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Session 1: Word List

facet

 one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something

synonym: aspect, side, angle

(1) facet to a question, (2) important facet

The different **facets** of his personality make him a complex individual.

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**.

craving

n. a strong desire of wanting something

synonym: desire, appetite, longing

(1) craving for revenge, (2) curb our cravings

I have a **craving** for nicotine.

optogenetics

- a branch of biotechnology that involves the use of light to control the activity of genetically modified cells or neurons in living tissue, often used in neuroscience research
- (1) **optogenetics** technique, (2) **optogenetics** manipulation The recent advances in **optogenetics** research have paved the way for a deeper understanding of neuronal functions.

neuron

- 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.

algae

- A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
- (1) algae biofuel, (2) blue algaeAlgae has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.

eyespot

- a rounded eyelike spot on an animal, as on the wings of some butterfly, or the tail of a peacock
- (1) a purple **eyespot**, (2) **eyespot** disease

 The primary role of the **eyespots** is to deflect attention from predators.

flagellum

 n. (plural, flagella) a long, thin, whip-like structure that some cells use for movement

synonym: cilia, whip, appendage

flagellum structure, (2) bacterial flagellum
 The flagellum of the sperm cells help it to move towards the egg.

propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym: drive, push, move

(1) propel growth, (2) propel the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

unaffected

 adj. not influenced or emotionally impacted by external factors or events; calm, composed, and emotionally stable

synonym: untouched, unaffected, unaltered

(1) **unaffected** by weather, (2) emotionally **unaffected**Despite the chaos around her, she remained **unaffected** and focused.

tangle

- n. a confused mass of something twisted togethersynonym: knot, snarl, entanglement
- (1) in a tangle, (2) tangle wiresThe cords behind my computer were a tangled mess.

amygdala

- one of two parts of the almond-shaped neural structure that are linked to emotions, especially fear and pleasure, memory, and the sense of smell
- (1) the decline in **amygdala** activity, (2) **amygdala** damage The **amygdala** has been associated with memories of past emotional events.

elevate

- v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher positionsynonym: lift, heighten, promote
- (1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

maze

 a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through

synonym: labyrinth, puzzle, network

(1) puzzle maze, (2) labyrinth maze

We got lost in the **maze** of streets while exploring the city.

enclose

v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

synonym: surround, encase, contain

(1) **enclose** a check with a letter, (2) **enclose** area

The walls were **enclosed** to create a private outdoor space.

burrow

v. to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

synonym: tunnel, dig, excavate

(1) **burrow** through the forest, (2) **burrow** into a mystery You can't **burrow** through solid metal.

predatory

adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

synonym: raptorial, hunting, greedy

(1) a **predatory** bird, (2) **predatory** warfare

The domesticated cat still has its **predatory** instincts.

sedate

adj. calm, tranquil, and composed, often as a result of being under the influence of a sedative or tranquilizer; unhurried, deliberate, and without excessive movement or activity

synonym: calm, composed, tranquil

(1) **sedate** atmosphere, (2) **sedate** patient

The **sedate** environment of the library was perfect for studying.

locomote

v. to move or travel from one place to another, especially using wheels or legs

synonym: move, travel, go

(1) **locomote** from one place to another, (2) **locomote** on foot

The only way to **locomote** through the rugged terrain was on foot.

impair

v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse synonym: degrade, mar, deface

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(1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity The accident made his vision **impaired**.

detectable

adj. capable of being discovered or identified *synonym*: perceptible, noticeable, observable

(1) a barely **detectable** change, (2) **detectable** by the human ear

The object is **detectable** at ultraviolet wavelengths.

excite

- v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate
- (1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion The news of her promotion **excited** her.

reversible

- adj. capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undonesynonym: invertible, changeable, undoable
- (1) **reversible** decision, (2) **reversible** fabrics
 The jacket is **reversible** so that you can wear it with the fur lining on the outside or the inside.

elicit

v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

synonym: bring out, obtain, evoke

(1) **elicit** a confession, (2) **elicit** a solution Have you **elicited** a response from them yet?

compulsive

adj. relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

synonym: compelling, obsessive, uncontrollable

(1) **compulsive** gambling, (2) **compulsive** behavior He had a **compulsive** need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.

devoid

adj. completely lacking or free from somethingsynonym: empty, lacking, void

(1) devoid of life, (2) air devoid of pollution

The room was **devoid** of any furniture or decorations.

hypothalamus

- a basal part of the brain that autonomically controls body temperature, hunger, and the release of hormones
- (1) anterior **hypothalamus**, (2) **hypothalamus** hemorrhage Oxytocin is also produced in the nucleus of the **hypothalamus**.

midbrain

 a region of the brain that is located beneath the cerebral cortex and is involved in various sensory, motor, and autonomic functions

synonym: mesencephalon, tectum

(1) midbrain function, (2) midbrain anatomy

Damage to the **midbrain** can result in movement disorders and other neurological issues.

frenzied

- adj. wild, excited, or uncontrolled, often as a result of strong emotions such as anger, fear, or excitementsynonym: frantic, feverish, excited
- (1) **frenzied** buying, (2) **frenzied** excitement
 The **frenzied** crowd rushed towards the stage at the music festival.

escalate

 ν . to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

synonym: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

tripping

adj. describing a state of mind or perception characterized by altered or distorted sensory experiences, often as a result of taking drugs or psychedelics; stumbling or faltering while walking or moving, often due to a loss of

balance or coordination

synonym: trippy, hallucinogenic, mind-altering

(1) tripping hazards, (2) tripping on acid

Her **tripping** laughter echoed through the room, spreading contagious joy to everyone present.

speculate

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

synonym: assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

physicist

- n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
- (1) talented **physicist**, (2) theoretical **physicist**Einstein was an outstanding and famous **physicist** of the 20th century.

scarcely

adv. hardly or almost not; only just synonym: barely, narrowly, hardly

(1) **scarcely** readable, (2) **scarcely** any interest in public We **scarcely** ever used AEDs.

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 synapseAnimals transmit nerve impulses through synapses.

reprogram

- v. to modify or recreate a program synonym: recreate, modify, revamp
- (1) **reprogram** a device, (2) **reprogram** a database He **reprogrammed** the computer's operating system to remove the safeguard.

long-lasting

adj. existing or continuing for a long time *synonym*: enduring, abiding, durable

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(1) **long-lasting** battery, (2) a **long-lasting** friendship They finally decided to solve the **long-lasting** problem.

envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

synonym: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success We cannot **envision** her as President.

stigma

 a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym: mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

Session 2: Spelling

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			will be like in the future
2.	blue ale	n.	A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
3.	buw through the forest	v.	to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use

4.	see atmosphere	 adj. calm, tranquil, and composed, often as a result of being under the influence of a sedative or tranquilizer; unhurried,
		deliberate, and without excessive
		movement or activity

5.	a lon	_ing friendship	adj.	existing or continuing for a long time
6.	bacterial fl_	um	n.	(plural, flagella) a long, thin, whip-like structure that some cells use for

movement the scientific study of the function, n.

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as a dwelling of an animal

- structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system to move, drive or push something
- forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
- a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
- to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

ANSWERS: 1. envision, 2. algae, 3. burrow, 4. sedate, 5. long-lasting, 6. flagellum, 7. neuroscience, 8. propel, 9. stigma, 10. elicit

ANSWERS: 11. neuron, 12. eyespot, 13. algae, 14. tangle, 15. reversible, 16. sedate, 17. midbrain, 18. frenzied, 19. reversible

being reversed or undone

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ANSWERS: 20. elevate, 21. eyespot, 22. physicist, 23. reprogram, 24. long-lasting, 25. impair, 26. devoid, 27. excite, 28. locomote, 29. tangle, 30. maze, 31. maze

29. in a ta___e

30. puzzle m e

31. labyrinth m e

ANSWERS: 32. scarcely, 33. amygdala, 34. neuron, 35. burrow, 36. midbrain, 37. elevate, 38. hypothalamus, 39. speculate, 40. envision, 41. predatory

52. en___e a check with a letter

to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

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adj. capable of being discovered or identified

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ANSWERS: 42. enclose, 43. propel, 44. devoid, 45. craving, 46. scarcely, 47. impair, 48. reprogram, 49. speculate, 50. excite, 51. unaffected, 52. enclose, 53. frenzied, 54. detectable

compulsive, 61. amygdala, 62. hypothalamus

63.	crg for revenge	n.	a strong desire of wanting something
64.	optics technique	n.	a branch of biotechnology that involves the use of light to control the activity of genetically modified cells or neurons in living tissue, often used in neuroscience research
65.	elt a confession	ν.	to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
66.	important fat	n.	one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something
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68.	este into a major international incident	v.	to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
69.	fa_t to a question	n.	one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something
70.	emotionally unaed	adj.	not influenced or emotionally impacted by external factors or events; calm, composed, and emotionally stable
71.	to este	<i>v</i> .	to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
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72. flum structure	n.	(plural, flagella) a long, thin, whip-like structure that some cells use for movement
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75. theoretical phst	n.	a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
76. end at a sye	n.	the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and of stopping using, making, or doing it
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78. a prry bird	adj.	living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	The recent advances in research have paved the way for a deeper understanding of neuronal functions.
n.	a branch of biotechnology that involves the use of light to control the activity of genetically modified cells or neurons in living tissue, often used in neuroscience research
2.	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
3.	The room was of any furniture or decorations.
adj	completely lacking or free from something
4.	Despite the chaos around her, she remained and focused.
adj	not influenced or emotionally impacted by external factors or events; calm, composed, and emotionally stable
5.	The accident made his vision
<i>v</i> .	to damage something or make it weaker or worse
6.	The has been associated with memories of past emotional events.
n.	one of two parts of the almond-shaped neural structure that are linked to emotions, especially fear and pleasure, memory, and the sense of smell
7.	Animals transmit nerve impulses through
n.	the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and of stopping using, making, or doing it
	SWERS: 1. optogenetics, 2. neuroscience, 3. devoid, 4. unaffected, 5. impaired, 6. ygdala, 7. synapses

33. The	crowd rushed towards the stage at the music festival.
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