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Session 1: Word List

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

Renaissance

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym: rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

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**.

decile

n. a value on a scale of 1 to 10 that divides a group of data into ten equal parts, typically used in statistical analysis or ranking individuals or groups based on their relative position within a distribution

synonym: percentile, rank, grouping

(1) middle **decile**, (2) **decile** distribution

Students in the top **decile** of their class are considered the highest achievers.

chairperson

n. the officer who presides over organization meetings

synonym: director, head, leader

(1) vice **chairperson**, (2) the meeting elected a **chairperson**

The **chairperson** has the authority to approve or deny any request.

nephew

n. a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**

My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

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.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym: invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

Session 2: Spelling

1. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
2. nieces and ne___ws *n.* a son of your brother or sister
3. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
4. middle de___e *n.* a value on a scale of 1 to 10 that divides a group of data into ten equal parts, typically used in statistical analysis or ranking individuals or groups based on their relative position within a distribution
5. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
6. de___e distribution *n.* a value on a scale of 1 to 10 that divides a group of data into ten equal parts, typically used in statistical analysis or ranking individuals or groups based on their relative position within a distribution
7. vice cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
8. an_____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
9. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 1. resilient, 2. nephew, 3. industrious, 4. decile, 5. industrious, 6. decile, 7. chairperson, 8. animate, 9. numb

10. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
11. the meeting elected a cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
12. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
13. an_____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
14. three-year-old ne____w *n.* a son of your brother or sister
15. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
16. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
17. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
18. artistic ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

ANSWERS: 10. Renaissance, 11. chairperson, 12. improvisation, 13. animate, 14. nephew, 15. numb, 16. resilient, 17. improvisation, 18. Renaissance

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.
v. to make something full of interest and energy
2. Folk music is now experiencing a _____.
n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
3. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
4. My _____ is eight months old and still being breastfed.
n. a son of your brother or sister
5. Students in the top _____ of their class are considered the highest achievers.
n. a value on a scale of 1 to 10 that divides a group of data into ten equal parts, typically used in statistical analysis or ranking individuals or groups based on their relative position within a distribution
6. The _____ has the authority to approve or deny any request.
n. the officer who presides over organization meetings
7. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. animated, 2. renaissance, 3. resilient, 4. nephew, 5. decile, 6. chairperson, 7. industrious, 8. improvisation

9. My left arm became _____.

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 9. numb