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Session 1: Word List

nexus

n. a connection or link between things or people; the central or most important point or focus; a connected series of events or ideas

synonym: connection, link, tie

(1) **nexus** point, (2) direct **nexus**

The **nexus** between technology and society is complex and constantly evolving.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym: legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

gamification

n. the use of game design elements and techniques in non-game contexts to engage and motivate people to achieve their goals

(1) **gamification** of education, (2) use **gamification** to learning

The company implemented a **gamification** program to encourage employees to meet their sales targets.

sedentary

adj. characterized by or involving a lot of sitting or little physical activity; inactive or lacking in exercise or movement

synonym: inactive, stationary, immobile

(1) **sedentary** desk job, (2) **sedentary** behavior

His **sedentary** lifestyle and lack of exercise contributed to his declining health.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

debunk

v. to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
synonym: expose, discredit, demystify

(1) **debunk** an urban legend, (2) **debunk** theory

The myth was **debunked** by scientists, who provided evidence to the contrary.

trot

v. to run or jog at a moderate pace; to walk with long, quick strides

synonym: jog, run, race

(1) **trot** across the street, (2) **trot** off happily

She **trotted** to keep up with him.

unpalatable

adj. not pleasing to the taste or palate; unpleasant or distasteful; disagreeable or unacceptable

synonym: distasteful, disagreeable, unpleasant

(1) **unpalatable** meal, (2) **unpalatable** truth

The board made an **unpalatable** decision to lay off a significant portion of the staff due to financial constraints.

sensitize

v. to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation

synonym : acclimate, sensitize, alert

(1) **sensitize** the immune system, (2) **sensitize** cells to radiation

We need to **sensitize** our staff to the needs of customers with disabilities.

fir

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

synonym : pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

multitasking

n. the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

synonym : juggling, multihandling, parallelism

(1) computer **multitasking**, (2) **multitasking** ability

She could finish all her work on time because of her **multitasking** skills.

juggle

v. to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act

synonym : juggle, balance, handle

(1) **juggle** a job and motherhood, (2) **juggle** with facts

It can be difficult to **juggle** work, family, and social life, but finding balance is important.

redo

v. to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to

make it better or more suitable

synonym : revise, remake, rework

(1) **redo** a kitchen, (2) **redo** a project

I had to **redo** my entire presentation because the formatting was off.

multilingual

adj. skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups

synonym : polyglot

(1) **multilingual** education, (2) **multilingual** staff

My friend is **multilingual**, speaking five different languages fluently.

outperform

v. to be or do something compared to others of a similar type

synonym : beat, exceed, surpass

(1) **outperform** other countries, (2) **outperform** the human brain

They consistently **outperformed** other teams in the league.

monolingual

adj. being able to speak or use only one language

synonym : unilingual

(1) **monolingual** policies, (2) **monolingual** country

The lack of exposure to foreign languages made her a **monolingual** speaker.

standardize

v. to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process

synonym : uniform, systemize, homogenize

(1) **standardize** a language, (2) **standardize** administrative practices

The company **standardized** its procedures to improve efficiency and quality control.

crystalline

adj. resembling crystal in clarity, transparency, or brilliance; having a highly ordered and symmetrical molecular structure

synonym : crystallized, clear, transparent

(1) **crystalline** structure, (2) **crystalline** water

The geologist found a beautiful specimen of a **crystalline** mineral.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

recur

v. to happen repeatedly or occur again from time to time; to come back or return to one's mind or awareness

synonym : reappear, repeat, come back

(1) **recur** repeatedly, (2) **recur** after appropriate treatment

I always have nightmares that **recur** occasionally and prevent me from getting a good night's sleep.

dopamine

n. a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension

(1) **dopamine-inhibiting** agent, (2) antagonism of **dopamine**

The drug controls the level of **dopamine** in the brain.

intricate

adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together

synonym : complicated, convoluted, complex

(1) **intricate** details, (2) **intricate** lacework

The politician managed to deal with that **intricate** issue.

reengineer

v. to redesign or restructure something such as a machine, system, organization, etc.

synonym : redesign, remodel, revamp

(1) **reengineer** work processes, (2) **reengineer** the organizational structure

As technology evolves, we need to **reengineer** our work styles.

multiplayer

adj. referring to a mode of play or game that involves multiple players, often competing or collaborating, typically over a computer network or online

synonym : multiuser, collaborative, team-based

(1) **multiplayer** game, (2) **multiplayer** experience

The game has a **multiplayer** mode where you can play with friends online.

predispose

v. to make someone susceptible

synonym : dispose, incline

(1) **predispose** to the development of cancer,

(2) **predispose** me to become a novelist

Her outstanding achievement **predisposes** people to like her.

millennial

adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

synonym : thousand, (noun) Generation Y

(1) **millennial** record, (2) the **millennial** reign

Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by **millennial-scale** changes in climate.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym : alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

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.

foursquare

adj. characterized by or conforming to a square shape or arrangement; sturdy and solidly built; firm and unwavering in behavior or character, often used to describe someone who adheres strictly to rules or principles

synonym : square, solid, stable

(1) **foursquare** check-in, (2) **foursquare** court

The adventurous kids explored the forest with a **foursquare** determination to find hidden treasures.

underlie

v. to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below

synonym : govern, control, determine

(1) **underlie** the theory of the big bang, (2) **underlie** the current economic deadlock

His bitter experiences **underlie** his moral principles.

emergent

adj. starting to exist or view, or to become known

synonym : coming, appearing, developing

(1) **emergent** repair of an aorta, (2) an **emergent** republic

Extensive areas of **emergent** plants are usually called marsh.

dashboard

n. a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview

synonym : control panel

(1) auto **dashboard**, (2) business **dashboard**

He noticed that the oil warning light on the **dashboard** of his car had turned on.

wither

v. to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor

synonym : fade, wilt, shrivel

(1) **wither** corporate management, (2) **wither** in the heat

The flowers in the garden began to **wither** due to lack of water.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym : surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

meme

n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

synonym : buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym : fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

untold

adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

synonym : countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) **untold** riches, (2) an **untold** number of people

The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to

understand the impact fully.

disclaim

v. to deny any responsibility or connection with something;
to renounce or give up any claim to something

synonym: deny, reject, disavow

(1) **disclaim** his rights, (2) **disclaim** ownership

The company had to state to **disclaim** any responsibility for the faulty product and to offer refunds to affected customers.

inward

adj. directed or facing towards the inside; inside or
inward-looking

synonym: internal, introspective, interior

(1) **inward** peace, (2) **inward** cargo

The **inward** motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a w__t of summons | <i>n.</i> a written legal order or command |
| 2. pronounce m__e | <i>n.</i> a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online |
| 3. re____e my thoughts | <i>v.</i> to change the form or structure of something |
| 4. re__r after appropriate treatment | <i>v.</i> to happen repeatedly or occur again from time to time; to come back or return to one's mind or awareness |
| 5. mul____er game | <i>adj.</i> referring to a mode of play or game that involves multiple players, often competing or collaborating, typically over a computer network or online |
| 6. r__o a kitchen | <i>v.</i> to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable |
| 7. a theoretical concept in
neu____nce | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system |
| 8. do____ne-inhibiting agent | <i>n.</i> a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension |

ANSWERS: 1. writ, 2. meme, 3. reshape, 4. recur, 5. multiplayer, 6. redo, 7. neuroscience, 8. dopamine

9. business da_____rd *n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
10. em_____nt repair of an aorta *adj.* starting to exist or view, or to become known
11. cry_____ne structure *adj.* resembling crystal in clarity, transparency, or brilliance; having a highly ordered and symmetrical molecular structure
12. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
13. computer mul_____ing *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
14. se_____ze the immune system *v.* to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation
15. un_____ie the theory of the big bang *v.* to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below
16. se_____ry behavior *adj.* characterized by or involving a lot of sitting or little physical activity; inactive or lacking in exercise or movement
17. wi____r in the heat *v.* to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor

ANSWERS: 9. dashboard, 10. emergent, 11. crystalline, 12. astonishing, 13. multitasking, 14. sensitize, 15. underlie, 16. sedentary, 17. wither

29. r__o a project *v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
30. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
31. t__t across the street *v.* to run or jog at a moderate pace; to walk with long, quick strides
32. cry_____ne water *adj.* resembling crystal in clarity, transparency, or brilliance; having a highly ordered and symmetrical molecular structure
33. unp_____le truth *adj.* not pleasing to the taste or palate; unpleasant or distasteful; disagreeable or unacceptable
34. se_____ze cells to radiation *v.* to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation
35. f_r forest *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
36. di_____im his rights *v.* to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something
37. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 29. redo, 30. confer, 31. trot, 32. crystalline, 33. unpalatable, 34. sensitize, 35. fir, 36. disclaim, 37. confer

38. fou_____re check-in *adj.* characterized by or conforming to a square shape or arrangement; sturdy and solidly built; firm and unwavering in behavior or character, often used to describe someone who adheres strictly to rules or principles
39. de___k an urban legend *v.* to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
40. out_____rm the human brain *v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
41. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
42. ju___e a job and motherhood *v.* to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act
43. the branch of neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
44. di_____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
45. un_____ie the current economic deadlock *v.* to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below
46. in___d cargo *adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
47. mon_____al policies *adj.* being able to speak or use only one language

ANSWERS: 38. foursquare, 39. debunk, 40. outperform, 41. reshape, 42. juggle, 43. neuroscience, 44. distort, 45. underlie, 46. inward, 47. monolingual

48. mon_____al country *adj.* being able to speak or use only one language
49. mul_____ing ability *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
50. wi___r corporate management *v.* to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor
51. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
52. direct ne__s *n.* a connection or link between things or people; the central or most important point or focus; a connected series of events or ideas
53. sta_____ze a language *v.* to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process
54. pre_____se me to become a novelist *v.* to make someone susceptible
55. the mil_____al reign *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
56. in_____te lacework *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
57. sta_____ze administrative practices *v.* to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process

ANSWERS: 48. monolingual, 49. multitasking, 50. wither, 51. doe, 52. nexus, 53. standardize, 54. predispose, 55. millennial, 56. intricate, 57. standardize

58. mul_____er experience *adj.* referring to a mode of play or game that involves multiple players, often competing or collaborating, typically over a computer network or online
59. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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64. use gam_____ion to learning *n.* the use of game design elements and techniques in non-game contexts to engage and motivate people to achieve their goals
65. t__t off happily *v.* to run or jog at a moderate pace; to walk with long, quick strides
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ANSWERS: 69. emergent, 70. disclaim, 71. sedentary, 72. foursquare, 73. meme, 74. multilingual, 75. unpalatable, 76. recur

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ANSWERS: 77. distort, 78. untold, 79. doe, 80. nexus

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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