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Session 1: Word List

uncritical

adj. not willing to criticize somebody/something or to judge whether somebody/something is right or wrong

synonym : noncritical, casual, unfussy

(1) an **uncritical** audience, (2) **uncritical** admirer

He was **uncritical** of his daughter's wrongdoing.

mislead

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true

synonym : misinform, delude, belie

(1) **mislead** him into trusting her, (2) **mislead** the enemy

Our troops pulled back to **mislead** the enemy.

platonic

adj. (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual

synonym : nonphysical, nonsexual, spiritual

(1) **platonic** relationship, (2) **platonic** love

His relationship with her was completely **platonic**.

commonsense

adj. exhibiting sound, practical judgment concerning everyday matters; (noun) a basic ability to perceive, understand, and judge in a manner that nearly all people share

synonym : balanced, pragmatic, judicious

(1) **commonsense** scholarship, (2) **commonsense** reforms
Innovative companies often question **commonsense**
practices and break them.

venerable

adj. deserving respect because they are old, important, wise,
etc.

synonym: respected, esteemed, revered

(1) **venerable** tradition, (2) a **venerable** old man

He is the newly appointed CEO to revamp the **venerable**
apparel brand.

skepticism

n. an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or
statements are true or valuable or that something will
happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate
knowledge

synonym: distrust, doubt, suspicion

(1) natural **skepticism**, (2) **skepticism** toward bureaucracy

This party expresses **skepticism** about the efficacy of the
health insurance system.

Session 2: Spelling

1. unc_____al admirer *adj.* not willing to criticize somebody/something or to judge whether somebody/something is right or wrong
2. a ve_____le old man *adj.* deserving respect because they are old, important, wise, etc.
3. ske_____sm toward bureaucracy *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
4. mi_____d the enemy *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
5. pl_____ic relationship *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
6. pl_____ic love *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
7. mi_____d him into trusting her *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
8. com_____se reforms *adj.* exhibiting sound, practical judgment concerning everyday matters; (noun) a basic ability to perceive, understand, and judge in a manner that nearly all people share
9. an unc_____al audience *adj.* not willing to criticize somebody/something or to judge whether somebody/something is right or wrong

ANSWERS: 1. uncritical, 2. venerable, 3. skepticism, 4. mislead, 5. platonic, 6. platonic, 7. mislead, 8. commonsense, 9. uncritical

10. ve_____le tradition

adj. deserving respect because they are old, important, wise, etc.

11. com_____se scholarship

adj. exhibiting sound, practical judgment concerning everyday matters; (noun) a basic ability to perceive, understand, and judge in a manner that nearly all people share

12. natural ske_____sm

n. an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

ANSWERS: 10. venerable, 11. commonsense, 12. skepticism

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This party expresses _____ about the efficacy of the health insurance system.
 - n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
2. His relationship with her was completely _____.
 - adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
3. He is the newly appointed CEO to revamp the _____ apparel brand.
 - adj.* deserving respect because they are old, important, wise, etc.
4. Our troops pulled back to _____ the enemy.
 - v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
5. Innovative companies often question _____ practices and break them.
 - adj.* exhibiting sound, practical judgment concerning everyday matters; (noun) a basic ability to perceive, understand, and judge in a manner that nearly all people share
6. He was _____ of his daughter's wrongdoing.
 - adj.* not willing to criticize somebody/something or to judge whether somebody/something is right or wrong

ANSWERS: 1. skepticism, 2. platonic, 3. venerable, 4. mislead, 5. commonsense, 6. uncritical