified by the patterns on the **lunar** surface.

mischief

n. playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage

synonym : impishness, malice, prank

(1) playful **mischief**, (2) malicious **mischief**

The dog's **mischief** led to the destruction of the living room furniture.

joker

n. a person who is given to joking, especially one who is deliberately amusing or attempting to be humorous; in a deck of cards, the card with a picture of a clown or jester on it, usually wild

synonym : trickster, prankster, comedian

(1) **joker** card, (2) **joker** costume

The office clown constantly played the **joker**, making his coworkers laugh with his silly antics.

exaggeration

n. an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

synonym : hyperbole, overstatement, embellishment

(1) sensational **exaggeration**, (2) minimal **exaggeration**

His story was filled with obvious **exaggerations**.

supernatural

adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

synonym : paranormal, otherworldly, preternatural

(1) **supernatural** beings, (2) **supernatural** intuition

The **supernatural** powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. playful mi____ef
n. playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage
2. jo__r costume
n. a person who is given to joking, especially one who is deliberately amusing or attempting to be humorous; in a deck of cards, the card with a picture of a clown or jester on it, usually wild
3. lu__r crater
adj. of or pertaining to the moon
4. cy__r bullying
adj. relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
5. ma____an's hat
n. a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
6. au____t the reality
v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
7. lu__r surface
adj. of or pertaining to the moon
8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. mischief, 2. joker, 3. lunar, 4. cyber, 5. magician, 6. augment, 7. lunar, 8. germ

9. street ma____an *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
10. dig with a sp__e *n.* a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil
11. minimal exa_____ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
12. sp__e blade *n.* a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil
13. sup_____ral beings *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
14. violent te____t *n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings
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ANSWERS: 9. magician, 10. spade, 11. exaggeration, 12. spade, 13. supernatural, 14. tempest, 15. germ, 16. cyber, 17. joker

18. sup_____ral intuition *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
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20. malicious mi_____ef *n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage
21. au_____t immunity *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
22. te_____t in a teapot *n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings

ANSWERS: 18. supernatural, 19. exaggeration, 20. mischief, 21. augment, 22. tempest

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His story was filled with obvious _____.
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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

ANSWERS: 1. exaggerations, 2. lunar, 3. magician's, 4. augmented, 5. Cyber, 6. supernatural, 7. germ

8. The office clown constantly played the _____ making his coworkers laugh with his silly antics.
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11. I used an iron _____ to dig a hole for the new tree in the backyard.
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ANSWERS: 8. joker, 9. tempest, 10. mischief, 11. spade