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Session 1: Word List

accident *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym: calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

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.

dedicate *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

succeed *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor

synonym: achieve, accomplish, triumph

(1) **succeed** beyond expectations, (2) **succeed** academically

I hope to **succeed** in my career and live a happy life.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

navigate

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

synonym: guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document

Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

hardware

n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

synonym : gear, apparatus, gadget

(1) the **hardware** department, (2) a vast inventory of **hardware**

The mouse and keyboard are essential **hardware** for operating a PC.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym : program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

unimaginable

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

synonym : unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

doll

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

synonym : puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**

The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

sensor

n. a device that receives a signal or stimulus such as heat, pressure, light, motion, etc. and responds to it in a specific manner

synonym : detector

(1) motion **sensor** lighting, (2) an image **sensor**

This automatic door could no longer be opened due to a **sensor** failure.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym : enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym : characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym : means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense

mechanism

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

highway

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

synonym: road, expressway, freeway

(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**

I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

jog

v. to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose

synonym: run, sprint, trot

(1) **jog** in place, (2) **jog** my memory

She decided to **jog** around the park to clear her head.

toll

n. money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly

synonym: fee, cost, expense

(1) a **toll** road, (2) **toll** a bell at his death

There is no **toll** car park nearby.

booth

n. a small enclosed space, especially one with a counter or desk, used for selling tickets, goods, or services

synonym: kiosk, stand, cubicle

(1) **booth** cost, (2) phone **booth**

She set up a **booth** at the fair to sell her handmade jewelry.

loop

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

synonym : circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**

Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

crooked

adj. not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

synonym : bent, curved, twisted

(1) **crooked** smile, (2) **crooked** line

The table leg was **crooked**, causing all the cups to slide to one side.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

stunt

n. a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

synonym : feat, accomplishment, (verb) hinder

(1) skydiving **stunt**, (2) **stunt** brain growth

The daredevil attempted a dangerous **stunt** by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym : depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

precision

n. the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
synonym: accuracy, exactness, rigor

(1) a **precision** instrument, (2) speak with **precision**
This operation requires both patience and **precision**.

lane

n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
synonym: roadway, street, artery

(1) **lane** change, (2) first **lane**
We walked along a muddy **lane** to reach the farm.

improve

v. to make or become better
synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score
We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
synonym: congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**
We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

jam

n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
synonym: difficulty, mess, preserve

(1) a traffic **jam**, (2) a jar of **jam**
The shredder in the print room often has paper **jams**.

commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
synonym: travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

regain

v. to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away

synonym: recover, reclaim, retrieve

(1) **regain** our reputation, (2) **regain** my health

After years of hard work, he finally **regained** his financial stability.

gallon

n. a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters

(1) 5- **gallon** square can, (2) ten- **gallon** hat

The imperial **gallon** was standardized legally by the British Empire.

gasoline

n. a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.

synonym: gas, petrol, fuel

(1) lead-free **gasoline**, (2) small **gasoline** engine

Luxury cars often require high-octane **gasoline** as fuel.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
2. cr_____d line *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form
3. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
4. 5-ga____n square can *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
5. ten-ga____n hat *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
6. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
7. de____e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
8. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 1. progression, 2. crooked, 3. crazy, 4. gallon, 5. gallon, 6. decide, 7. decide, 8. decision

9. hu____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
10. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
11. hu____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
12. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
13. as__ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
14. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
15. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
16. su____d academically *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
17. oasis in the de____t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
18. an interstate hi____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
19. j_g my memory *v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose
20. come out of no____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

ANSWERS: 9. humming, 10. generation, 11. humming, 12. grand, 13. aspect, 14. progression, 15. crazy, 16. succeed, 17. desert, 18. highway, 19. jog, 20. nowhere

21. heavy tr____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
22. copyrighted so____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
23. a rid____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
24. a prodigious vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
25. ma____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
26. the gen____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
27. de____t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
28. small ga____ne engine *n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.
29. im____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
30. nontechnical as____ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
31. uni____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

ANSWERS: 21. traffic, 22. software, 23. ridiculous, 24. vision, 25. magical, 26. generation, 27. desert, 28. gasoline, 29. improve, 30. aspect, 31. unimaginable

32. an image se___r *n.* a device that receives a signal or stimulus such as heat, pressure, light, motion, etc. and responds to it in a specific manner
33. re___n my health *v.* to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away
34. a jar of j_m *n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
35. phone bo__h *n.* a small enclosed space, especially one with a counter or desk, used for selling tickets, goods, or services
36. a t__l road *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
37. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
38. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
39. uni_____ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
40. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

ANSWERS: 32. sensor, 33. regain, 34. jam, 35. booth, 36. toll, 37. traffic, 38. vision, 39. unimaginable, 40. nowhere

41. cause an ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
42. daily co____e *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
43. motion se____r lighting *n.* a device that receives a signal or stimulus such as heat, pressure, light, motion, etc. and responds to it in a specific manner
44. gov____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
45. positive feedback l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
46. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
47. the ha____re department *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
48. j_g in place *v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose
49. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

ANSWERS: 41. accident, 42. commute, 43. sensor, 44. government, 45. loop, 46. doll, 47. hardware, 48. jog, 49. doll

60. st__t brain growth *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
61. a vast inventory of ha____re *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
62. t__l a bell at his death *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
63. first l__e *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
64. en____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
65. en____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
66. l__e change *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
67. skydiving st__t *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

ANSWERS: 60. stunt, 61. hardware, 62. toll, 63. lane, 64. encounter, 65. encounter, 66. lane, 67. stunt

68. na____te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
69. so____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
70. defense me____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
71. speak with pr____on *n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
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74. de____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
75. the me____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
76. cr____d smile *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

ANSWERS: 68. navigate, 69. software, 70. mechanism, 71. precision, 72. accident, 73. jam, 74. dedicate, 75. mechanism, 76. crooked

77. hi_____y system *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
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79. lead-free ga_____ne *n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.
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81. co_____e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
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84. bo__h cost *n.* a small enclosed space, especially one with a counter or desk, used for selling tickets, goods, or services
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86. re___n our reputation *v.* to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away

ANSWERS: 77. highway, 78. grand, 79. gasoline, 80. concept, 81. commute, 82. ridiculous, 83. loop, 84. booth, 85. concept, 86. regain

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
2. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
3. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
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4. She set up a _____ at the fair to sell her handmade jewelry.
n. a small enclosed space, especially one with a counter or desk, used for selling tickets, goods, or services
5. Many people in this city use the _____ railway for transportation.
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ANSWERS: 1. crazy, 2. decide, 3. humming, 4. booth, 5. loop, 6. highway, 7. rely, 8. magical

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- n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
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