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Session 1: Word List

scoot

v. to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device

synonym: glide, slide, scurry

(1) **scoot** out of my room, (2) **scoot** over

I have to **scoot** over to the next desk because there's not enough room for me to sit comfortably.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

barefoot

adj. without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet

synonym: bare, shoeless, unshod

(1) **barefoot** walk, (2) **barefoot** fashion

The **barefoot** hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their feet.

drench

v. to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet

synonym : soak, saturate, immerse

(1) **drench** with sweat, (2) **drench** the soil with fertilizer
The storm last night **drenched** everything in the yard, leaving puddles everywhere.

nanoscale

adj. on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale

(1) **nanoscale** device, (2) things at the **nanoscale**

This process improves the strength of the metal by controlling the **nanoscale** lattice structure of the metal.

cynical

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

synonym : skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym : open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

synonym : wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

engrossed

adj. completely absorbed or focused on something; fully occupied or immersed

synonym : absorbed, observant, immersed

(1) **engrossed** in a project, (2) **engrossed** in conversation

She was so **engrossed** in her book that she didn't hear the

phone ring.

rivet

n. a short metal pin or bolt with a flat head used for joining things together

synonym: bolt, fastener, clinch

(1) **rivet** gun, (2) button-head **rivet**

The **rivets** on the airplane's wings were inspected to ensure they were secure.

cocreate

v. to create something by working with others

(1) **cocreate** our life, (2) **cocreate** a relationship

We form partnerships to **cocreate** customer value.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym: flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

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.

crux

n. the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

synonym: heart, core, essence

(1) main **crux**, (2) the **crux** of the argument

The **crux** of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.

rigidity

n. the state or quality of being rigid or inflexible; the inability to adapt to change or new circumstances; the condition of being stiff or unyielding

synonym : stiffness, inflexibility, firmness

(1) mental **rigidity**, (2) legal **rigidity**

The **rigidity** of the school's dress code policy caused much controversy among the students and parents.

chauffeur

n. a professional driver of a private or executive car

synonym : driver, private driver

(1) a **chauffeur-driven** limousine, (2) a **chauffeur's** licence

The private **chauffeur** drove the CEO to the airport in a luxurious limousine.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

marshy

adj. characterized by the presence of low-lying, waterlogged areas of land that are often covered by tall grasses or other vegetation; of or relating to areas near wetlands, swamps, or estuaries

synonym : boggy, soggy, swampy

(1) **marshy** ground, (2) **marshy** soil

The **marshy** terrain made building a solid foundation for the house difficult.

prosthetic

adj. of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant

(1) have **prosthetic** arms, (2) **prosthetic** limbs

New **prosthetic** joints are less prone to metal poisoning.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym : cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

polyethylene

n. a synthetic resin or plastic material with a high strength-to-weight ratio used in a variety of applications, including packaging, insulation, and construction; often abbreviated as PE

synonym : PE, plastic, polymer

(1) high-density **polyethylene**, (2) **polyethylene** terephthalate

The food packaging was made of **polyethylene** film.

humanlike

adj. resembling or having characteristics of a human, such as in appearance or behavior

synonym : resembling human, humanoid, anthropomorphic

(1) **humanlike** robot, (2) **humanlike** behavior

The android's **humanlike** features made distinguishing from a real person difficult.

psoriasis

n. a chronic skin condition characterized by patches of thick, red, and scaly skin that may be itchy or painful; an autoimmune disorder in which the immune system mistakenly speeds up the growth cycle of skin cells

synonym : skin condition, dermatitis

(1) **psoriasis** treatment, (2) plaque **psoriasis**

The dermatologist prescribed a special cream to help manage his **psoriasis** symptoms.

dreadful

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear

synonym : terrible, horrible, awful

(1) **dreadful** accident, (2) **dreadful** news

The conditions of the prison were **dreadful** and inhumane.

audacious

adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

synonym : bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

unwise

adj. not sensible or prudent; likely to cause harm or negative consequences; lacking in good judgment or common sense

synonym : absurd, ill-advised, imprudent

(1) **unwise** decision, (2) **unwise** strategy

Ignoring warning signs of a potential health issue is **unwise** and can harm your health.

scientifically

adv. in a way that relates to science or is connected with science

(1) investigate **scientifically**, (2) **scientifically** explainable

The hypothesis is not yet **scientifically** proven.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym : avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by

causing a problem or disturbance

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

incubator

n. an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

synonym : hatchery, brooder, nursery

(1) infant **incubator**, (2) business **incubator** program
The eggs were placed in an artificial **incubator** to ensure proper hatching conditions.

meltdown

n. a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically

synonym : collapse, disaster, failure

(1) **meltdown** disaster, (2) economic **meltdown**
The nuclear **meltdown** in the country was a disaster with far-reaching consequences.

ram

v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

synonym : crash, collide, slam

(1) **ram** the door open, (2) **ram** into the ice
The car **rammed** into the wall, causing significant damage.

stipulate

v. to specify or require something as a condition of an agreement or arrangement

synonym : specify, require, demand

(1) **stipulate** conditions, (2) **stipulate** the deadline
The contract **stipulates** that the work must be completed within six months.

convex

adj. having a surface or outline that curves outward, like the exterior of a ball; having a shape that bulges or curves outward

synonym : curved, arched, bulging

(1) **convex** mirror, (2) **convex** surface

The magnifying glass had a **convex** shape, allowing for a better view of the specimen.

diffuse

adj. spread out widely; not concentrated in one place

synonym : spread, scatter

(1) **diffuse** bleeding, (2) **diffuse** cloud

Direct lighting is preferable to **diffuse** lighting when reading.

concave

adj. curving inward like the inside of a bowl

synonym : hollow, indented, sunken

(1) a **concave** lens, (2) **concave** surface

The bowl was **concave** and held the water perfectly.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co____te a relationship
v. to create something by working with others
2. ba____ot fashion
adj. without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
3. mental ri____ty
n. the state or quality of being rigid or inflexible; the inability to adapt to change or new circumstances; the condition of being stiff or unyielding
4. traditional me____al
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
5. dr____ul accident
adj. very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
6. na____le device
adj. on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
7. the c__x of the argument
n. the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
8. un____d the stroller
v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
9. co____x surface
adj. having a surface or outline that curves outward, like the exterior of a ball; having a shape that bulges or curves outward
10. economic me____wn
n. a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically

ANSWERS: 1. cocreate, 2. barefoot, 3. rigidity, 4. medicinal, 5. dreadful, 6. nanoscale, 7. crux, 8. unfold, 9. convex, 10. meltdown

11. a ch_____ur's licence *n.* a professional driver of a private or executive car
12. di_____e cloud *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
13. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
14. ps_____is treatment *n.* a chronic skin condition characterized by patches of thick, red, and scaly skin that may be itchy or painful; an autoimmune disorder in which the immune system mistakenly speeds up the growth cycle of skin cells
15. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
16. dr____h the soil with fertilizer *v.* to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet
17. r_m into the ice *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
18. en_____ed in a project *adj.* completely absorbed or focused on something; fully occupied or immersed
19. sc__t out of my room *v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
20. auto 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

ANSWERS: 11. chauffeur, 12. diffuse, 13. innovate, 14. psoriasis, 15. pave, 16. drench, 17. ram, 18. engrossed, 19. scoot, 20. dashboard

21. ma___y ground *adj.* characterized by the presence of low-lying, waterlogged areas of land that are often covered by tall grasses or other vegetation; of or relating to areas near wetlands, swamps, or estuaries
22. sc__t over *v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
23. en____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
24. main c__x *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
25. di____e bleeding *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
26. plaque ps_____is *n.* a chronic skin condition characterized by patches of thick, red, and scaly skin that may be itchy or painful; an autoimmune disorder in which the immune system mistakenly speeds up the growth cycle of skin cells
27. au_____us decision *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
28. a co____e lens *adj.* curving inward like the inside of a bowl
29. di____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 21. marshy, 22. scoot, 23. envelop, 24. crux, 25. diffuse, 26. psoriasis, 27. audacious, 28. concave, 29. disrupt

30. un___e decision *adj.* not sensible or prudent; likely to cause harm or negative consequences; lacking in good judgment or common sense
31. sci_____lly explainable *adv.* in a way that relates to science or is connected with science
32. un___d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
33. au_____us stunt *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
34. high-density pol_____ene *n.* a synthetic resin or plastic material with a high strength-to-weight ratio used in a variety of applications, including packaging, insulation, and construction; often abbreviated as PE
35. gr___y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
36. ma___y soil *adj.* characterized by the presence of low-lying, waterlogged areas of land that are often covered by tall grasses or other vegetation; of or relating to areas near wetlands, swamps, or estuaries
37. me_____wn disaster *n.* a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically

ANSWERS: 30. unwise, 31. scientifically, 32. unfold, 33. audacious, 34. polyethylene, 35. greedy, 36. marshy, 37. meltdown

38. have pro_____ic arms *adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
39. m__d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
40. legal ri_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being rigid or inflexible; the inability to adapt to change or new circumstances; the condition of being stiff or unyielding
41. st_____te the deadline *v.* to specify or require something as a condition of an agreement or arrangement
42. co_____e surface *adj.* curving inward like the inside of a bowl
43. infant in_____or *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
44. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

ANSWERS: 38. prosthetic, 39. mold, 40. rigidity, 41. stipulate, 42. concave, 43. incubator, 44. mold

45. st_____te conditions *v.* to specify or require something as a condition of an agreement or arrangement
46. un___e strategy *adj.* not sensible or prudent; likely to cause harm or negative consequences; lacking in good judgment or common sense
47. ri__t gun *n.* a short metal pin or bolt with a flat head used for joining things together
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49. a ch_____ur-driven limousine *n.* a professional driver of a private or executive car
50. pro_____ic limbs *adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
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ANSWERS: 45. stipulate, 46. unwise, 47. rivet, 48. cocreate, 49. chauffeur, 50. prosthetic, 51. dashboard, 52. polyethylene, 53. greedy

54. co___x mirror *adj.* having a surface or outline that curves outward, like the exterior of a ball; having a shape that bulges or curves outward
55. di____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
56. hu_____ke robot *adj.* resembling or having characteristics of a human, such as in appearance or behavior
57. dr___h with sweat *v.* to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet
58. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
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60. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
61. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
62. cy_____l remarks *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
63. r_m the door open *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

ANSWERS: 54. convex, 55. disrupt, 56. humanlike, 57. drench, 58. medicinal, 59. innovate, 60. suppl, 61. pave, 62. cynical, 63. ram

64. dr____ul news *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
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66. ind____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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75. investigate sci_____lly

adv. in a way that relates to science or is connected with science

76. hu_____ke behavior

adj. resembling or having characteristics of a human, such as in appearance or behavior

ANSWERS: 75. scientifically, 76. humanlike

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was very _____ and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.
adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
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n. a professional driver of a private or executive car

ANSWERS: 38. chauffeur