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Session 1: Word List

deduct

v. to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance

synonym: take away, draw away, diminish

(1) **deduct** from quality of life, (2) **deduct** from his fame
His terrible manners **deduct** from his good character.

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**.

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.

reconsider

v. to think about a decision or opinion again to

synonym: rethink, review, revisit

(1) **reconsider** the determination, (2) **reconsider** my

transfer

He humbly **reconsidered** his conduct.

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

miscalculation

n. a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result

synonym: error, mistake, oversight

(1) **miscalculation** of expenses, (2) **miscalculation** of time

His **miscalculation** in the stock market cost him a significant amount of money.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. rec_____er my transfer | v. | to think about a decision or opinion again to |
| 2. r_v up the crowd | 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 |
| 3. und_____ate an enemy | v. | to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is |
| 4. de_____t from quality of life | v. | to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance |
| 5. 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 |
| 6. de_____t from his fame | v. | to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance |
| 7. und_____ate the probability | v. | to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is |
| 8. chemical tr__t | n. | a particular feature of your nature |
| 9. mis_____ion of expenses | n. | a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result |
| 10. rec_____er the determination | v. | to think about a decision or opinion again to |

ANSWERS: 1. reconsider, 2. rev, 3. underestimate, 4. detract, 5. rev, 6. detract, 7. underestimate, 8. trait, 9. miscalculation, 10. reconsider

11. personality tr__ts

n. a particular feature of your nature

12. mis_____ion of time

n. a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result

ANSWERS: 11. trait, 12. miscalculation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.
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

2. His _____ in the stock market cost him a significant amount of money.
n. a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result

3. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
n. a particular feature of your nature

4. He humbly _____ his conduct.
v. to think about a decision or opinion again to

5. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.
v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

6. His terrible manners _____ from his good character.
v. to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance

ANSWERS: 1. rev, 2. miscalculation, 3. traits, 4. reconsidered, 5. underestimated, 6. detract