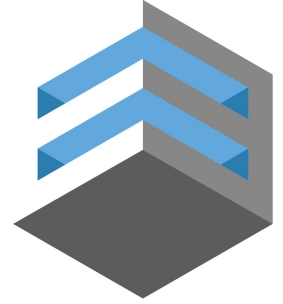


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Session 1: Word List

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.

enneagram

n. a system of personality typing that is based on nine interconnected personality types or "enneatypes," often depicted in a circular or geometric diagram, used to analyze and understand individual and group behavior and motivations

synonym : personality test, self-discovery tool, psycho-spiritual system

(1) **enneagram** type, (2) **enneagram** workshop

I recently took an **enneagram** test to understand my motivations and behaviors better.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

introversion

n. the quality or state of being predominantly focused on one's inner mental life, feelings, and thoughts rather than on external stimulation and social interaction; a personality trait characterized by shyness, introspection, and a preference for solitary activities

synonym: introspection, shyness, reflection

(1) social **introversion**, (2) **introversion** as a personality trait

She didn't enjoy attending parties or large gatherings due to her **introversion**.

extrovert

n. a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident

synonym: outgoing, sociable, gregarious

(1) **extrovert** social skills, (2) natural **extrovert**

She intentionally acts like an **extrovert**.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

subconsciously

adv. in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of

synonym: unconsciously, without thinking

(1) **subconsciously** influenced, (2) controlled

subconsciously

He **subconsciously** picked at his cuticles while he was on the phone.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym: alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

nuance

n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

synonym: shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**

The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

psychiatry

n. the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

synonym: mental health, psychology, psychoanalysis

(1) **psychiatry** therapy, (2) biological **psychiatry**

The field of **psychiatry** is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.

introvert

n. a shy and reticent person

synonym: observer, loner, solitary

(1) **introvert** personality, (2) **introvert** behavior

Being an **introvert** is not a weakness, and it's just a different way of interacting with the world.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym: cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

ambivert

n. a person who exhibits traits of both introversion and extroversion, usually meaning they may enjoy socializing but also require time alone for recharging

synonym: introvert-extrovert, omnivert, versatile

(1) **ambivert** personality, (2) an **ambiverted** approach

The work environment requires employees to be very outgoing or reserved, but being an **ambivert** allows me to adapt to both situations.

unchanging

adj. not changing or subject to change; constant

synonym : constant, stable, static

(1) **unchanging** laws, (2) rigidly **unchanging**

The **unchanging** nature of the mountain range was a source of constant wonder for the hikers.

malleable

adj. able to be easily shaped, molded, or manipulated, particularly in a physical or metaphorical sense; capable of being adapted or changed according to different circumstances or situations

synonym : flexible, adaptable, pliable

(1) **malleable** clay, (2) **malleable** attitude

Gold is a **malleable** metal that can be easily shaped into different forms.

upbringing

n. the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development

synonym : childhood, background, nurturing

(1) Catholic **upbringing**, (2) family **upbringing**

His strict **upbringing** instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.

deprive

v. to take away something from someone

synonym : deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status

He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

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.

discourage

v. to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something

synonym : dishearten, depress, demoralize

(1) **discourage** customers, (2) **discourage** bacterial growth

His parents tried to **discourage** him from becoming an artist.

Session 2: Spelling

1. dis_____ge customers *v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
2. sub_____sly influenced *adv.* in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of
3. en_____am workshop *n.* a system of personality typing that is based on nine interconnected personality types or "enneatypes," often depicted in a circular or geometric diagram, used to analyze and understand individual and group behavior and motivations
4. ex_____rt social skills *n.* a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident
5. controlled sub_____sly *adv.* in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of
6. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
7. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
8. de_____e him of his status *v.* to take away something from someone
9. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. discourage, 2. subconsciously, 3. enneagram, 4. extrovert, 5. subconsciously, 6. opportune, 7. rev, 8. deprive, 9. opportune

10. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
11. ma_____le attitude *adj.* able to be easily shaped, molded, or manipulated, particularly in a physical or metaphorical sense; capable of being adapted or changed according to different circumstances or situations
12. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
13. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
14. psy_____ry therapy *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
15. family upb_____ng *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
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ANSWERS: 10. industrious, 11. malleable, 12. mold, 13. industrious, 14. psychiatry, 15. upbringing, 16. rev, 17. deprive

18. natural ex_____rt *n.* a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident
19. m__d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
20. am_____rt personality *n.* a person who exhibits traits of both introversion and extroversion, usually meaning they may enjoy socializing but also require time alone for recharging
21. sound very te_____ng *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
22. social int_____ion *n.* the quality or state of being predominantly focused on one's inner mental life, feelings, and thoughts rather than on external stimulation and social interaction; a personality trait characterized by shyness, introspection, and a preference for solitary activities
23. rich in nu___e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
24. dis_____ge bacterial growth *v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
25. an am_____rted approach *n.* a person who exhibits traits of both introversion and extroversion, usually meaning they may enjoy socializing but also require time alone for recharging

ANSWERS: 18. extrovert, 19. mold, 20. ambivert, 21. tempting, 22. introversion, 23. nuance, 24. discourage, 25. ambivert

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