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Session 1: Word List

nociceptor

n. a sensory nerve ending that is capable of detecting harmful stimuli, such as heat, cold, pressure, or tissue damage, and transmitting this information to the brain

(1) thermal **nociceptor**, (2) **nociceptor** fiber

The **nociceptors** in the skin are activated by heat, cold, and pressure.

recoil

v. to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain
synonym: flinch, shy, shrink

(1) **recoil** in horror, (2) **recoil** from a snake

The gun **recoiled** with a loud bang.

scald

v. to burn or painfully affect with hot liquid or steam
synonym: burn, scold, sear

(1) **scald** the milk, (2) **scald** my tongue

Be careful not to **scald** yourself with the hot water.

mammal

n. any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

(1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**

Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to

ocean pollution.

writhe

v. to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle

synonym: contort, twist, convulse

(1) **writhe** in agony, (2) **writhe** with pleasure

The snake **writhe**d and twisted as it tried to escape the trap.

moan

v. to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something

synonym: groan, sigh, lament

(1) **moan** the current situation, (2) **moan** with pleasure

She **moaned** in pain as the doctor examined her injury.

yelp

n. a sharp, high-pitched bark or cry, typically made by a dog or fox

synonym: bark, cry, howl

(1) **yelp** in pain, (2) **yelp** of excitement

The dog let out a sharp **yelp** when he stepped on its tail.

dilate

v. to make something wider, larger, or more open

synonym: widen, open, enlarge

(1) **dilate** the bronchial tubes, (2) **dilate** blood vessel

The pupils of the eyes **dilate** in low light.

perspiration

n. the act or process of sweating; the sweat exuded from the sweat glands

synonym: sweat, moisture, dampness

(1) **perspiration** stain, (2) excessive **perspiration**

The intense workout left him drenched in **perspiration**.

insensitive

adj. not showing or feeling concern for the needs and feelings of others

synonym: unfeeling, unaware, indifferent

(1) an **insensitive** heart, (2) **insensitive** behavior

His **insensitive** comments made her feel hurt and

unimportant.

anhidrosis

n. the inability to sweat, a condition that can occur as a side effect of certain medications or as a symptom of an underlying medical condition

synonym: dryness, lack of sweating

(1) **anhidrosis** treatment, (2) **anhidrosis** disorder

The patient was diagnosed with **anhidrosis**, which made it difficult for him to regulate his body temperature.

scrape

v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

synonym: scratch, graze, rub

(1) **scrape** meat off a bone, (2) **scrape** a hole in the ground

He **scraped** the mud off his boots before entering the house.

bruise

n. a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin

synonym: contusion, injury, wound

(1) livid **bruise**, (2) earlier emotional **bruise**

She had a **bruise** on her arm from where she fell on the playground.

throb

v. to beat with a strong, regular rhythm, as a pulse or a heart

synonym: pulse, beat, pound

(1) **throb** at the thought of the accident, (2) **throb** with excitement

The wound continued to **throb** with pain, despite the medication.

cingulate

n. a part of the brain situated in the medial aspect of the cerebral cortex that is an integral part of the limbic system, which is involved with emotion formation and processing, learning, and memory

(1) a posterior **cingulate**, (2) ventral **cingulate** cortex

Researchers found marked differences in the anterior

cingulate of the brain between species.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

fetus

n. an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal

(1) development of the **fetus**, (2) an aborted **fetus**

The female vagina is elastic enough to allow the passage of a **fetus**.

trimester

n. approximately three months, especially one of the three three-month periods into which human pregnancy is traditionally divided; one of three divisions of an academic year

synonym: quarter, three months, 13 weeks

(1) second **trimester** ends, (2) **trimester** system

The first **trimester** of pregnancy is the most crucial for the development of the fetus.

circumcise

v. to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual

synonym: cut, remove, excise

(1) **circumcise** a newborn, (2) **circumcise** a child

It is common in some cultures to **circumcise** infant boys as a rite of passage.

anesthesia

n. a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes

(1) **anesthesia** for surgery, (2) local **anesthesia**

He is in general **anesthesia** under the surgeon.

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

amputee

n. a person who has had an arm or a leg cut off

(1) quadruple **amputee**, (2) **amputee** runner

Amputees often experience an illusion of a phantom limb.

phantom

n. a ghost or a spirit of a dead person; something existing only in your imagination or perception

synonym: ghost, spirit, apparition

(1) a **phantom** company, (2) **phantom** limb pain

The police frantically searched for clues to the **phantom** killer.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ane_____ia for surgery | <i>n.</i> a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes |
| 2. sc___e meat off a bone | <i>v.</i> to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter |
| 3. a sort of ma___l | <i>n.</i> any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body |
| 4. quadruple am_____e | <i>n.</i> a person who has had an arm or a leg cut off |
| 5. full of em_____y | <i>n.</i> the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation |
| 6. livid br___e | <i>n.</i> a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin |
| 7. sc__d the milk | <i>v.</i> to burn or painfully affect with hot liquid or steam |
| 8. a ph_____m company | <i>n.</i> a ghost or a spirit of a dead person; something existing only in your imagination or perception |
| 9. va_____te every year | <i>v.</i> to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease |
| 10. sc__d my tongue | <i>v.</i> to burn or painfully affect with hot liquid or steam |

ANSWERS: 1. anesthesia, 2. scrape, 3. mammal, 4. amputee, 5. empathy, 6. bruise, 7. scald, 8. phantom, 9. vaccinate, 10. scald

11. cir_____se a child *v.* to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual
12. anh_____is disorder *n.* the inability to sweat, a condition that can occur as a side effect of certain medications or as a symptom of an underlying medical condition
13. a posterior ci_____te *n.* a part of the brain situated in the medial aspect of the cerebral cortex that is an integral part of the limbic system, which is involved with emotion formation and processing, learning, and memory
14. local ane_____ia *n.* a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes
15. anh_____is treatment *n.* the inability to sweat, a condition that can occur as a side effect of certain medications or as a symptom of an underlying medical condition
16. second tr_____er ends *n.* approximately three months, especially one of the three three-month periods into which human pregnancy is traditionally divided; one of three divisions of an academic year
17. earlier emotional br____e *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
18. ins_____ve behavior *adj.* not showing or feeling concern for the needs and feelings of others
19. per_____ion stain *n.* the act or process of sweating; the sweat exuded from the sweat glands

ANSWERS: 11. circumcise, 12. anhidrosis, 13. cingulate, 14. anesthesia, 15. anhidrosis, 16. trimester, 17. bruise, 18. insensitive, 19. perspiration

20. wr___e with pleasure *v.* to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle
21. development of the fe__s *n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
22. thermal noc____or *n.* a sensory nerve ending that is capable of detecting harmful stimuli, such as heat, cold, pressure, or tissue damage, and transmitting this information to the brain
23. an aborted fe__s *n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
24. y__p of excitement *n.* a sharp, high-pitched bark or cry, typically made by a dog or fox
25. ph____m limb pain *n.* a ghost or a spirit of a dead person; something existing only in your imagination or perception
26. m__n the current situation *v.* to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something
27. am____e runner *n.* a person who has had an arm or a leg cut off
28. noc____or fiber *n.* a sensory nerve ending that is capable of detecting harmful stimuli, such as heat, cold, pressure, or tissue damage, and transmitting this information to the brain

ANSWERS: 20. writhe, 21. fetus, 22. nociceptor, 23. fetus, 24. yelp, 25. phantom, 26. moan, 27. amputee, 28. nociceptor

29. y__p in pain *n.* a sharp, high-pitched bark or cry, typically made by a dog or fox
30. m__n with pleasure *v.* to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something
31. di___e blood vessel *v.* to make something wider, larger, or more open
32. wr___e in agony *v.* to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle
33. th__b at the thought of the accident *v.* to beat with a strong, regular rhythm, as a pulse or a heart
34. cir_____se a newborn *v.* to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual
35. th__b with excitement *v.* to beat with a strong, regular rhythm, as a pulse or a heart
36. re___l in horror *v.* to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain
37. re___l from a snake *v.* to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain
38. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
39. di___e the bronchial tubes *v.* to make something wider, larger, or more open
40. excessive per_____ion *n.* the act or process of sweating; the sweat exuded from the sweat glands
41. ventral ci_____te cortex *n.* a part of the brain situated in the medial aspect of the cerebral cortex that is an integral part of the limbic system, which is involved with emotion formation and processing, learning, and memory

ANSWERS: 29. yelp, 30. moan, 31. dilate, 32. writhe, 33. throb, 34. circumcise, 35. throb, 36. recoil, 37. recoil, 38. empathy, 39. dilate, 40. perspiration, 41. cingulate

42. an ins_____ve heart

adj. not showing or feeling concern for the needs and feelings of others

43. a primitive ma___l

n. any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

44. va_____te against scarlet fever

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

45. tr_____er system

n. approximately three months, especially one of the three three-month periods into which human pregnancy is traditionally divided; one of three divisions of an academic year

46. sc___e a hole in the ground

v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

ANSWERS: 42. insensitive, 43. mammal, 44. vaccinate, 45. trimester, 46. scrape

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The gun _____ with a loud bang.
 - v. to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain

2. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
 - n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

3. The intense workout left him drenched in _____.
 - n. the act or process of sweating; the sweat exuded from the sweat glands

4. She _____ in pain as the doctor examined her injury.
 - v. to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something

5. The snake _____ and twisted as it tried to escape the trap.
 - v. to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle

6. He _____ the mud off his boots before entering the house.
 - v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

7. The wound continued to _____ with pain, despite the medication.
 - v. to beat with a strong, regular rhythm, as a pulse or a heart

8. The _____ in the skin are activated by heat, cold, and pressure.
 - n. a sensory nerve ending that is capable of detecting harmful stimuli, such as heat, cold, pressure, or tissue damage, and transmitting this information to the brain

ANSWERS: 1. recoiled, 2. Empathy, 3. perspiration, 4. moaned, 5. writhed, 6. scraped, 7. throb, 8. nociceptors

9. Marine _____ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.
n. any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
10. The police frantically searched for clues to the _____ killer.
n. a ghost or a spirit of a dead person; something existing only in your imagination or perception
11. He is in general _____ under the surgeon.
n. a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes
12. Be careful not to _____ yourself with the hot water.
v. to burn or painfully affect with hot liquid or steam
13. His _____ comments made her feel hurt and unimportant.
adj. not showing or feeling concern for the needs and feelings of others
14. She had a _____ on her arm from where she fell on the playground.
n. a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
15. Researchers found marked differences in the anterior _____ of the brain between species.
n. a part of the brain situated in the medial aspect of the cerebral cortex that is an integral part of the limbic system, which is involved with emotion formation and processing, learning, and memory
16. _____ often experience an illusion of a phantom limb.
n. a person who has had an arm or a leg cut off

ANSWERS: 9. mammal, 10. phantom, 11. anesthesia, 12. scald, 13. insensitive, 14. bruise, 15. cingulate, 16. Amputees

17. It is common in some cultures to _____ infant boys as a rite of passage.
- v.* to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual
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- n.* approximately three months, especially one of the three three-month periods into which human pregnancy is traditionally divided; one of three divisions of an academic year
19. The pupils of the eyes _____ in low light.
- v.* to make something wider, larger, or more open
20. The female vagina is elastic enough to allow the passage of a _____.
- n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
21. The patient was diagnosed with _____ which made it difficult for him to regulate his body temperature.
- n.* the inability to sweat, a condition that can occur as a side effect of certain medications or as a symptom of an underlying medical condition
22. The nurse _____ the children in the school.
- v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
23. The dog let out a sharp _____ when he stepped on its tail.
- n.* a sharp, high-pitched bark or cry, typically made by a dog or fox

ANSWERS: 17. circumcise, 18. trimester, 19. dilate, 20. fetus, 21. anhidrosis, 22. vaccinated, 23. yelp