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Session 1: Word List

altruistic

adj. showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people

synonym : altruistic, philanthropic, generous

(1) **altruistic** behavior, (2) **altruistic** instincts in social animals

The company tried to build an **altruistic** image.

anecdote

n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

synonym : story, account, tale

(1) personal **anecdote**, (2) funny **anecdote**

She entertained the guests with **anecdotes** about her travels and experiences.

crib

n. a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers

synonym : bed, bassinet, cradle

(1) **crib** bed, (2) baby **crib**

She put the baby in the portable **crib** for a nap.

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**.

homophily

n. the tendency of individuals to associate or bond with others who are similar to them in terms of traits, characteristics, interests, social status, or other factors

synonym : similarity, affinity, like-mindedness

(1) **homophily** bias, (2) religious **homophily**

Organizations should know the potential for **homophily** in hiring and team-building processes.

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.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym : legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

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.

cede

v. to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

synonym : surrender, relinquish, yield

(1) **cede** power, (2) **cede** custody of the kids

The landowner agreed to **cede** part of his property to the government for the public good.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

offline

adj. not connected to the internet

synonym: disconnected, not connected, unplugged

(1) **offline** course, (2) **offline** mode

The computer is **offline** and cannot be accessed at the moment.

encrypt

v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

synonym: encode, cipher, scramble

(1) **encrypt** data, (2) **encrypt** message

To protect their sensitive information, many businesses **encrypt** their files.

worthless

adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

synonym: valueless, useless, pointless

(1) **worthless** stock, (2) **worthless** coin

The product was found to be **worthless** as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

infer

v. to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts

synonym: guess, deduce, assume

(1) **infer** quality from price, (2) **infer** the possibility

Animal desire and preference are always **inferred** from their behavior.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

Session 2: Spelling

1. c__e power v. to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
2. wo_____ss stock *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
3. alt_____ic instincts in social animals *adj.* showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people
4. of_____e mode *adj.* not connected to the internet
5. em_____r the secretary to do the same v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
6. 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
7. en_____t message v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
8. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
9. of_____e course *adj.* not connected to the internet

ANSWERS: 1. cede, 2. worthless, 3. altruistic, 4. offline, 5. empower, 6. rev, 7. encrypt, 8. improvisation, 9. offline

10. baby c__b *n.* a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers
11. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
12. alt____ic behavior *adj.* showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people
13. human in____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
14. personal an____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
15. imp______ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
16. religious ho____ly *n.* the tendency of individuals to associate or bond with others who are similar to them in terms of traits, characteristics, interests, social status, or other factors
17. 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
18. wo____ss coin *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
19. enrich my in____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
20. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature

ANSWERS: 10. crib, 11. trait, 12. altruistic, 13. intellect, 14. anecdote, 15. improvisation, 16. homophily, 17. rev, 18. worthless, 19. intellect, 20. trait

21. en____t data *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
22. ho_____ly bias *n.* the tendency of individuals to associate or bond with others who are similar to them in terms of traits, characteristics, interests, social status, or other factors
23. en__t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
24. c__e custody of the kids *v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
25. c__b bed *n.* a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers
26. in__r quality from price *v.* to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts
27. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
28. en__t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
29. in__r the possibility *v.* to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts
30. funny an_____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

ANSWERS: 21. encrypt, 22. homophily, 23. enact, 24. cede, 25. crib, 26. infer, 27. empower, 28. enact, 29. infer, 30. anecdote

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
2. The computer is _____ and cannot be accessed at the moment.
adj. not connected to the internet
3. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
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n. a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers
5. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
n. a particular feature of your nature
6. The landowner agreed to _____ part of his property to the government for the public good.
v. to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
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ANSWERS: 1. empowered, 2. offline, 3. improvisation, 4. crib, 5. traits, 6. cede, 7. encrypt

8. The company tried to build an _____ image.
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10. Animal desire and preference are always _____ from their behavior.
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11. She entertained the guests with _____ about her travels and experiences.
n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
12. The government _____ this law in 1925.
v. to make a law; to put something into practice
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n. the tendency of individuals to associate or bond with others who are similar to them in terms of traits, characteristics, interests, social status, or other factors
15. The product was found to be _____ as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.
adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

ANSWERS: 8. altruistic, 9. intellect, 10. inferred, 11. anecdotes, 12. enacted, 13. rev, 14. homophily, 15. worthless

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