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Session 1: Word List

schizophrenia

n. a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

synonym: psychosis, disorder, mental illness

(1) **schizophrenia** spectrum disorder, (2) **schizophrenia** treatment

The **schizophrenia** patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

nebulous

adj. hazy, vague, or ill-defined; of or relating to or resembling a nebula (= an immense cloud of gas and dust in interstellar space)

synonym: vague, cloudy, hazy

(1) **nebulous** concept, (2) **nebulous** material

The plan was **nebulous** and needed more specific details.

porous

adj. having many small holes and being able to absorb or pass through fluids

synonym: permeable, spongy, absorbent

(1) **porous** materials, (2) **porous** membrane

Our unfenced and largely unpoliced border inevitably has

been very **porous** for insurgents.

insightful

adj. having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject

synonym: perceptive, astute, perspicacious

(1) acutely **insightful**, (2) **insightful** analysis

His **insightful** comments added a new perspective to the discussion.

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**.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

slippery

adj. difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted

synonym: smooth, glistening, furtive

(1) a **slippery** customer, (2) **slippery** ice

How extraordinarily **slippery** a liar the camera is.

reappear

v. to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time

synonym: come again, repeat, re-emerge

(1) **reappear** on the surface, (2) **reappear** throughout this book

Cancer has **reappeared** at the same site.

unchanging

adj. not changing or subject to change; constant

synonym: constant, stable, static

(1) **unchanging** laws, (2) rigidly **unchanging**

The **unchanging** nature of the mountain range was a source of constant wonder for the hikers.

sacrosanct

adj. considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence

synonym : sacred, inviolable, holy

(1) **sacrosanct** tradition, (2) **sacrosanct** belief

The tradition of the annual family reunion is **sacrosanct** and must be upheld.

episodic

adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; of or relating to writing or narration

synonym : intermittent, recurrent, sporadic

(1) **episodic** story, (2) **episodic** event

The patient's memory loss is **episodic**, with periods of normal memory followed by episodes of amnesia.

impair

v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse

synonym : degrade, mar, deface

(1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity

The accident made his vision **impaired**.

scramble

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

synonym : jumble, disarrange

(1) **scramble** my mind, (2) **scramble** for support

Local business owners **scrambled** to find skilled workers.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

horrific

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
synonym : terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

caregiving

n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

synonym : nurturing, caring, assisting

(1) **caregiving** process, (2) **caregiving** responsibilities

She devoted her life to **caregiving**, looking after her aging parents.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

neuropsychology

n. the branch of psychology that deals with the relationships between brain function and behavior

(1) **neuropsychology** research, (2) **neuropsychology** field

The study of **neuropsychology** is essential in understanding the relationship between the brain and behavior.

xenomelia

n. the condition of feeling that one's limbs or body parts do not belong to oneself

synonym : body integrity identity disorder, alien limb syndrome

(1) **xenomelia** condition, (2) **xenomelia** disorder

His **xenomelia**, the desire to amputate his healthy limb, had troubled him for years.

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.

amputation

n. the act of cutting off a part of the body surgically
(1) **amputation** of leg, (2) hand **amputation**
Amputation of the limb is a last resort for the patient.

extremity

n. the farthest or most remote point or the greatest or the highest degree
synonym: end, tip, limit
(1) **extremity** injury, (2) **extremity** amputation
He broke his arm at the **extremity** of the bone.

incarnation

n. the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something
synonym: embodiment, personification, avatar
(1) former **incarnation**, (2) **incarnation** of stupidity
The novel is an **incarnation** of the author's experiences and imagination.

incarnate

adj. in bodily form; embodied
synonym: embodied, personified, manifested
(1) **incarnate** spirit, (2) a devil **incarnate**
The ancient people worshiped the **incarnate** deity.

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.

misfire

v. to fail to ignite or explode as intended
synonym: fail, miscarry
(1) **misfire** weapon, (2) **misfire** engine
The engine **misfired** and caused the car to stall.

amputate

v. to cut off a part of the body, especially by surgery
synonym: cut off, cut away

(1) **amputate** both legs, (2) **amputate** below the knee
Finally, they had to **amputate** his foot to free him from the wrecked car.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity
The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

undeniable

adj. not possible to deny; true or certain

synonym: absolute, definite, indubitable

(1) an **undeniable** fact, (2) an **undeniable** masterpiece
Her influence on teenagers is **undeniable**.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential
The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

modulate

v. to change the key, style, loudness, etc., of something in music to create a particular effect; to fix or adjust the time, amount, degree, or rate of something

synonym: regulate, inflect, adjust

(1) **modulate** the function, (2) **modulate** from one key to another

These chemicals **modulate** the effect of metabolism.

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym: wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

monk

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym: friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

nun

n. a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

synonym: sister, religious, monastic

(1) **nun** habit, (2) meditating **nun**

The cloistered **nun** devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. li____te potential | <i>v.</i> to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression |
| 2. ep____ic event | <i>adj.</i> happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; of or relating to writing or narration |
| 3. m__k lifestyle | <i>n.</i> a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience |
| 4. cast fri_____ng eyes | <i>adj.</i> causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming |
| 5. re____ar throughout this book | <i>v.</i> to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time |
| 6. ho____ic experience | <i>adj.</i> causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying |
| 7. ne____us material | <i>adj.</i> hazy, vague, or ill-defined; of or relating to or resembling a nebula (= an immense cloud of gas and dust in interstellar space) |
| 8. acutely ins_____ul | <i>adj.</i> having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject |
| 9. sch_____nia spectrum disorder | <i>n.</i> a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior |

ANSWERS: 1. liberate, 2. episodic, 3. monk, 4. frightening, 5. reappear, 6. horrific, 7. nebulous, 8. insightful, 9. schizophrenia

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| 10. em___y my goal | v. | to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea |
| 11. sc_____le my mind | v. | to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you |
| 12. im___r my health | v. | to damage something or make it weaker or worse |
| 13. em___y a spirit of charity | v. | to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea |
| 14. a ph_____m company | n. | a ghost or a spirit of a dead person; something existing only in your imagination or perception |
| 15. ep_____ic story | adj. | happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; of or relating to writing or narration |
| 16. im___r insulin sensitivity | v. | to damage something or make it weaker or worse |
| 17. ex_____ty amputation | n. | the farthest or most remote point or the greatest or the highest degree |
| 18. ho_____ic condition | adj. | causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying |
| 19. hand amp_____on | n. | the act of cutting off a part of the body surgically |
| 20. a ma___l of beauty | n. | someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise |
| 21. a sl_____ry customer | adj. | difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted |

ANSWERS: 10. embody, 11. scramble, 12. impair, 13. embody, 14. phantom, 15. episodic, 16. impair, 17. extremity, 18. horrific, 19. amputation, 20. marvel, 21. slippery

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| 22. an und_____le fact | <i>adj.</i> not possible to deny; true or certain |
| 23. rigidly unc_____ng | <i>adj.</i> not changing or subject to change; constant |
| 24. an_____e his soul | <i>v.</i> to make something full of interest and energy |
| 25. former inc_____on | <i>n.</i> the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something |
| 26. unc_____ng laws | <i>adj.</i> not changing or subject to change; constant |
| 27. sl_____ry ice | <i>adj.</i> difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted |
| 28. am_____te both legs | <i>v.</i> to cut off a part of the body, especially by surgery |
| 29. di_____t a well-ordered condition | <i>v.</i> to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance |
| 30. mo_____te the function | <i>v.</i> to change the key, style, loudness, etc., of something in music to create a particular effect; to fix or adjust the time, amount, degree, or rate of something |
| 31. fri_____ng experience | <i>adj.</i> causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming |
| 32. neu_____ogy field | <i>n.</i> the branch of psychology that deals with the relationships between brain function and behavior |

ANSWERS: 22. undeniable, 23. unchanging, 24. animate, 25. incarnation, 26. unchanging, 27. slippery, 28. amputate, 29. disrupt, 30. modulate, 31. frightening, 32. neuropsychology

33. technical ma___l *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
34. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
35. car_____ng process *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
36. an_____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
37. re_____ar on the surface *v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
38. ins_____ul analysis *adj.* having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject
39. a theoretical concept in neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
40. ne_____us concept *adj.* hazy, vague, or ill-defined; of or relating to or resembling a nebula (= an immense cloud of gas and dust in interstellar space)
41. mi_____e weapon *v.* to fail to ignite or explode as intended
42. an und_____le masterpiece *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
43. ex_____ty injury *n.* the farthest or most remote point or the greatest or the highest degree
44. cloistered m__k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

ANSWERS: 33. marvel, 34. liberate, 35. caregiving, 36. animate, 37. reappear, 38. insightful, 39. neuroscience, 40. nebulous, 41. misfire, 42. undeniable, 43. extremity, 44. monk

45. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
46. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
47. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
48. neu_____ogy research *n.* the branch of psychology that deals with the relationships between brain function and behavior
49. sac_____ct belief *adj.* considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence
50. inc_____on of stupidity *n.* the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something
51. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
52. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
53. mi_____e engine *v.* to fail to ignite or explode as intended
54. a devil in_____te *adj.* in bodily form; embodied
55. po___s membrane *adj.* having many small holes and being able to absorb or pass through fluids

ANSWERS: 45. empathy, 46. doe, 47. doe, 48. neuropsychology, 49. sacrosanct, 50. incarnation, 51. disrupt, 52. empathy, 53. misfire, 54. incarnate, 55. porous

56. sch_____nia treatment *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
57. xe_____ia disorder *n.* the condition of feeling that one's limbs or body parts do not belong to oneself
58. am_____te below the knee *v.* to cut off a part of the body, especially by surgery
59. sac_____ct tradition *adj.* considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence
60. the branch of neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
61. po____s materials *adj.* having many small holes and being able to absorb or pass through fluids
62. sc_____le for support *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
63. ph_____m limb pain *n.* a ghost or a spirit of a dead person; something existing only in your imagination or perception
64. great the_____ans *n.* an expert or student who studies theology
65. mo_____te from one key to another *v.* to change the key, style, loudness, etc., of something in music to create a particular effect; to fix or adjust the time, amount, degree, or rate of something
66. in_____te spirit *adj.* in bodily form; embodied

ANSWERS: 56. schizophrenia, 57. xenomelia, 58. amputate, 59. sacrosanct, 60. neuroscience, 61. porous, 62. scramble, 63. phantom, 64. theologian, 65. modulate, 66. incarnate

67. car_____ng responsibilities *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
68. xe_____ia condition *n.* the condition of feeling that one's limbs or body parts do not belong to oneself
69. meditating n_n *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
70. amp_____on of leg *n.* the act of cutting off a part of the body surgically
71. Swedish the_____an *n.* an expert or student who studies theology
72. n_n habit *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

ANSWERS: 67. caregiving, 68. xenomelia, 69. nun, 70. amputation, 71. theologian, 72. nun

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The tradition of the annual family reunion is _____ and must be upheld.
adj. considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence
2. She devoted her life to _____ looking after her aging parents.
n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
3. The _____ patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.
n. a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
4. Local business owners _____ to find skilled workers.
v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
5. How extraordinarily _____ a liar the camera is.
adj. difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted
6. The _____ nature of the mountain range was a source of constant wonder for the hikers.
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7. The patient's memory loss is _____ with periods of normal memory followed by episodes of amnesia.
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ANSWERS: 1. sacrosanct, 2. caregiving, 3. schizophrenia, 4. scrambled, 5. slippery, 6. unchanging, 7. episodic, 8. insightful

9. The cloistered ____ devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.
n. a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
10. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
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12. Cancer has _____ at the same site.
v. to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
13. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
14. The engine _____ and caused the car to stall.
v. to fail to ignite or explode as intended
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n. the act of cutting off a part of the body surgically
16. His _____ the desire to amputate his healthy limb, had troubled him for years.
n. the condition of feeling that one's limbs or body parts do not belong to oneself

ANSWERS: 9. nun, 10. doe, 11. modulate, 12. reappeared, 13. Empathy, 14. misfired, 15. Amputation, 16. xenomelia,

17. He broke his arm at the _____ of the bone.
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ANSWERS: 17. extremity, 18. disrupt, 19. phantom, 20. monk, 21. porous, 22. theologians, 23. impaired, 24. frightening

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- n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
32. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
- v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
33. The ancient people worshiped the _____ deity.
- adj.* in bodily form; embodied

ANSWERS: 25. marvel, 26. undeniable, 27. nebulous, 28. animated, 29. amputate, 30. embody, 31. neuroscience, 32. liberated, 33. incarnate

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- n.* the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something

ANSWERS: 34. neuropsychology, 35. horrific, 36. incarnation