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Session 1: Word List

backstage

adj. relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life

synonym : behind-the-scenes, offstage, private

(1) **backstage** access, (2) **backstage** crew

The **backstage** preparations for the concert took hours to complete.

cling

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

synonym : stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

matrilineal

adj. (the antonym of "patrilineal") tracing familial descent through the mother's side of the family, meaning that the family heritage and inheritance are passed down from mother to daughter rather than from father to son

synonym : maternal, motherly, matriarchal

(1) **matrilineal** inheritance, (2) **matrilineal** descent

In **matrilineal** societies, lineages are traced through the mother's side of the family.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

hurdle

n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

synonym: obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome **hurdles**, (2) **hurdle** race

The company faced several **hurdles** in the development of its new product.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

assertive

adj. characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner

synonym: confident, self-assured, decisive

(1) **assertive** behavior, (2) an **assertive** approach

She was **assertive** and confident in her negotiation tactics during the business meeting.

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.

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.

doe *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare
(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**
Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

pimp *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
synonym : pandar, procurer, hustler
(1) **pimp** lifestyle, (2) **pimp** culture
The lazy **pimp** controlled and exploited the women working for him.

quo *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
synonym : status, condition, state
(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto
The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

Latina *n.* a female person of Latin American origin or descent; a term used to refer to women from Latin American countries or with Latin American heritage
synonym : Hispanic woman
(1) **Latina** community, (2) **Latina** actress
She is the first **Latina** senator in the country's history.

stagnate *v.* to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a lack of circulation or movement
synonym : stall, halt, idle
(1) **stagnate** economy, (2) **stagnate** due to problems
If you don't exercise regularly, your fitness levels may **stagnate**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. negative ste_____pes | <i>n.</i> a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense |
| 2. hu___e race | <i>n.</i> a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome |
| 3. personality tr__ts | <i>n.</i> a particular feature of your nature |
| 4. d_e rabbit | <i>n.</i> a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit |
| 5. cl__g tightly to the skin | <i>v.</i> to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something |
| 6. mat_____al inheritance | <i>adj.</i> (the antonym of "patrilineal") tracing familial descent through the mother's side of the family, meaning that the family heritage and inheritance are passed down from mother to daughter rather than from father to son |
| 7. re_____te in the same frequency | <i>v.</i> to be filled with a deep echoing sound |
| 8. as_____ve behavior | <i>adj.</i> characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner |

ANSWERS: 1. stereotype, 2. hurdle, 3. trait, 4. doe, 5. cling, 6. matrilineal, 7. resonate, 8. assertive

9. st____te economy *v.* to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a lack of circulation or movement
10. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
11. cl__g onto power *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
12. p__p lifestyle *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
13. an as_____ve approach *adj.* characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner
14. st____te due to problems *v.* to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a lack of circulation or movement
15. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
16. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
17. overcome hu___es *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

ANSWERS: 9. stagnate, 10. quo, 11. cling, 12. pimp, 13. assertive, 14. stagnate, 15. stereotype, 16. trait, 17. hurdle

18. mat_____al descent *adj.* (the antonym of "patrilineal") tracing familial descent through the mother's side of the family, meaning that the family heritage and inheritance are passed down from mother to daughter rather than from father to son
19. La___a actress *n.* a female person of Latin American origin or descent; a term used to refer to women from Latin American countries or with Latin American heritage
20. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
21. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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23. ba_____ge access *adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life
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25. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 18. matrilineal, 19. Latina, 20. resonate, 21. opportune, 22. Latina, 23. backstage, 24. opportune, 25. doe

26. p__p culture *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
27. ba_____ge crew *adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life
28. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

ANSWERS: 26. pimp, 27. backstage, 28. quo

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 1. assertive, 2. stagnate, 3. resonates, 4. opportune, 5. doe, 6. Latina, 7. stereotypes

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ANSWERS: 8. traits, 9. quo, 10. clings, 11. hurdles, 12. matrilineal, 13. backstage, 14. pimp