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Session 1: Word List

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym: aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

cliche

n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

synonym: truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

flabbergasted

adj. greatly surprised or astonished; shocked or bewildered
synonym : astonished, amazed, stunned

(1) **flabbergasted** expression, (2) **flabbergasted** reaction
I was **flabbergasted** to learn that I had won the scholarship.

superhero

n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

(1) **superhero** movies, (2) **superhero** comics
Superman is a classic **superhero** known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.

janitor

n. a person whose job is to clean and maintain a large building, such as a school or a block of flats

synonym : keeper, guardian, custodian

(1) part-time **janitor**, (2) duty of the **janitor**
The school **janitor** was laid off.

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.

juxtapose

v. to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity

synonym : place side by side, compare, contrast

(1) **juxtapose** images, (2) **juxtapose** two ideas
The artist likes to **juxtapose** different styles and colors in her paintings.

affirmation

n. a statement declaring something to be true strongly
synonym : confirmation, validation, endorsement

(1) self- **affirmation**, (2) statement of **affirmation**
The **affirmation** from her boss gave her the confidence she

needed to move forward with her project.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym: bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

pedagogy

n. the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession

synonym: teaching, instruction, education

(1) modern **pedagogy**, (2) student-centered **pedagogy**

The teacher's innovative **pedagogy** helped her students learn in fun and engaging way.

culminate

v. to reach a peak or climax

synonym: end, finish, conclude

(1) **culminate** in a heart attack, (2) **culminate** in failure

The event will **culminate** in a grand fireworks display.

cipher

n. a secret or disguised way of writing or encoding a message, often using a code or key to decipher it; a person or thing of no value or importance, often used derogatorily to describe someone who lacks personality or individuality

synonym: code, symbol, character

(1) telegram in **cipher**, (2) secret **cipher**

The encrypted message was written in an unknown **cipher** that the codebreakers had to decipher.

dissect

v. to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail

synonym: analyze, examine, study

(1) **dissect** the data, (2) **dissect** a personality

The scientist **dissected** the frog to study its internal organs.

calibrate

v. to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

synonym : adjust, fine-tune

(1) **calibrate** machinery, (2) **calibrate** measurements

It's important to **calibrate** the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.

masculinity

n. the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly

synonym : manliness, virility, machismo

(1) **masculinity** norms, (2) toxic **masculinity**

Research has shown that rigid ideas of **masculinity** can contribute to domestic violence and other forms of abuse.

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.

pedigree

n. the recorded ancestry or genealogical background of a person or animal; a list of ancestors, especially of purebred animals, that documents the genetic lineage of a particular animal or line of animals

synonym : lineage, ancestry, genealogy

(1) family **pedigree**, (2) **pedigree** chart

The dog's **pedigree** proved that it came from a long line of champion show dogs.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. telegram in ci___r | <i>n.</i> a secret or disguised way of writing or encoding a message, often using a code or key to decipher it; a person or thing of no value or importance, often used derogatorily to describe someone who lacks personality or individuality |
| 2. statement of aff_____on | <i>n.</i> a statement declaring something to be true strongly |
| 3. the mi___t in an education system | <i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone |
| 4. ca_____te machinery | <i>v.</i> to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance |
| 5. chicken br__h | <i>n.</i> a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews |
| 6. en___p her in a bear hug | <i>v.</i> to surround and cover completely; to encase |
| 7. enrich my in_____ct | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |
| 8. cu_____te in a heart attack | <i>v.</i> to reach a peak or climax |
| 9. en___p the whole world | <i>v.</i> to surround and cover completely; to encase |

ANSWERS: 1. cipher, 2. affirmation, 3. mindset, 4. calibrate, 5. broth, 6. envelop, 7. intellect, 8. culminate, 9. envelop

10. duty of the ja____r *n.* a person whose job is to clean and maintain a large building, such as a school or a block of flats
11. family pe____ee *n.* the recorded ancestry or genealogical background of a person or animal; a list of ancestors, especially of purebred animals, that documents the genetic lineage of a particular animal or line of animals
12. toxic mas____ty *n.* the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly
13. ca____te measurements *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
14. as____e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
15. di____t the data *v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
16. di____t a personality *v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
17. cu____te in failure *v.* to reach a peak or climax
18. su____ro movies *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

ANSWERS: 10. janitor, 11. pedigree, 12. masculinity, 13. calibrate, 14. aspire, 15. dissect, 16. dissect, 17. culminate, 18. superhero

19. part-time ja____r *n.* a person whose job is to clean and maintain a large building, such as a school or a block of flats
20. pe____ee chart *n.* the recorded ancestry or genealogical background of a person or animal; a list of ancestors, especially of purebred animals, that documents the genetic lineage of a particular animal or line of animals
21. as____e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
22. age-old cl____e *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
23. flexible mi____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
24. ju____se two ideas *v.* to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity
25. cl____e plot *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
26. student-centered pe____gy *n.* the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession
27. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

ANSWERS: 19. janitor, 20. pedigree, 21. aspire, 22. cliché, 23. mindset, 24. juxtapose, 25. cliché, 26. pedagogy, 27. broth

28. fla_____ted expression *adj.* greatly surprised or astonished; shocked or bewildered
29. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
30. modern pe_____gy *n.* the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession
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33. mas_____ty norms *n.* the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly
34. fla_____ted reaction *adj.* greatly surprised or astonished; shocked or bewildered
35. ju_____se images *v.* to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity
36. self-aff_____on *n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly

ANSWERS: 28. flabbergasted, 29. intellect, 30. pedagogy, 31. cipher, 32. superhero, 33. masculinity, 34. flabbergasted, 35. juxtapose, 36. affirmation

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
 - n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

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3. Research has shown that rigid ideas of _____ can contribute to domestic violence and other forms of abuse.
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4. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.
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5. The teacher's innovative _____ helped her students learn in fun and engaging way.
 - n.* the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession

6. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
 - n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

ANSWERS: 1. intellect, 2. pedigree, 3. masculinity, 4. aspired, 5. pedagogy, 6. mindset

7. Superman is a classic _____ known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.
- n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
8. The school _____ was laid off.
- n.* a person whose job is to clean and maintain a large building, such as a school or a block of flats
9. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.
- v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
10. I was _____ to learn that I had won the scholarship.
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14. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.
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ANSWERS: 7. superhero, 8. janitor, 9. enveloped, 10. flabbergasted, 11. calibrate, 12. cliché, 13. cipher, 14. broth

15. The scientist _____ the frog to study its internal organs.
v. to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
16. The _____ from her boss gave her the confidence she needed to move forward with her project.
n. a statement declaring something to be true strongly
17. The event will _____ in a grand fireworks display.
v. to reach a peak or climax
18. The artist likes to _____ different styles and colors in her paintings.
v. to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity

ANSWERS: 15. dissected, 16. affirmation, 17. culminate, 18. juxtapose