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Session 1: Word List

obnoxious

adj. extremely unpleasant or offensive; annoying or irritating to the point of causing discomfort or harm

synonym : offensive, unpleasant, irritating

(1) **obnoxious** habits, (2) **obnoxious** odor

His **obnoxious** behavior at the party made everyone uncomfortable.

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.

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.

clumsy

adj. lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome

synonym : awkward, ungainly, inept

(1) **clumsy** at sports, (2) **clumsy** attempt

The **clumsy** waiter accidentally spilled a tray of drinks on a customer.

outweigh

v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

synonym: dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes

The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

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**.

MRI

n. (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body

(1) **MRI** brain image, (2) cardiac **MRI**

The **MRI** machine uses powerful magnets to produce detailed images of the inside of the body.

cognition

n. the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

synonym: awareness, understanding, comprehension

(1) social **cognition**, (2) **cognition** disorder

The professor focused on the research of infant **cognition**.

moreover

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what

has been said before

synonym: furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

ventral

adj. relating to or situated on or toward the belly or underside of an animal or organ; opposite of dorsal

synonym: abdominal, ventricose, stomachal

(1) **ventral** fin, (2) **ventral** hernia

The **ventral** side of the fish was beautifully colored.

prefrontal

adj. in or about the foremost part of the frontal lobe of the brain

(1) **prefrontal** bone, (2) **prefrontal** region

Research shows that damage to the **prefrontal** cortex leads to increased aggression.

sulcus

n. a furrow, groove, or depression, particularly one found in the surface or structure of an anatomical part, such as the brain or bone

synonym: groove, furrow, depression

(1) **sulcus** groove, (2) cortical **sulcus**

The hiker tripped and fell into a deep **sulcus** on the trail, spraining his ankle.

correlate

v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

synonym: associate, liken, connect

(1) **correlate** closely with the quality, (2) **correlate** to the size

We may frequently **correlate** age with the frequency of disease.

rarity

n. the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual

synonym: rareness, infrequency, uncommonness

(1) the **rarity** of the event, (2) book of great **rarity**

Due to their **rarity**, diamonds are expensive.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ou____gh the benefit | <i>v.</i> to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something |
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ANSWERS: 1. outweigh, 2. infer, 3. infer, 4. rarity, 5. cognition, 6. cognition, 7. correlate, 8. obnoxious, 9. prefrontal

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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