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Session 1: Word List

- 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.
- infect** *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
synonym: pollute, contaminate, affect
(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus
Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.
- dungeon** *n.* a room or cell in which prisoners are held, especially underground
synonym: prison, cell, lockup
(1) medieval **dungeon**, (2) a murky **dungeon**
The prisoner has been languishing for years in the castle **dungeon**.
- centipede** *n.* a long, many-legged arthropod of a group of species that are mostly nocturnal predators and typically feed on insects

synonym : hundred-legger, myriapod, arthropod

(1) the venom of a **centipede**, (2) tropical **centipede**

I saw a **centipede** crawling across my bedroom floor, which gave me chills.

siren

n. a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger

synonym : alarm, warning, alert

(1) fire truck **siren**, (2) police **siren**

I heard the **siren** of an ambulance and moved my car to the side of the road.

malware

n. a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network

synonym : virus, malicious software, spyware

(1) **malware** attack, (2) prevent **malware**

My computer was infected with **malware**, and it caused many problems.

monetize

v. to earn money from something, such as an asset, business, etc.; to coin into money

synonym : mint, make profit

(1) **monetize** my skill, (2) **monetize** nickel

He explored ways to **monetize** his digital content.

tread

v. to step or walk on something

synonym : step, walk, pace

(1) **tread** water, (2) **tread** a similar path

He **treads** carefully on the slippery ice.

keystroke

n. a single press or strike of a key on a computer keyboard or other electronic device

synonym : keypress, type

(1) accidental **keystroke**, (2) random **keystroke**

I accidentally hit the wrong **keystroke** and lost all of my unsaved work.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

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.

precaution

n. a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness

synonym: safeguard, measure, provision

(1) airborne **precaution**, (2) take extra **precautions**

As a **precaution**, the company locked all of its doors after a threat was made.

glob

n. a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance

synonym: ball, lump, sphere

(1) **glob** of paint, (2) **glob** of honey

She squeezed a **glob** of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.

encrypt

v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

synonym: encode, cipher, scramble

(1) **encrypt** data, (2) **encrypt** message

To protect their sensitive information, many businesses **encrypt** their files.

decrypt

v. to convert encoded or scrambled information or messages into a form that is intelligible or understandable; to reveal information that is hidden or obscured, such as data that has been encrypted for security purposes

synonym: decode, decipher, break

(1) **decrypt** a file with a private key, (2) **decrypt** data

I need to **decrypt** this important message before it falls into the wrong hands.

backdoor

adj. a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system

synonym: hidden, secret, covert

(1) **backdoor** access, (2) **backdoor** software

The public was outraged to discover that the company had made a **backdoor** deal with the government to avoid taxes.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

plat

n. a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes

synonym: map, chart, diagram

(1) **plat** book, (2) a former **plat** of farmland

The city planning department keeps detailed **plats** of all the local properties.

horsepower

n. a unit of power used to measure the output of mechanical engines, specifically the amount of work that one horse can do in a set amount of time

synonym: HP, power, energy

(1) maximum **horsepower**, (2) engine **horsepower**

The company's new generator has a **horsepower** rating of 1000, making it ideal for large buildings.

reliant

adj. needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed

synonym : dependent, subservient

(1) heavily **reliant** on oil, (2) export- **reliant** economy

The company is heavily **reliant** on its overseas operations for revenue.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. de____t data | v. | to convert encoded or scrambled information or messages into a form that is intelligible or understandable; to reveal information that is hidden or obscured, such as data that has been encrypted for security purposes |
| 2. g__b of paint | n. | a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance |
| 3. de____t a file with a private key | v. | to convert encoded or scrambled information or messages into a form that is intelligible or understandable; to reveal information that is hidden or obscured, such as data that has been encrypted for security purposes |
| 4. cy__r crime | adj. | relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality |
| 5. random ke_____ke | n. | a single press or strike of a key on a computer keyboard or other electronic device |
| 6. the cr____or's claims | n. | a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 7. n__b with cold | adj. | unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity |
| 8. bankrupt cr____or | n. | a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 9. ma_____e attack | n. | a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network |

ANSWERS: 1. decrypt, 2. glob, 3. decrypt, 4. cyber, 5. keystroke, 6. creditor, 7. numb, 8. creditor, 9. malware

10. ba____or access *adj.* a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system
11. cy__r bullying *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
12. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
13. en____t data *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
14. tr__d water *v.* to step or walk on something
15. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
16. the venom of a ce____de *n.* a long, many-legged arthropod of a group of species that are mostly nocturnal predators and typically feed on insects
17. heavily re____t on oil *adj.* needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed
18. en____t message *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

ANSWERS: 10. backdoor, 11. cyber, 12. writ, 13. encrypt, 14. tread, 15. numb, 16. centipede, 17. reliant, 18. encrypt

19. p__t book *n.* a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes
20. mo_____ze my skill *v.* to earn money from something, such as an asset, business, etc.; to coin into money
21. export-re_____t economy *adj.* needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed
22. a former p__t of farmland *n.* a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes
23. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
24. accidental ke_____ke *n.* a single press or strike of a key on a computer keyboard or other electronic device
25. take extra pre_____ons *n.* a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness
26. g__b of honey *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
27. tr__d a similar path *v.* to step or walk on something
28. medieval du_____n *n.* a room or cell in which prisoners are held, especially underground
29. tropical ce_____de *n.* a long, many-legged arthropod of a group of species that are mostly nocturnal predators and typically feed on insects

ANSWERS: 19. plat, 20. monetize, 21. reliant, 22. plat, 23. electrify, 24. keystroke, 25. precaution, 26. glob, 27. tread, 28. dungeon, 29. centipede

30. mo____ze nickel *v.* to earn money from something, such as an asset, business, etc.; to coin into money
31. fire truck si__n *n.* a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger
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33. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
34. ba____or software *adj.* a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system
35. prevent ma_____e *n.* a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
36. engine hor_____er *n.* a unit of power used to measure the output of mechanical engines, specifically the amount of work that one horse can do in a set amount of time
37. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 30. monetize, 31. siren, 32. siren, 33. electrify, 34. backdoor, 35. malware, 36. horsepower, 37. opportune

38. in___t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
39. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
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42. airborne pre_____on *n.* a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness
43. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
44. a murky du_____n *n.* a room or cell in which prisoners are held, especially underground

ANSWERS: 38. infect, 39. writ, 40. horsepower, 41. opportune, 42. precaution, 43. infect, 44. dungeon

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. As a _____ the company locked all of its doors after a threat was made.
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8. He _____ carefully on the slippery ice.

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ANSWERS: 8. treads, 9. glob, 10. backdoor, 11. electrify, 12. infect, 13. creditor, 14. monetize, 15. opportune

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