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Session 1: Word List

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

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**.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym: course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

prune

n. a dried plum that has a black, wrinkled appearance;
(verb) to cut off branches from a tree, bush, or plant,

especially to encourage growth

synonym: (verb) trim, (verb) cut back

(1) **prune** a branch, (2) wrinkle like a **prune**

You should remove the seeds from the **prunes** before cooking.

coincide

v. to take place at or near the same time

synonym: overlap, coexist, concur

(1) partly **coincide**, (2) **coincide** with reality

These results **coincide** with our hypothesis.

myelin

n. a white fatty substance that covers around nerves, helping them to send signals effectively

synonym: medulla

(1) **myelin** encasing the axons, (2) **myelin** protein

Myelin sheath allows electrical impulses to travel quickly and efficiently along the nerve cells.

drastic

adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

synonym: extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. re____e my thoughts | <i>v.</i> to change the form or structure of something |
| 2. re____e education policy | <i>v.</i> to change the form or structure of something |
| 3. co____de with reality | <i>v.</i> to take place at or near the same time |
| 4. ob____s over her weight | <i>v.</i> to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else |
| 5. pr__e a branch | <i>n.</i> a dried plum that has a black, wrinkled appearance; (verb) to cut off branches from a tree, bush, or plant, especially to encourage growth |
| 6. he is ob____sed with the fear | <i>v.</i> to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else |
| 7. make dr____c revision | <i>adj.</i> radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact |
| 8. dr____c measures | <i>adj.</i> radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact |
| 9. my____n protein | <i>n.</i> a white fatty substance that covers around nerves, helping them to send signals effectively |
| 10. career tra____ry | <i>n.</i> the curved path followed by an object moving through space |
| 11. partly co____de | <i>v.</i> to take place at or near the same time |
| 12. a theoretical concept in
neu_____nce | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system |

ANSWERS: 1. reshape, 2. reshape, 3. coincide, 4. obsess, 5. prune, 6. obsess, 7. drastic, 8. drastic, 9. myelin, 10. trajectory, 11. coincide, 12. neuroscience

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| 13. my___n encasing the axons | <i>n.</i> a white fatty substance that covers around nerves, helping them to send signals effectively |
| 14. a tra_____ry missile | <i>n.</i> the curved path followed by an object moving through space |
| 15. wrinkle like a pr__e | <i>n.</i> a dried plum that has a black, wrinkled appearance; (verb) to cut off branches from a tree, bush, or plant, especially to encourage growth |
| 16. the branch of neu_____nce | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system |

ANSWERS: 13. myelin, 14. trajectory, 15. prune, 16. neuroscience

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral _____.
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n. a white fatty substance that covers around nerves, helping them to send signals effectively
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8. These results _____ with our hypothesis.
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