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Session 1: Word List

discern

v. to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious

synonym: determine, distinguish, sense

(1) **discern** the big picture, (2) **discern** friend from foe

Parents need to help their children **discern** right and wrong.

hemispatial

n. of or relating to one side of observed space, especially one side of the brain

(1) patients with left-sided **hemispatial** neglect, (2) the effect on **hemispatial** neglect

Patients could get **hemispatial** neglect syndrome after a stroke.

theologian

n. an expert or student who studies theology

synonym: clergyperson, philosopher, scholar

(1) Swedish **theologian**, (2) great **theologians**

Death gets more than its share of attention from **theologians**.

imperfectly

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

synonym: amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

oversimplify

v. to describe or explain something in a way that is too simple and no longer holds true

(1) **oversimplify** the problem, (2) **oversimplify** a complex reality

People may **oversimplify** natural phenomena due to the improved accessibility of knowledge.

neuron

n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

synonym: nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

pinpoint

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

synonym: name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation

This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

vegetative

adj. composed of or relating to the division of nature comprising the plant; alive but losing brain functioning and having only involuntary bodily functioning

synonym: herbal, monotonous

(1) a dull **vegetative** lifestyle, (2) the **vegetative** world

He was in what was described as a **vegetative** state.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a dull veg_____ve lifestyle | <i>adj.</i> composed of or relating to the division of nature comprising the plant; alive but losing brain functioning and having only involuntary bodily functioning |
| 2. patients with left-sided hem_____al neglect | <i>n.</i> of or relating to one side of observed space, especially one side of the brain |
| 3. great the_____ans | <i>n.</i> an expert or student who studies theology |
| 4. ove_____ify a complex reality | <i>v.</i> to describe or explain something in a way that is too simple and no longer holds true |
| 5. imp_____ly developed | <i>adv.</i> in a faulty or incomplete way |
| 6. ove_____ify the problem | <i>v.</i> to describe or explain something in a way that is too simple and no longer holds true |
| 7. imp_____ly known disease | <i>adv.</i> in a faulty or incomplete way |
| 8. Swedish the_____an | <i>n.</i> an expert or student who studies theology |
| 9. di_____n the big picture | <i>v.</i> to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious |
| 10. the effect on hem_____al neglect | <i>n.</i> of or relating to one side of observed space, especially one side of the brain |
| 11. pi_____nt the problem | <i>v.</i> to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something |
| 12. pi_____nt signs of manipulation | <i>v.</i> to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something |

ANSWERS: 1. vegetative, 2. hemispatial, 3. theologian, 4. oversimplify, 5. imperfectly, 6. oversimplify, 7. imperfectly, 8. theologian, 9. discern, 10. hemispatial, 11. pinpoint, 12. pinpoint

13. di____n friend from foe *v.* to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious
14. ne___n cell body *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
15. the veg_____ve world *adj.* composed of or relating to the division of nature comprising the plant; alive but losing brain functioning and having only involuntary bodily functioning
16. excite the ne___ns *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

ANSWERS: 13. discern, 14. neuron, 15. vegetative, 16. neuron

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was in what was described as a _____ state.

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