**“Engineering Future Humans” Vocabulary (Answer Key)**

*Write a contextual definition or synonym for the words below.*

[P2] hone: **to make an**[**object**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/object)[**sharp**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/sharp)

[P3] dubbed: **to give something or someone a**[**particular**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/particular)[**name**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/name)**,**[**especially**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/especially)[**describing**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/describe)**what you**[**think**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/think)**of it, him, or her**

[P3] screw up: **to make a**[**mistake**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/mistake)**, or to**[**spoil**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/spoil)**something**

**[P3] unfold: develop**

**[P3] overindulge: engaging in too much of something**

[P4] fend off: **to**[**avoid**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/avoid)[**dealing**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/dealing)**with something that is**[**unpleasant**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/unpleasant)**or**[**difficult**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/difficult)

[P4] intractable: **very**[**difficult**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/difficult)**or**[**impossible**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/impossible)**to**[**control**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/control)**,**[**manage**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/manage)**, or**[**solve**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/solve)

[P5] feat: **something**[**difficult**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/difficult)[**needing**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/need)**a lot of**[**skill**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/skill)**,**[**strength**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/strength)**,**[**courage**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/courage)**, etc. to**[**achieve**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/achieve)**it**

[P6] confer: **to**[**exchange**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/exchange)[**ideas**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/idea)**on a**[**particular**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/particular)[**subject**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/subject)**, often in**[**order**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/order)**to**[**reach**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/reach)**a**[**decision**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/decision)**on what**[**action**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/action)**to take**

**[P6] uncharted: unknown**

**[P6] terrain: area, field**

[P7] tweak: **to**[**change**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/change)**something**[**slightly**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/slightly)**,**[**especially**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/especially)**in**[**order**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/order)**to make it more**[**correct**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/correct)**,**[**effective**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/effective)**, or**[**suitable**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/suitable)

[P8] irrevocably: **in a way that is**[**impossible**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/impossible)**to**[**change**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/change)

**[P8] be prone to: likely to**

[P8] robust: **(of a**[**person**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/person)**or**[**animal**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/animal)**)**[**strong**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/strong)**and**[**healthy**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/healthy)**, or (of an**[**object**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/object)**or**[**system**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/system)**)**[**strong**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/strong)**and**[**unlikely**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/unlikely)**to**[**break**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/break)**or**[**fail**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/fail)

[P9] exacerbate: **to make something that is already**[**bad**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/bad)[**even**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/even)[**worse**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/worse)

**[P9] unbridled: uncontrolled**

[P9] proliferation: **the**[**fact**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/fact)**of something**[**increasing**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/increase)**a lot and**[**suddenly**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/suddenly)**in**[**number**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/number)**or**[**amount**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/amount)

**[P11] solvent: able to pay debts**

[P13] convene: **to**[**bring**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/bring)**together a**[**group**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/group)**of**[**people**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/people)**for a**[**meeting**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/meeting)**, or to**[**meet**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/meet)**for a**[**meeting**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/meeting)

[P13] moratorium: **a**[**stopping**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/stopping)**of an**[**activity**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/activity)**for an**[**agreed**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/agreed)[**amount**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/amount)**of**[**time**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/time) **[P13] deliberate on: think about**

**[P14] seize: take**

[P15] conundrum: **a**[**problem**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/problem)**that is**[**difficult**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/difficult)**to**[**deal**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/deal)**with**

**[P16] grapple with: deal with**

**[P16] unleash: release, let loose**

[P16] balk: **to be**[**unwilling**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/unwilling)**to do something or to**[**allow**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/allow)**something to**[**happen**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/happen)

**[P16] arm: equip**

**[P18] invoke: refer to**