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Session 1: Word List

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**.

allegory

n. a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals

synonym : fable, apologue, parable

(1) political **allegory**, (2) subtle, multivalent **allegory**

By using this **allegory**, we can teach moral lessons.

espouse

v. to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry

synonym : adopt, support, embrace

(1) **espouse** a cause, (2) **espouse** an idea

She **espoused** the philosophy of non-violence.

brilliance

n. the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining

synonym : splendor, glory, luster

(1) **brilliance** of diamond, (2) economic **brilliance**

The scientist's **brilliance** led to many groundbreaking discoveries in his field.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

discern

v. to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious

synonym: determine, distinguish, sense

(1) **discern** the big picture, (2) **discern** friend from foe

Parents need to help their children **discern** right and wrong.

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.

immutable

adj. unchanging; permanent or unalterable

synonym: unchanging, constant, permanent

(1) **immutable** love, (2) **immutable** characteristics

The laws of physics are **immutable**; they never change.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pl____ic relationship
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v. to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious
4. economic bri____ce
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7. im____le characteristics
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10. bri____ce of diamond
n. the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining
11. enrich my in____ct
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 1. platonic, 2. allegory, 3. discern, 4. brilliance, 5. confuse, 6. discern, 7. immutable, 8. allegory, 9. platonic, 10. brilliance, 11. intellect

12. im_____le love

adj. unchanging; permanent or unalterable

13. human in_____ct

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

14. es_____e an idea

v. to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry

15. co_____e fantasy with reality

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

16. es_____e a cause

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ANSWERS: 12. immutable, 13. intellect, 14. espouse, 15. confuse, 16. espouse

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His relationship with her was completely _____.
adj. (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
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v. to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry
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v. to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious
4. By using this _____ we can teach moral lessons.
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ANSWERS: 1. platonic, 2. espoused, 3. discern, 4. allegory, 5. brilliance, 6. intellect, 7. confused, 8. immutable;

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