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Session 1: Word List

brainwave

 a sudden idea or inspiration; a moment of great insight or creativity

synonym: inspiration, brainstorm, revelation

(1) brainwave idea, (2) sudden brainwave

The engineer had a **brainwave** and redesigned the product to be more efficient.

neuroscience

- 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**.

baton

n. a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race

synonym: staff, stick, wand

(1) conducting baton, (2) twirl the baton

The police officer used his baton to disperse the crowd.

synchronize

- v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate synonym: coordinate, accompany, harmonize
- (1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

hertz

 the unit of frequency, equal to one cycle per second, often used to describe the frequency of electromagnetic waves or electronic signals

synonym: frequency, cycles per second

(1) audio **hertz**, (2) tera- **hertz** radiation

The human ear can detect sounds with frequencies ranging from 20 to 20,000 **hertz**.

dementia

n. a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

synonym: cognitive decline, memory loss, Alzheimer's disease

(1) **dementia** patients, (2) probably have **dementia**The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of **dementia** in older age.

entrain

 to synchronize, or bring into a line, with a particular process or rhythm; to board a train or other means of transportation

synonym: board, embark, load

(1) **entrain** at the station, (2) **entrain** the heart rate The rhythm of the music made me want to **entrain** my movements with the beats.

flickering

adj. shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way;fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame

synonym: shining, flashing, twinkling

flickering flames, (2) flickering hope
 The flickering candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the

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room.

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) discotheque party, (2) discotheque scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

prefrontal

adj. in or about the foremost part of the frontal lobe of the brain

(1) **prefrontal** bone, (2) **prefrontal** region

Research shows that damage to the **prefrontal** cortex leads to increased aggression.

hippocampus

- a major component of the brain of humans and other vertebrates that is part of the limbic system and is vital for memory
- (1) involvement of the **hippocampus**, (2) neurons in the **hippocampus**

The **hippocampus** is crucial for learning and memory storage.

flashy

 adj. attractive or impressive by being bright, expensive, large, etc.; (used especially of clothes) marked by conspicuous display

synonym: gaudy, ostentatious, dazzling

(1) flashy cars, (2) flashy graphics

I want to buy a reliable car rather than a **flashy** one.

amaze

- v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration synonym: astound, surprise, stagger
- (1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

buildup

- n. the accumulation or increase of something over timesynonym: accumulation, increase, growth
- (1) lactic acid **buildup**, (2) huge military **buildup**

The **buildup** of stress over time can lead to health problems.

amyloid

a type of protein that can accumulate abnormally in various tissues and organs in the body and is linked to various diseases, including Alzheimer's disease

synonym: protein deposit, plaque buildup

- (1) amyloid beta, (2) amyloid accumulation Alzheimer's disease is characterized by the buildup of amyloid plaques in the brain.
- n. the 19th letter of the Greek alphabet, transliterated as "t"; (of physics, tau particle) a fundamental particle known as the tau lepton that is an elementary particle with a negative electric charge and a spin of 1/2
- (1) tau particle, (2) the symbol of tau The **tau** protein has been found to play a role in the development of Alzheimer's disease and other neurological disorders.

tangle

- a confused mass of something twisted together synonym: knot, snarl, entanglement
- (1) in a tangle, (2) tangle wires

The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

hallmark

a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing

synonym: symbol, authentication, indication

(1) the hallmark of a good scientist, (2) the hallmark of modern life

A clear and simple expression is the **hallmark** of good writing.

synapse

- the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and of stopping using, making, or doing it
- (1) synapse circuit, (2) end at a synapse Animals transmit nerve impulses through **synapses**.

tau

ventricle

a chamber or cavity within an organ or structure,
 particularly the lower chamber of the heart that pumps
 blood to the lungs and other parts of the body

synonym: chamber, pumping heart muscle

(1) left **ventricle**, (2) **ventricle** in the brain

The heart's **ventricles** are responsible for pumping blood out to the body.

untreated

adj. not given medical care or treatment; not subjected to chemical or physical treatment

synonym: raw, unprocessed, coarse

(1) an **untreated** disease, (2) dispose of **untreated** formalin solution

Heat stroke is the result of **untreated** heat exhaustion.

microglia

 a type of cell in the central nervous system that acts as part of the immune system, defending against invading pathogens and supporting healthy brain function

synonym: brain cell, neuron, glial cell

(1) microglia cells, (2) microglia activation

Alzheimer's disease is associated with abnormal activation of **microglia**, contributing to brain inflammation and neuronal damage.

widen

v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

synonym: broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

improvisation

 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**.

cofounder

- one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
- (1) cofounder of the university, (2) late cofounderHe is the cofounder and chairman of this tech company.

atrophy

- a decrease in size of a muscle, organ, etc., caused by disease or disuse
- synonym: disintegration, degeneration, wasting away
- (1) weakness with **atrophy**, (2) **atrophy** of the muscles Daily exercise and adequate sleep are necessary to prevent the progression of **atrophy**.

determinant

 a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

falloff

 a decline or decrease in something, such as quantity or quality; a decrease in the intensity, brightness, or volume of something; (verb) to decrease in quantity, quality, or intensity; to slip or slide from a surface or support

synonym: decline, drop, decrease

(1) **falloff** in demand, (2) productivity **falloff**The **falloff** in sales was attributed to the new competitor in the market.

allude

- v. to suggest or make reference to something indirectly synonym: imply, indicate, hint
- (1) allude to his low origin, (2) allude to the planningHe alluded to the problem but did not mention it directly.

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**.

pathophysiology

- n. the study of the changes in normal bodily functions that occur as a result of disease or injury; the study of the functional changes that occur in an organism as a result of disease, injury, or abnormality
- synonym: medical pathology, disease mechanism, physiological disorder
- (1) explore the **pathophysiology**, (2) **pathophysiology** of heart disease

The study of **pathophysiology** examines the physiological processes that lead to disease.

opportune

- adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
- synonym: suitable, timely, practical
- (1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

Session 2: Spelling

the symbol of t_u

- 2. am___d beta
- 3. fl___y graphics
- 4. am d accumulation
- 5. fli ng flames
- 6. probably have de____ia
- 7. twirl the ba n

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- n. a type of protein that can accumulate abnormally in various tissues and organs in the body and is linked to various diseases, including Alzheimer's disease
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- adj. shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
- a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
- n. a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race

ANSWERS: 1. tau, 2. amyloid, 3. flashy, 4. amyloid, 5. flickering, 6. dementia, 7. baton

ANSWERS: 8. discotheque, 9. hertz, 10. neuroscience, 11. atrophy, 12. determinant, 13. discotheque, 14. ventricle, 15. microglia, 16. flickering

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16. fli____ng hope

17.	brve idea	n.	a sudden idea or inspiration; a moment of great insight or creativity
18.	sudden brve	n.	a sudden idea or inspiration; a moment of great insight or creativity
19.	deia patients	n.	a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
20.	conducting ban	n.	a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
21.	enn the heart rate	v.	to synchronize, or bring into a line, with a particular process or rhythm; to board a train or other means of transportation
22.	synze our watches	<i>v</i> .	to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
23.	in a tae	n.	a confused mass of something twisted together
24.	lactic acid bup	n.	the accumulation or increase of something over time
25.	weakness with aty	n.	a decrease in size of a muscle, organ, etc., caused by disease or disuse
26.	explore the patogy	n.	the study of the changes in normal bodily functions that occur as a result of disease or injury; the study of the functional changes that occur in an organism as a result of disease, injury, or abnormality

ANSWERS: 17. brainwave, 18. brainwave, 19. dementia, 20. baton, 21. entrain, 22. synchronize, 23. tangle, 24. buildup, 25. atrophy, 26. pathophysiology

27.	tae wires	n.	a confused mass of something twisted together
28.	involvement of the hipus	n.	a major component of the brain of humans and other vertebrates that is part of the limbic system and is vital for memory
29.	a detnt of crop yields	n.	a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
30.	late coer	n.	one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
31.	audio hez	n.	the unit of frequency, equal to one cycle per second, often used to describe the frequency of electromagnetic waves or electronic signals
32.	neurons in the hipus	n.	a major component of the brain of humans and other vertebrates that is part of the limbic system and is vital for memory
33.	end at a sye	n.	the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and of stopping using, making, or doing it
34.	synze movements	<i>v</i> .	to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
35.	impion on stage	n.	the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
36.	ale to his low origin	ν.	to suggest or make reference to something indirectly

ANSWERS: 27. tangle, 28. hippocampus, 29. determinant, 30. cofounder, 31. hertz, 32. hippocampus, 33. synapse, 34. synchronize, 35. improvisation, 36. allude

37.	a theoretical concept in neunce	n.	the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
38.	win a narrowed heart valve	v.	to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
39.	preal region	adj.	in or about the foremost part of the frontal lobe of the brain
40.	the hark of a good scientist	n.	a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
41.	preal bone	adj.	in or about the foremost part of the frontal lobe of the brain
42.	imr my health	<i>v</i> .	to damage something or make it weaker or worse
43.	vele in the brain	n.	a chamber or cavity within an organ or structure, particularly the lower chamber of the heart that pumps blood to the lungs and other parts of the body
44.	ale to the planning	v.	to suggest or make reference to something indirectly
45.	productivity faf	n.	a decline or decrease in something, such as quantity or quality; a decrease in the intensity, brightness, or volume of something; (verb) to decrease in quantity, quality, or intensity; to slip or slide from a surface or support
46.	ame everyone	v.	to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
47.	win in excitement	v.	to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

ANSWERS: 37. neuroscience, 38. widen, 39. prefrontal, 40. hallmark, 41. prefrontal, 42. impair, 43. ventricle, 44. allude, 45. falloff, 46. amaze, 47. widen

54. op____ne occasion
 adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
 55. huge military bu___p
 n. the accumulation or increase of something over time

56. en n at the station

v. to synchronize, or bring into a line, with a particular process or rhythm; to board a train or other means of transportation

ANSWERS: 48. cofounder, 49. impair, 50. falloff, 51. amaze, 52. pathophysiology, 53. synapse, 54. opportune, 55. buildup, 56. entrain

of clothes) marked by conspicuous display
a type of cell in the central nervous system that acts as part of the immune system, defending against invading pathogens and supporting healthy brain function
the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
not given medical care or treatment; not subjected to chemical or physical treatment
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ANSWERS: 57. flashy, 58. microglia, 59. improvisation, 60. untreated, 61. opportune, 62. tau, 63. hallmark, 64. untreated

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

baton

1.	Research shows that damage to the cortex leads to increased aggression.
adj	in or about the foremost part of the frontal lobe of the brain
2.	He to the problem but did not mention it directly.
<i>v</i> .	to suggest or make reference to something indirectly
3.	The human ear can detect sounds with frequencies ranging from 20 to 20,000
n.	the unit of frequency, equal to one cycle per second, often used to describe the frequency of electromagnetic waves or electronic signals
4.	Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral
n.	the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
5.	The cords behind my computer were a mess.
n.	a confused mass of something twisted together
6.	The protein has been found to play a role in the development of Alzheimer's disease and other neurological disorders.
n.	the 19th letter of the Greek alphabet, transliterated as "t"; (of physics, tau particle) a fundamental particle known as the tau lepton that is an elementary particle with a negative electric charge and a spin of 1/2
7.	The police officer used his to disperse the crowd.
n.	a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
AN	SWERS: 1. prefrontal. 2. alluded. 3. hertz. 4. neuroscience. 5. tangled. 6. tau. 7.

ANSWERS: 8. brainwave, 9. hippocampus, 10. flickering, 11. buildup, 12. falloff, 13. synchronized, 14. entrain, 15. hallmark

16. H	le created a beautiful piece of music using only
	the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
17. T	he accident made his vision
<i>v</i> .	to damage something or make it weaker or worse
18. H	leat stroke is the result of heat exhaustion.
	not given medical care or treatment; not subjected to chemical or physical treatment
19. T	he heart's are responsible for pumping blood out to the body.
	a chamber or cavity within an organ or structure, particularly the lower chamber of the heart that pumps blood to the lungs and other parts of the body
20. T	he magician's tricks the audience.
<i>v</i> .	to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
	Alzheimer's disease is associated with abnormal activation ofontributing to brain inflammation and neuronal damage.
	a type of cell in the central nervous system that acts as part of the immune system, defending against invading pathogens and supporting healthy brain function
22. H	le is the and chairman of this tech company.
n.	one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
23. D	Daily exercise and adequate sleep are necessary to prevent the progression of
n.	a decrease in size of a muscle, organ, etc., caused by disease or disuse
	WERS: 16. improvisation, 17. impaired, 18. untreated, 19. ventricles, 20. zed, 21. microglia, 22. cofounder, 23. atrophy

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ANSWERS: 31. pathophysiology, 32. widened