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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.
- invert** *v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
synonym: turn upside down, reverse, flip
(1) **invert** a glass, (2) **invert** position
He decided to **invert** his investment portfolio, shifting from stocks to bonds.
- stark** *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
synonym: crude, blunt, desolate
(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth
The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.
- bifurcate** *v.* to divide or split into two branches or parts
synonym: branch, fork, divide
(1) **bifurcate** at the top of the mountain, (2) **bifurcate** into two separate tracks

The river **bifurcates** ahead, so we must decide which branch to take.

telegraph

n. a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals

(1) answer by **telegraph**, (2) **telegraph** wires

The **telegraph** service was interrupted for a while.

mainframe

n. a large and powerful computer with a lot of memory used primarily by large organizations for critical applications

(1) **mainframe** computer, (2) **mainframe** operating system

IBM has consistently been a significant supplier of **mainframes** for a long time.

supercomputer

n. a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing

synonym: high-performance computer, mainframe, giant computer

(1) **supercomputer** performance, (2) **supercomputer** technology

China has developed one of the world's fastest **supercomputers** for its space program.

bombshell

n. a sudden and unexpected piece of news or information that is shocking, startling, or disruptive; a person who is very attractive or sexy

synonym: surprise, revelation, shock

(1) political **bombshell**, (2) beauty **bombshell**

The news of his resignation was a **bombshell** for the company's employees.

leftover

adj. not consumed or used at the end of something

synonym: extra, residual, unused

(1) **leftover** from a party, (2) **leftover** goods

The chef will make soup with the **leftover** ham bone.

capitalize

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

synonym : bankroll, finance, endow

(1) **capitalize** on an interest, (2) **capitalize** the 1st letter of a word

You must **capitalize** on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

rout

n. a disorderly retreat or defeat of an army or group; a decisive defeat

synonym : defeat, debacle, disaster

(1) **rout** march, (2) cricket team's **rout**

The football team suffered a humiliating **rout** in the championship game.

fungible

adj. able to be replaced or exchanged with another identical item; uniform and interchangeable in value or use

synonym : interchangeable, exchangeable, tradable

(1) **fungible** securities, (2) **fungible** assets

Gold is a **fungible commodity**, meaning its value is interchangeable with other gold of the same quality and quantity.

intuit

v. to understand or know something instinctively or without conscious reasoning; to perceive or apprehend something immediately or intuitively

synonym : perceive, sense, grasp

(1) **intuit** the motive, (2) **intuit** a solution

From her experience with similar projects, she could **intuit** the most efficient way to complete the task.

motley

adj. consisting of a diverse or varied mixture of things or people; variegated or patchwork in appearance; multi-colored

synonym : varied, piebald, heterogeneous

(1) **motley** outfit, (2) **motley** assortment

The circus performers entertained the crowd with their **motley** costumes and impressive acrobatics.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

indistinct

adj. not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood

synonym: faint, blurred, hazy

(1) **indistinct** memory, (2) **indistinct** pronunciation

The **indistinct** shape in the fog made it difficult to determine what it was.

barbecue

n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

synonym: grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) **barbecue** sauce, (2) **barbecue** grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

plural

n. the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person

synonym: multiple, numerous, several

(1) **plural** form, (2) **plural** culture

We use **plural** nouns when there is more than one of something

Wikipedia

n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

synonym: online encyclopedia, webpedia

(1) **Wikipedia** entry, (2) **Wikipedia** article

Not all teachers accept citing **Wikipedia** as a valid source for academic papers.

commercialize

v. to make something available for sale or use on a large scale

synonym: monetize, capitalize, marketize

(1) **commercialize** my patents, (2) **commercialize** idea

The company is trying to **commercialize** its new product.

outsource

v. to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure

synonym: delegate, contract out, farm out

(1) **outsource** a non-core function, (2) **outsource** to India

The company decided to **outsource** its IT services to a third-party provider.

overture

n. an introduction or opening to something, particularly a musical or theatrical performance; a proposal or gesture made as an opening move in negotiations or discussion

synonym: prelude, introduction, opening

(1) musical **overture**, (2) diplomatic **overture**

The orchestra began its performance with a stunning **overture** that set the tone for the rest of the concert.

inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

synonym: shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym: respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously
She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

transact

v. to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction;
to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
synonym: conduct, carry out, perform

(1) **transact** internationally, (2) **transact** in cash
I need to **transact** some business at the bank before it
closes.

decentralize

v. to move the power, control, or authority of an
organization, government, or system from a single place
to several smaller ones

synonym: deconcentrate, disperse, distribute

(1) **decentralize** authority, (2) **decentralize** organizational
structure

We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a
disaster.

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.

probabilistic

adj. characterized by the influence of chance or probability;
involving the use of statistical models or methods to
estimate likelihoods or risks

synonym: probable, statistical, likely

(1) **probabilistic** model, (2) **probabilistic** approach

In a **probabilistic** system, the outcome is uncertain and can
vary based on chance.

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.

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.

well-behaved

adj. conforming to accepted standards of behavior or conduct; obedient, polite, and considerate

synonym: obedient, well-mannered, disciplined

(1) **well-behaved** student, (2) **well-behaved** dog

The children were **well-behaved** and listened attentively during the museum tour.

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.

fad

n. an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze

synonym: craze, mania, trend

(1) become a **fad**, (2) computer game **fad**

His interest in music composition is only a **fad**.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar

objects.

Session 2: Spelling

1. diplomatic ov____re
n. an introduction or opening to something, particularly a musical or theatrical performance; a proposal or gesture made as an opening move in negotiations or discussion
2. Wi_____ia entry
n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
3. su___e leather
adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
4. issue a w__t
n. a written legal order or command
5. mo___y assortment
adj. consisting of a diverse or varied mixture of things or people; variegated or patchwork in appearance; multi-colored
6. human in_____ct
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
7. cap_____ze on an interest
v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
8. fu_____le securities
adj. able to be replaced or exchanged with another identical item; uniform and interchangeable in value or use

ANSWERS: 1. overture, 2. Wikipedia, 3. suppl, 4. writ, 5. motley, 6. intellect, 7. capitalize, 8. fungible

9. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
10. st__k truth *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
11. in___t a glass *v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
12. pro_____tic approach *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
13. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
14. computer game f_d *n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze
15. in___t the motive *v.* to understand or know something instinctively or without conscious reasoning; to perceive or apprehend something immediately or intuitively
16. become a f_d *n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze
17. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 9. opportune, 10. stark, 11. invert, 12. probabilistic, 13. innovate, 14. fad, 15. intuit, 16. fad, 17. opportune

18. answer by te_____ph *n.* a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals
19. n_d_____tly *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
20. sup_____ter technology *n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing
21. in____t position *v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
22. cap_____ze the 1st letter of a word *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
23. wel_____ved student *adj.* conforming to accepted standards of behavior or conduct; obedient, polite, and considerate
24. le_____er goods *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something
25. pro_____tic model *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
26. ma_____me computer *n.* a large and powerful computer with a lot of memory used primarily by large organizations for critical applications

ANSWERS: 18. telegraph, 19. nod, 20. supercomputer, 21. invert, 22. capitalize, 23. well-behaved, 24. leftover, 25. probabilistic, 26. mainframe

27. Wi_____ia article *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
28. in____t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
29. pl____l form *n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person
30. sup_____ter performance *n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing
31. r__t march *n.* a disorderly retreat or defeat of an army or group; a decisive defeat
32. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
33. beauty bo_____ll *n.* a sudden and unexpected piece of news or information that is shocking, startling, or disruptive; a person who is very attractive or sexy
34. musical ov_____re *n.* an introduction or opening to something, particularly a musical or theatrical performance; a proposal or gesture made as an opening move in negotiations or discussion

ANSWERS: 27. Wikipedia, 28. inject, 29. plural, 30. supercomputer, 31. rout, 32. aft, 33. bombshell, 34. overture

35. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
36. st__k landscape *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
37. ou_____ce to India *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
38. mo___y outfit *adj.* consisting of a diverse or varied mixture of things or people; variegated or patchwork in appearance; multi-colored
39. bi_____te into two separate tracks *v.* to divide or split into two branches or parts
40. pl___l culture *n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person
41. te_____ph wires *n.* a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals
42. in___t a personal opinion into a debate *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
43. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
44. in___t a solution *v.* to understand or know something instinctively or without conscious reasoning; to perceive or apprehend something immediately or intuitively

ANSWERS: 35. nod, 36. stark, 37. outsource, 38. motley, 39. bifurcate, 40. plural, 41. telegraph, 42. inject, 43. intellect, 44. intuit

45. ba____ue grill *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
46. ma_____me operating system *n.* a large and powerful computer with a lot of memory used primarily by large organizations for critical applications
47. dec_____ize organizational structure *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
48. dec_____ize authority *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
49. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
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52. com_____ize idea *v.* to make something available for sale or use on a large scale
53. le_____er from a party *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something

ANSWERS: 45. barbecue, 46. mainframe, 47. decentralize, 48. decentralize, 49. writ, 50. bombshell, 51. barbecue, 52. commercialize, 53. leftover

54. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
55. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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65. tr_____ct internationally *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract

ANSWERS: 54. supple, 55. industrious, 56. commercialize, 57. industrious, 58. aft, 59. outsource, 60. indistinct, 61. innovate, 62. well-behaved, 63. rout, 64. transact, 65. transact

66. ind_____ct pronunciation

adj. not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood

67. bi_____te at the top of the mountain

v. to divide or split into two branches or parts

68. fu_____le assets

adj. able to be replaced or exchanged with another identical item; uniform and interchangeable in value or use

ANSWERS: 66. indistinct, 67. bifurcate, 68. fungible

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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